The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held November 8, 1968 at 8 :00 P.M. with the Mayor Welty H. Hensley presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. I. L. Flory, 111, Mr. E. F. Garber, Mr. R. G. Harman, Mr. E. O. Karow, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. Marvin C. Hillsman, Jr., Town Attorney, Mr. David C. Liskey, Town Superintendent and Mr. Thomas R. Stevens, Chief of Police were present.

Mr. E. F. Garber opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. I. L. Flory, 111 moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting October 11, 1968 as presented.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory, 111 and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting October 14, 1968 as presented.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the Finance Report.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Norma R. Leap, was instructed to renew the Certificate of Deposit on the Sanitary Sewer System Sinking Fund for one year.

A letter of recommendations from the auditors, Bosserman, Alt, James and Stickley, was read and a copy will be attached to the minutes. The letter is as follows:

The Honorable Mayor and Members of Council

Gentlemen:

We thank you for the opportunity of serving as your auditors for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1968. Also, we extend our appreciation to the employees of the Town for the courtesy shown to our representatives during the recent examination.

The improvements to your accounting records, which we recommended several years ago, have now been completed and we are sure the changes have brought about a more efficient accounting system.

We would like to make the following recommendation for your consideration:

The Town Council authorize the setting up of an emergency reserve for the purpose of restoring the municipal electric system in the event of a major storm or disaster.

One method of creating the reserve would be as follows: Each month or quarter a predetermined amount would be invested in a certificate of deposit until the desired emergency reserve had been reached.

The Town's investment in the municipal electric system at present is approximately $112,000.00, and the one certificate of deposit reserved for the purpose of rehabilitiation of the electric system would be very inadequate in the event of a major breakdown in the system.

We have reviewed a copy of the Finance Report prepared by the town treasurer for each regular council meeting. It appears that the information presented is adequate for your needs. However, it may be desirous to produce a printed form that could be filled in each month, thereby saving the preparer of this report some time in compiling and typing the information.

If a new report form is desired, we will be glad to offer suggestions to your finance committee and town treasurer for their consideration.

As previously mentioned, we have enjoyed working with the Town Council and employees and are sure that continued interest on your part will result in a better and more efficient municipal operation.

Yours truly,

Bosserman, Alt, James & Stickley

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to approve the audit report, the recommendations presented by the auditors and the bill for the audit.

Mr. E. O. Karow reported that Town Stickers for 1969 have been ordered.

Mr. Herschel Hensley came before the counil before the meeting in regards to no parking on Spotswood Trail from 1:00 A.M. to 5:00 A.M. Mr. Hensley had received warning tickets for parking during these hours and was concerned about a place to park. After much discussion and referring to the ordinance which reads that these hours are to be in effect from November through the last day of March each year, it was decided that no exceptions could be made and the ordinance should remain as it is.

Mr. Liskey reported that the bank of transformers at the I.G.A. would have to be changed in order to handle the new building being built beside Brown's Pharmacy. He stated that he had transformers available but they would have to be replaced eventually. He also reported that it would be necessary to furnish the Telephone Company three-phrase.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to purchase six water meters at an approximate cost of $225.00.

It was brought to the attention of the council that Hillman's Elkton Restaurant has requested a leading zone be marked off for their use. Mr. E. O. Karow, Mr. David C. Liskey and Mr. Thomas R. Stevens were asked to check into this situation.

Mr. David C. Liskey reported that Rockingham Construction Company would start the relocation of the power lines November 18, 1968.

Mr. Liskey reported that the repairing of the street signs would run more than first reported as they took all the signs down rather than just part of them.

Mr. I. L. Flory, 111 moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the Second Reading of the North Avenue Sewer Project with the Collection System being constructed with Outfall System - Plan B as recommended by Higgs & Shumate at a Preliminary Estimated Project Cost of $43,825.00.

The Street Committee reported that after checking into the complaint in regards to the hump in the road at the railroad crossing on the ore wash road in front of Mr. Lovic Wyant's, nothing could be done by the town as filling in at that point would block Mr. Wyant's entrance. Any fill would have to be on the other side of the track and would be the state's responsibility.

Mr. R. G. Harman reported that he would be meeting November 25, 1968 with the School Board in reference to the playground.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to approve a building permit for Mr. Richard T. Brown for a new building beside his present building at 111 South Stuart Avenue.

Mr. Hensley reported that the date for the Christmas Party for the Town Employees has tentatively been set for December 16, 1968 at 6:30 P.M. at the Evangelical United Methodist Church.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to approve funds not to exceed $250.00 for the Christmas Party.

Mr. Hensley stated that he was a little concerned about the police telephone not being covered from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. He suggested that possibly the dispatchers schedules could be rearranged or perhaps other ways of avoiding this situation could be found. Mr. Karown and Mr. Stevens were asked to study this situation.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to approve the purchasing of a new truck for the Electric Department which was purchased from Town and Country Motors, Inc. at $1,750.00 for a 1968 G.M.C.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Deferred Business:

Ordinance - Uniform Closing Law
Water - Trailer Court
Raising Speed Limit - 25 Mile Zone
Parking Problem - Post Office
Flat Rate - Gasoline Fire Company
Playground Equipment - Memorial Park
New Hospitalization Program
Closing of Alley at Cook Burger
Loading Zone - Hillman's Elkton Restaurant
Telephone Coverage - Police Dept. from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Welty H. Hensley
Mayor, Welty H. Hensley

RECORDER: Norma R. Leap
Norma R. Leap, Clerk