The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held May 10, 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. J. N. McAllister, Mr. W. H. McGahey, 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. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting March 8, 1968.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the Finance Report for the month of March.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting April 12, 1968.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting April 15, 1968.

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

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 reported that his committee was exploring every angle in regards to the problem of sand in the water lines and explained that the committee did not want to jump into a hasty decision. He reported that some work has been done on the well and that Mr. Liskey, Mr. M. A. Simmerman and himself were going to Timberville to see their filtering system. He requested that citizens bring their complaints directly to him and his committee so that they can see the proof and it can be analized. Mr. Flory felt that the problem would be solved in the near future.

Mr. Flory reported that he felt it would not be advisable to consider the new sewer project in the North Avenue area at this time but should wait until the water problem is solved and we know if we are going to be required to put in the secondary system. He also stated that we don't know if we are going to get a grant or not.

Mr. Workman felt that the people in this section were entitled to a sewer system. He said that this area was a residential area when he was a boy; that other areas in town have become residential areas since and sewer has been installed, but this section still is without sewer. Mr. Workman felt the town should go ahead and install the new lines to this area so that all the town would be on the sewerage system. This would also help in the annexation.

Mr. Garber stated he felt this project should be done in the near future, but due to the water situation and secondary sewer system this should wait until about 1970 when the Well and the Sanitary Sewer System will be paid off.

Mr. McGahey felt the council should wait until they hear from the grant before making a decision.

Mr. Thompson said he would like to see us install the new addition but would hate to see us go into it right away. He felt we should wait until these other systems are paid.

Mr. McAllister said he felt the people in this area should have sewer made available to them. He stated it would not cost any more now than later and was in favor of putting the new lines in.

Mayor Hensley stated that he felt it to be a matter of the time table. Not only do we have the water and sewer problems, but we will have the relocation of our facilities due to the Route 33 Project and the problem of a new dump. He felt everyone would like to see us provide sewer to this North Avenue area when possible.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried to wait before making a decision on the North Avenue Project until such time as Mr. Flory's committee finishes their investigations on the water problem and has a special meeting before the next regular meeting.

Mayor Hensley reported that Higgs and Shumate hope to have their work ready by May 15.

There was a discussion on raising the cost of town tags.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to approve the First Reading to raise the automobile license fee to $10.00 effective 1969.

Mr. A. R. Thompson expressed his thanks for the fine cooperation during the clean-up campaign. He expressed appreciation to all those who helped.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to appropriate $30.00 for prizes and expenses for the clean-up campaign.

Mayor Hensley reported that all the broken playground equipment in Memorial Park has been removed. Mr. Liskey stated that the only equipment left was the swings and a chinning bar. Mayor Hensley suggested that the school board might participate financially in replacing some of the equipment. Mr. Thompson was asked to contact Mr. Pence.

Mr. Liskey reported that Mrs. Downey will sell her lots on Warren Avenue for $10,000.00.

A request for an electric connection by Mr. Irvin Dean on Seventh and Washington Streets was presented. Mr. Liskey reported that this location is not in our area. The council instructed Mr. Liskey to give Mr. Dean the electric connection. Mr. Workman was asked to contact V.E.P.C.O. and try to make arrangements to rework our boundaries.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the First Reading to increase the fee of issuing a Town of Elkton, Virginia, Arrest Warrant from the present two dollars, to three dollars, to become effective on the first day of July, 1968, in order to comply with the State of Virginia laws as amended by the 1968 Legislative Body.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried to accept the following applicants as taxi operators:

John Robert Berry	(1)
Harold Bernard Comer	(1)
Robert Lee Crawford, Jr.	(3)
Nelson Bela Meadows	(1)
Malcholm Ray Morris	(4)
Welty Howard Morris	(1)
Elwood C. Shifflett	(3)

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to accept the Uniform Taxi Rates as set up.

Mr. Stevens gave the following quotes on radios for the Police Car.

General Electric	50 W	$740 installed (noise eliminator)
Motorala	60 W	$858 installed with accessories
Sonar	30 W	$395 installed

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to give authority to purchase a radio for the police car up to a $250.00 limit.

Mr. Stevens reported that he felt a uniform closing law should be considered. Mr. Hillsman was asked to prepare an ordinance for a uniform closing law at midnight for Retail Businesses and have it ready for the next meeting.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to give Mr. Workman the authority to negotiate with the Highway Department for lights on the new Route 33 at the bridges at Fifth Street and US 340 overhead and under.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. J. N. McAllister and carried to replace the curb at the Tastee Freeze on Spotswood Avenue and letters be sent to Silco and Tastee Freeze notifying them of this action before replacing the curb.

Mr. J. N. McAllister moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to approve the Second Reading on an additional $1,000.00 for the paving of Spotswood Avenue and North Avenue due to a mistake in adding the total estimates.

Mr. J. N. McAllister moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to approve the First Reading to pay to Painter & Mundy an additional $1,615.17 for the extra cost on the road work.

Mayor Hensley asked that Budget requests be given to Mr. Garber for preparations for the budget for next year to be ready for the August meeting. It was suggested that expenses for the Planning Commission be included in next year's budget.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to appropriate $25.00 for expenses for the Planning Commission last month.

Mr. Liskey and Mr. Stevens were asked to work on a list of suggestions and needs for their department.

Mayor Hensley reminded the council of Open House May 26, 1968 from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

It was reported that the shed next to the jail is being removed and parking spaces being marked off there. Terrace Avenue has already been marked off for parking and two hour parking signs posted. A parking space for taxis is being marked off at the Farm Bureau.

Mayor Hensley reported on the Rockingham County League of Municipalities meeting April 25, 1968 and announced that the next meeting will be June 27, 1968 at the Belle Meade Restaurant.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Deferred Business

Property for Town Dump
Changing Name of Spotswood Ave.
Jr. O.U.A.M.-House Trailer
2-Way Radios-Maintenance Department
One side prking-Rockingham St.
Lowering alley behind new building
Sewer-North East Section
Filtering Water System
Playground Equipment-Memorial Park
Antique Auto Club-Meeting room
Second Reading-Raising Car License Fee
Second Reading-Raising Fees on arrest warrants & bonding
Ordinance-Uniform closing law
Second Reading-Street work $1,615.17

APPROVED: Wesley H. Hensley
Mayor

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