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The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held in the Court Room on July 10,1959, with the Mayor R.K. Babington presiding and the following councilmen present, Ed Garber, Joe Early Jr., H. A. Workman , J.C. Black and R. J. Lough.

Guest present were Lawrence Davis, A. L. Bennett, Lloyd Winegard, Thomas Eadie, Everett Miller,John Lair and Irvin Shifflett.

The minutes of the last meeting and the Treas. report was read and approved.

Mr. Davis was present to ask about the Town extending F Street to coporation limits through his place also asked if the Town would fix the crossing where F Street entered his place. After discussion Joe Early moved, seconded by R. J. Lough and passed that this matter be turned over to the Street Committee to investigate and to have the Corporation Line extablished.

A. L. Bennett and Irvin Shifflett was present and asked about Fixing their street and complained about the dust situation, this was left in the hands of the Street Committee.

Lloyd Winegard was present to put in a request for more room for them and the Ladies Auxillary and asked if it would be possible to give them room in the Wyant Bldg.

Joe Black moved, seconded by H. A. Workman and passed to allow $200.00 for supplies for the Water Dept.

Joe Early moved, Ed Garber seconded and passed that we adjourn at 10:30.

Ed Garber reported on signs being painted also raised the question how the Wyant Bldg. was to be used , so they desided to meet at the Wyant property at 5:00 oclock Monday evening to deside.

Joe Early was instructed to contact Willett & Bauserman in regard to their fee to Audit the Town Books at the end of our fiscal year, and report at the next meeting.

Joe Early read a letter to the Council which he had directed to Mr. Saunders President of the N & W Railway in regard to the curtailment of services at the Elkton Station. Joe Early moved its adoption second by Ed Garber and passed all voting in favor except J.C. Black who did not vote. It was moved to make this letter apart of the minutes was Follows.

July 15, 1959
Mr. Stewart T. Saunders, President
Norfolk and Western Railway
Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Mr. Saunders:

By Town of Elkton, Viginia Council action at their regular meeting of June 12, 1959, it was voted to direct a letter to you withdrawing a letter sent you under date of June 3, 1959 which protested the curtailment of certain N. & W. Railrood services at the Elkton depot. The withdrawal letter was prepared on June 13th and personally picked up by Mr. C. L. Pamplin that day.

In reference to the letter of June 13th, you will notice that the June 3rd letter was merely withdrawn, and it was stated that another communication would follow. The purpose of the withdrawal of the letter was to have more the to learn and study the effects of the limited services at your Elktnn Station. Further, at the time the letter was prepared, there was a failure to confer with two of oursix councilmen, and at the June 12th meeting, it was the general sentiment of Council that these two factors justified a withdrawal.

We officially go on record as protesting the following undersirable conditions that in our opinion now exist at the Elkton Depot:

1) The office is open only from 7A.M. to 4 P.M. MOnday through Staurday.

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2) No express or freight may be obtained form the station after 4 P.M. nor is any received after that hour.

3) Passenger thckets may not be purchased after 4 P.M. Monday through Staurday and not at all on Sundays or holidays at the station.

4) At train times, both Numbers 1 &2, passongers have no shelter form the elements and there are no rest room facilities.

5) Occasionally , the trains are not on time, and those who meet incoming passengers or those passengers leaving on the trains have no way of knowing the time the trains are expected to arrive when late.

6) After 4 P.M. Monday though Staurday and all day Sundays and holidays no resrvations can be made at the Elkton Staiton, and if made during these hours, the reserved fares must be picked up befor 4 P.M..

7) No Holiday services are provided.

In reviewing the above outlined lack of fucilities, Council feels that it is obligated as community represontatives to complain of the existing conditions as shown. We know that there have always been friendly relations between your fine railroad and our town, and we expect the game to continue. However, we aspire to be a growing community and pride ourselves that much growth and progress have been made through the years. Your railroad has been a great asset in this direction, and we do not anticipate your letting us down at this stage. It is not ourdesire to dictate your company policies, but we believe thatin reviewing thes certain recent curtailments of service at Elkton, you will, as a public service orgenization, recondiser this operation at Elktan and restore the facilities, which, through their elimination, have caused the conditions as reflected in the seven points above.

With every best wish, we remain,

Sincerely yours,
FOR THE COUCNIL

R.K. Babington, Mayor
Town of Elkton, Virginia

cc/ Rockingham County Board of Supervisors
Harrisonburg Rockingham Chamber of Commerce
State Corporation Commission * The foregoing letter was adopted by Council by vote of 4-0 one member abstaining and one member absent. The letter was recorded into the minutes of the July 10th, 1959 regular meeting.

Permits granted were, W.A. Swortzel for a house roof, Frank Fisher for a cement floor and William Gronnings for a Car port.

No further business we had a motion to adjourn.

Recorder H. T. Frey
H. T. Frey

Approved R.K. Babington
Mayor,