

On Monday, February 26, 1996, the Council of the City of Centerville and the Board of Trustees of Washington Township met in **joint session** at Benham's Grove in the East Meeting Room of the Gerber House at 7:30 P.M. In attendance at this meeting were the following:

Centerville

Mayor	Sally Beals
Deputy Mayor	C. Mark Kingseed
Councilmembers	J.V. Stone
	Brooks Compton
	James Singer
	James Reppert
	Susan Lienesch

Washington Township

Trustee President	Roger Krass
Trustee V. President	Joyce Young
Trustee	Terry Blair
Clerk/Treasurer	Rita Shear
Clerk/Treasurer - elect	Jim Blakeney

SENIORS INC.

After discussion regarding the objection from Seniors Inc., that they were not represented at the last "Joint Entities" meeting, hosted by the City of Centerville, it was agreed that Seniors Inc., is not a taxing nor a policy-making authority. It was concluded that Mayor Beals would re-do the letter to Seniors and FAX it to President Krass for his signature before forwarding it to Seniors Inc. City Representative Brooks Compton and Township Representative Joyce Young will meet with Chair Don Becker and Director Cynthia Fraley to answer any questions.

APD PARKING

City of Centerville was concerned that several merchants had pulled out of the cooperative agreement for the parking lot, giving as a reason that the Township was proceeding with plans to renovate the Annex. Discussion brought out that: the Township would not approve of the bid for renovation if it was outside the estimate; a Franklin Street resident may reserve his property for personal use; one small piece of property had not been acquired. The Township said that parking would be a consideration if they went ahead with plans for renovation. It was agreed that it would be impossible to complete the project by the Americana Festival.

IMPACT OF ANNEXATIONS ON TOWNSHIP FINANCES

Terry Blair presented his study of the impact of annexations on the Township. (Please see attached.) Annexation limits the Township's growth which restricts property taxes. In 1985 the available land development was 5,257 acres; in 1990, 4403 acres, and at the present, approximately 3,500. Township maintains 124 miles of road. The County Engineer contributes \$15,000 a year towards Township road maintenance and maintains county roads. The .7 internal mill that Centerville residents pay is not applied towards maintenance. Township residents are loyal to the Township. We must look forward to the future together.

ANNEXATIONS BY SPRINGBORO

There are two issues: how do we deal with the Springboro annexation attempt, and what do we want for our community 20 years from now? Perhaps Springboro is a catalyst to lead us into consideration of possible unification. We do not want another study. It was agreed that we would discuss unification issues at our next meeting, March 25, with Darryl Kenning as a resource person, if possible. Both Township and Centerville will formulate their questions in advance and submit them to each other.

POLICE & FIRE

Centerville is beginning to study the need for a new facility for their Police Department, and asked if there is any interest in the Township in a joint police/fire department. If we begin to discuss unification, this will definitely be an issue that will be covered. Mayor Beals said that since construction would not begin until 1998, there would be time to discuss this.

STAFF ATTENDANCE AT CITY/TOWNSHIP MEETING


Staff has information that we need, and it is a matter of professional courtesy to include staff. On the other hand, we have had productive meetings without staff, conversation is freer, and we can set policy and go back for input later. It was agreed to have both informational meetings and policy making meetings. The March 25 meeting will be informational, and staff will be included.

NEXT MEETING - Monday, March 25, 1996, at 7:30 P.M., at Benham's Grove. Staff will be present and Darryl Kenning will be invited, any fees will be split. Township will provide refreshments.

10:30 P.M. Adjournment.

These minutes were taken by Rita Shear, Clerk/Treasurer, Washington Township.

APPROVED:



Sally D. Beals, Mayor, Centerville, Ohio