

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT TRUSTEE-COUNCIL MEETING
June 4, 1980
Centerville Municipal Building Community Room

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE TO TRUSTEES AND COUNCIL

In attendance were Washington Township Trustees Walter Buchanan, Duane Snyder, and Russell Miller, and Centerville Council Members J.V. Stone, Jim Singer, Shirley Heintz, Nora Lake, Leonard Stubbs, and Russell Sweetman. Also in attendance were several C.C.R.G members, Task Force members and citizen volunteers, members of the public, and representatives of the press.

C.C.R.G.C Co-Chairman Christine Snyder opened the meeting and introduced Task Force Chairperson Jeanne Eickman. She introduced the Task Force Assistant Chairman Mike Taylor, and explained that the Task Force had been working since January, 1980 on the charge given them by the resolution on a common government to "Identify and evaluate the options". She explained that the Steering Committee had divided into four study groups, and that many citizen volunteers were assisting with the studies. She emphasized that the reports to be given tonight were only very early progress reports, and that there was much more work to be done by each committee. She then introduced each sub-committee chairman, and a report was given.

Legal Options Sub-Committee - Dennis Hoertt, Chairman

Dennis Hoertt reported that there are four alternatives that the committee had identified to form a common government for the community. They include 1. City disband its charter, revert to total township government 2. Annexation of unincorporated areas to the City 3. City to City Merger 4. Merger of City and Township. The fourth alternative is the preferred method, but there is no existing legislation to cover this action. Mr. Hoertt reported that Rep. Corbin and Senator Curran had been very co-operative and had drafted a bill to be submitted to the Ohio Legislature this fall which would enable a township to merge with a city within its borders. The two-step process of merger was described.

Finance Sub-Committee - Jack Lohbeck

The first phase of this committee's work has been education on issues of revenues and expenditures in the present city and township governments. The committee has also met with Charles Monita of Wayne Township to discuss the problems of changing from a township to a city. The City Finance Director and the Township Clerk-Treasurer had been consulted in order to learn how each records revenues and expenditures. The second phases of the committee's work will be to meet with the Services Subcommittee in order to segregate expenditures for present services and functions and make some projections for future expenditures and revenue sources of the new government.

Forms of Government Sub-Committee - Ed Nicholson, Chairman

This committee had investigated the forms of local government available under Ohio law in light of criteria established by the Task Force. A home rule charter form of government is being recommended as the one which gives the most control to the citizens of the community, and the most flexibility. Charter provisions which allow election of Council from four districts, with two members plus the mayor elected at large were among those suggested. Other considerations being made are simple and uncomplicated structure, highest level of service at lowest cost, debt limitation, and responsiveness.

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Services Sub-Committee - Roger Lucas, Chairman

This committee has divided its work into seven different areas of study: Fire, Police, Streets, Trash Hauling, Zoning, Engineering and Inspection, and Parks and Cemeteries. A study of each of these areas will be made to see what level of services is being offered at present, and to determine sources of revenue for each.

The next Task Force Meeting is June 26, with regularly scheduled meeting each fourth Thursday of the month. Sub-committees meet more often, as called.

A poll of the community was discussed, but no agreement of the content or purpose was reached.

The meeting was adjourned. There will be no joint Council-Trustees Meetings during the summer months.

Edna Achor, Secretary

Christine Snyder, Co-Chairman