

On Monday, October 14, 1996, the Council of the City of Centerville and the Board of Trustees of Washington Township met in Joint Session at the Hithergreen Senior Center at 7:30 P.M. In attendance at this meeting were the following:

Centerville:

Mayor	Sally D. Beals
Councilmembers	James Singer
	James Reppert
	Susan Lienesch
	J. V. Stone
	Brooks Compton
Clerk of Council	Marilyn McLaughlin
City Manager	Gregory Horn

Washington Township:

Trustee President	Roger Krass
Trustee V. President	Joyce Young
Trustee	Terry Blair
Clerk/Treasurer	Jim Blakeney
Administrator	Gary Huff

Seniors, Inc of Centerville/Washington Township:

President	Don Becker
Executive Director	Cynthia Fraley

Mr. Becker presented and explained the operating budget for Seniors, Inc. from July, 1996 through projections for the remainder of the year. Member participation in projects and events continue to increase. Consideration is being given to a marketing survey for Seniors. Mr. Becker advised that they continue to concentrate on a hub of services for the seniors in the Centerville/Washington Township community.

Mr. Becker reviewed their projected budget for 1997. Requested from each government entity is 3.75% more than last year. He pointed out the fact that the percentage of operating revenue from each government entity decreases from 32.2% in 1996 to 29.2% in 1997. Mr. Becker advised that much discussion has taken place concerning an increase in dues for membership in Seniors, Inc. An increased cost projection in personnel is a result of salary increases, not the number of personnel. Membership levels have been considered for 1997 so that voluntary support can be received. The pros and cons relative to increasing membership fees for 1997 were discussed. Mr. Becker advised that a survey has indicated that membership drop is due not to costs but to the fact that there are so many other things to do.

Ms. Fraley reviewed programs at Seniors, Inc. The next big thrust in programming will be the development of a fitness center. Mental and physical groups are being formed. The center now provides over 100 programs for the senior population. She advised that costs increase due to better quality of programs, increase in the number of programs, the installation of a security system, waste collection, printing of brochures and better services. Ms. Fraley explained the fact

that most instructors are volunteers, very few are paid for their services. Discussion followed relative to different ways postage and printing costs could be reduced. Suggested was the selling of advertising in the newsletter to advertisers. Mr. Becker advised that Seniors, Inc. will concentrate more and more on fund raising events and activities.

Mr. Becker and Ms. Fraley left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Reppert moved that the City and Township support the budget as presented by Seniors, Inc. Mrs. Young seconded the motion. Discussion followed relative to the following issues:

1. Financial support by each of the two entities: \$80,000.00 vs. the requested \$83,000.00 for 1997; question being should the support of \$80,000.00 granted in 1996 remain the same in 1997 or should it be increased by \$3,000.00.
2. Levels of support - the difference between the financial support by the City, by the Township, and Seniors, Inc.; the level of support by Seniors, Inc. must increase.
3. An increase in membership fees in order to reduce financial subsidies from the two entities.

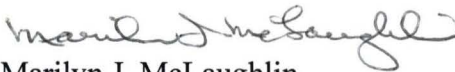
Upon call of the question, a majority of the Washington Township Trustees, and a majority of the City Council, voted in favor of the motion.

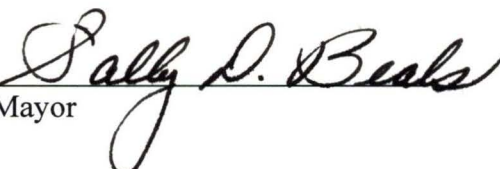
Mr. Reppert suggested that a study be made relative to in-kind services which could be provided Seniors, Inc. by the two entities.

Discussion followed relative to the possibility of Seniors, Inc. being supported by a levy rather than by the two entities. Mrs. Young and Mr. Compton will review this issue with the Seniors, Inc. Board of Directors, and will express concern with escalating budgets and the intent for the amount of subsidy to be reduced for the City and Township.

Mr. Blakeney, in answer to a mission he was asked to conduct, in order to supply accurate information to Mayor Beals, Washington Township Trustees, and City Council, did meet with City officials (Gregory Horn and William Bettcher) to obtain and review financial figures relative to the golf club facility at Yankee Trace. As a result of a complete review he found the debt on the golf course and amenities to be \$17,700,000 at the present time. The City is liquidating some of the debt and consolidating some of the debt into new debt. He found appropriate accounting relative to finances for the Yankee Trace facility. In reviewing the figures supplied him by Centerville City officials, he feels the operation is headed in the right direction.

The next joint meeting between the City of Centerville and Washington Township is scheduled for January 27, 1997 at Benham's Grove.


Marilyn J. McLaughlin
Clerk of Council

Approved: 
Mayor