

SUBJECT: City/Township Road Department Cooperation

DATE: October 24, 1977

TO: Washington Township Trustees  
Centerville City Council Members  
Citizens Committee

A meeting was held on October 24, 1977, attended by Council Member Nora Lake, Trustee Walter Buchanan, Centerville Service Director Richard Bishop and Township Road Superintendent Bill Johnson. for the purpose of discussing ways and means to coordinate Road Department operations for the benefit of the community as a whole.

Subject to the approval of the respective local governments, as required, the following areas of cooperation were agreed upon:

1. Joint Training

The two supervisors will develop a program for coordinated training of the road crews. Initially, because of the approaching winter season, such training will emphasize techniques of salt-spreading and snow removal and the sharing of ideas on proper equipment maintenance.

2. Snow Removal on border roads.

The two supervisors will direct their respective road crews to share snow removal efforts on adjacent or border roads on a convenience basis. Examples are East Franklin Street, East Spring Valley Road (City), Marshall Road (Township) and Normandy Lane (City and Township).

3. Radio Communications.

Each of the two supervisors will be furnished a radio receiver tuned to the other's frequency, to facilitate on-the-spot coordination of operations on an emergency basis. This action should prove useful during periods of severe weather, including snow and ice, flooding or wind and tornado conditions.

4. Idea Sharing on Salt Purchases and Emergency Sharing of Salt.

As a continuation of cooperation practiced last winter season mutual aid will be emphasized. It is noted that the source of supply is different this season for the City and Township which fact is of mutual advantage in the face of salt shortages.

5. Leaf-Collection.

It was agreed that leaf-collection equipment would be shared on an urgent-need basis.

We wish to bring to the attention of the Citizens Committee two instances of cooperation in road improvements already accomplished by the City and Township:

1. East Whipp Road Resurfacing.

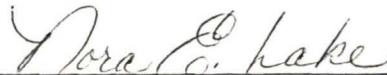
The north half of East Whipp Road between State Route 48 and Marshall Road is in the township. Centerville, in agreement with the Township, contracted to resurface the entire road from State Route 48 eastward to the corporation line at the railroad tracks. The township then reimbursed the city for resurfacing that portion lying within its jurisdiction. This cooperative action precluded the necessity for separate bidding and contracting.

2. East Spring Valley Road Project.

This improvement is located entirely within the city. However, township residents living in the Madrid Estates development for senior citizens will benefit greatly from this project. It includes a sidewalk on the north side of Spring Valley Road for a distance of about 425 feet, and a cross-walk with a safety island prominently marked, and also widening the road to reduce a long-existing hazard. Thus, the senior citizens can now visit the shopping center with increased safety. The Trustees agreed to participate financially to the extent of \$8,000 in this project.

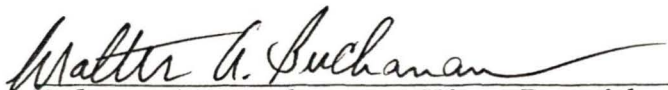
We plan to have future meetings to explore additional opportunities for cooperative actions.

Respectfully submitted,



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Nora Lake, City Council Member  
City of Centerville



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