

Centerville/Washington Township
Joint Meeting
December 14, 1998

On Monday, December 14, 1998, the Council of the City of Centerville and the Board of Trustees of Washington Township met in Joint Session at the Township Government Center at 7:30 P.M. to discuss issues relevant to the future use of the proposed joint police/fire facility. Present at this meeting were the following:

Centerville:

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| Mayor | Sally Beals |
| Deputy Mayor | James Singer |
| Councilmembers | C. Mark Kingseed |
| | James Reppert |
| | Susan Lienesch |
| | J. V. Stone |
| Clerk of Council | Marilyn McLaughlin |
| City Manager | Gregory Horn |
| Chief of Police | Steve Walker |

Washington Township:

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| Trustee President | Terry Blair |
| Trustee | Joyce Young |
| Trustee | Lee Snyder |
| Clerk/Treasurer | James Blakeney |
| Administrator | Gary Huff |
| Fire Chief | Ken Parks |

Mayor Beals moved that this meeting convene into Executive Session to discuss matters of Real Estate. Mrs. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in nine ayes in favor of the motion. Upon motion of Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. Blair, the Executive Session was concluded.

The following comments were made by Chief Parks relative to the proposed joint City/Township police/fire facility:

History indicates that Police Officers take control, firefighters stand back, there will always be someone in charge.

Fire-fighters should be associated with fire.

Police Officers should be associated with police.

Chief Parks stated his concurrence with a joint facility but not joint dispatching. He believes that fire dispatching fits better with Fire Departments in other Municipalities rather than with police.

The bottom line is providing the services needed for the residents of the community.

The Centerville Police Department and the Washington Township Fire Department are involved in an emergency at the same time, thus the utilization of fire department dispatching in other Municipalities makes sense.

The following comments were made by Chief Walker relative to the joint use of a facility:

The 911 emergency system should be connected directly into the Police Department. The finest quality service must be provided the residents of the Centerville/Washington Township community.

People in need automatically call the Police Department.

The Police Department and the Fire Department must work as team players in a joint facility.

The best possible service must be rendered through a joint communication system (joint dispatching).

The communication system constructed today in a joint facility must provide for the future.

Mr. Blair identified the question before the City and Township being: shall there be one joint facility or should each entity construct their own facility?

Mrs. Young questioned whether joint dispatching is the deciding factor relative to the construction of a joint facility.

Discussion followed relative to experiences of other Municipalities relative to joint ventures. Chief Walker shared information received from other Police Chiefs concerning the use of a joint facility. Mr. Horn pointed out that these experiences should not influence the decision to be made, the issues facing Centerville and Washington Township must be analyzed in order to provide the best service to the residents in this community.

Mrs. Young identified the most exciting factor in this venture as joint training for the departments.

Mr. Kingseed stressed the importance of joint dispatching, keeping dispatching in the community. Chief Parks explained how joint dispatching with other Municipalities will happen in the future.

Chief Walker emphasized the need for the Police Department and the Fire Department, if cooperating in a joint venture, to be philosophically on the same level in order that the best possible service can be provided the residents of the Centerville/Washington Township community; the issue is not joint dispatching.

Mr. Blair advised that CareNOW is a dead issue with Washington Township. The Fire Department is not committed to joint dispatching with other Municipalities at the present time. His intent is to cooperate with the City for the construction of a joint facility and to keep dispatching as it is today. Mr. Blair stated Washington Township's intent to sign a Lease Agreement with the City with perpetuity.

It was agreed by both entities to consider the issues brought forth at this meeting and an exchange of decisions take place by Thursday, December 17, 1998.

Marilyn J. McLaughlin
Clerk of Council

Approved: _____
Mayor