December 15, 1961

A special meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held at 8:00 PM with the mayor, R. K. Babington, presiding and the following councilmen present: J. H. Early, Jr., Joe Black, H. L. Coffey, H. A. Workman, R. H. Painter, and E. F. Garber.

J. H. Early, Jr. moved to enter into executive session. H. L. Coffey seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion was passed.

J. H. Early, Jr. moved, seconded by H. L. Coffey and passed that the services of the Appomattox District of the Virginia State Police Department be obtained to investigate the records and other phases related to the handling of funds during the fiscal years 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, and 1961 by the Elkton Police Department, and that a letter signed by the Mayor requesting such investigation be sent Captain W. W. Blythe immediately.

J. H. Early, Jr. moved, seconded by H. A. Workman and passed that the following letter be mamde a part of the minutes of this meeting:

Captain W. W. Blythe
Virginia State Police
Appomattox, Virginia

Dear Captain Blythe:

This follows a telephone conversation between you and Councilman J. H. Early, Jr. on December 14, 1961.

An audit report was received from the firm of Willett & Bosserman, Harrisonburg, Virginia covering the Elkton Police Department records for fiscal 1961. Shortly after that audit was conducted the same firm completed a separate audit covering fiscal years 1957, 1958, 1959 and 1960. These two audits were made during October and November, 1961.

The audit reports reveal that $10,572.20 received by the Elkton Police Department over the five year period connot be accounted for and apparently represents a shortage in that Department.

At a special meeting held by the Elkton Town Council December 15, 1961 Council passed a motion to have your District staff to conduct an investigation with the object of determining what person or persons were responsible for the money found missing. Council agrees that if you find sufficient evidence against one or more persons showing this involves a crime, criminal prosecution will be initiated.

Both the Council and I certainly appreciate your offer to assist us in this matter and trust your staff can start on the case at a very early date.

Sincerely yours,

R. K. Babington
Mayor

Joe Black moved, seconded by H. L. Coffey and passed that council enter into open session.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: R K Babington
Mayor

Recorder: L L Lawson
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