Regular Meeting
June 14, 1968

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held June 14, 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. Alan Thompson, 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. W. H. McGahey was absent.

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

Mr. Carl Schumacker, owner of the Valley Banner presented Mayor Hensley with a gavel. Mr. Hensley expressed his thanks to Mr. Schumacker.

Mayor Hensley said he would like to thank all the people that worked to make the Open House a success.

Mr. Rodney Harman and Mr. Edward O. Karow, the newly elected town councilmen were present and Mayor Hensley congratulated them for being elected to the town council. Mr. Edward Garber and Mr. Welty Hensley were re-elected by write-in votes.

Mr. Robert Lough came before the council regarding the changes in plans concerning the highway through the town. He stated that the bypass would set the town back 20-25 years and he felt that the town was being discriminated against. Mayor Hensley stated that the highway may or may not be built this way.

Mr. C. H. Smith, Chairman of the Planning Commission was present and he stated that the next meeting would be held in July at which time Mr. H. S. Marsh shall be present.

Mr. Whit Berry representing the Jr. O.U.A.M. was present and asked the council about a water line and fire plug to pump water to the new hall. The Jr. O.U.A. M. agreed to install it if the council agreed to purchase the equipment. Mayor Hensley turned this over to Mr. I. L. Flory's committee to study.

Mr. Lurty Taylor was present in regards to a utility building he had built of which there was a question to it not complying to the Zoning Ordinances. After some discussion, it was decided that the proper procedure in handling this as stated by Mr. Hillsman, Town Attorney, was to turn it over to Mr. David Liskey, Town Superintendent and if he couldn't reach a decision; he could then direct it to the attention of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting May 10, 1968.

Mr. Edward Garber moved, seconded by Mr. Alan Thompson and carried to approve the Finance Report for the month of May.

Mr. I. L. Flory stated that they have been keeping a close check on the sand in the water and it seems the water is clearing itself. Mr. Flory stated they had decided to wait until Mr. Zimmerman comes back before they proceed to do anything and in the mean time, they would keep a close check on the water.

Mr. I. L. Flory moved, seconded by Mr. Edward Garber and carried to purchase four fire hydrants to be placed on next year's budget costing approximately $720.

Mr. I. L. Flory stated that they were not yet sure it would be necessary to put in a secondary treating system. He stated they were checking and running samples.

A discussion was held concerning sewer made available to the residents on North Avenue. Mr. Flory again stated he thought they should wait until they saw if they were going to get the grant. Mr. Workman stated he thought the people should have the sewer and that the council should not wait any longer.

After considerable discusion, Mr. I. L. Flory moved and seconded by Mr. Edward Garber to wait in regards to the sewer on North until they see if the town gets the grant from the state.

The council agreed to renew the certificate of deposit on the Elkton Electric System Fund Savings Account.

Mr. Garber stated that the Police Department has already presented their budget to him for the coming year. He asked that the other departments submit a budget as soon as possible so he could have the budget ready for the regular meeting July 12, 1968.

Mr. David Liskey suggested to the council that they hire Mr. George Collier to take care of the dump. Mr. Liskey said it would cost the Town approximately $600 a year. Mayor Hensley turned this over to Mr. Garber to consider.

Applications were presented to the council to approve the installation of flashing lights for the Cosmetic Discount Store and Cook Burger. It was stated that in accordance to the present ordinances, the council could not okay the applications. It was suggested that the applications be submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Thomas R. Stevens asked for an additional $100 to purchase a radio for the police car. The council tabled the request until Mr. William McGahey was present.

Mayor Hensley read a letter from Mr. Roy Shamel in which he stated his appreciation for the courteously shown to him by our police officer when he passed thru Elkton on June 8, 1968. The letter is as follows:

Dear Chief:

About 2:45 A.M., on Saturday the 8th of June, 1968, I passed through Elkton, Virginia on my way to a Motel in Harrisonbur, Va. after picking up my son who had been attending the University of Virginia. I had been up about 24 hours at the time and should not have been driving but I only had a short way to go. Regardless, I stopped at your traffic light on Rt. 33, quite a bit short of the automatic trip that would change the light to green. I waited for a considerable length of time for the light to change and might well have stayed there the rest of the night had not your officer pulled up behind me and informed me of the fact that I was stopped too far back.

He was very courteous, especially to an out-of-state driver and I just wanted you to know that I really appreciate his attituede. He did not ask for my driver's license (I have one) nor did he accuse me of drinking (I hadn't been). I have read so much about treatment of strangers in various towns that I just wanted you to know again, that your officer's attutude was very good and does much to alleviate the usual complaints. If I am ever through your town again, I will feel that I will be treated fairly in the event I would be unfortunate enought to commit any violation.

Very truly yours,

Roy Shamel

Mr. Alan Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory and carried to approve the second reading on the increase of town tags from $3.00 to $10.00 effective in 1969.

Mr. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. McAllister and carried to approve the second reading on the increase on an arrest warrant from $2.00 to $3.00 and the bonding fee from $2.00 to $3.00. Also, to amend to include the increase of the fee for issuing subpoenas from $1.00 to $3.00.

Mr. I. L. Flory moved, seconded by Mr. Edward Garber and carried to approve the second reading to pay Painter & Mundy $1,615.17 for the extra cost on road work.

Mr. Alan Thompson read the proposed ordinance concerning license tax on auto washing. The ordinance is as follows:

Section 15-13A Automobile Washing, etc.

The license tax on each vehicle washing, cleaning or polishing business shall be $20.00.

Mr. Alan Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. Edward Garber and carried to accept the ordinance.

Mr. Thompson stated that many lots in town was grown up and need to be cut down. Mayor Hensley said the ordinance should be published in the Valley Banner concerning the mowing of the lots in town.

Mr. Thompson stated that there were several sidewalks in town that were in desperate need of being repaired. Mayor Hensley asked Mr. McAllister to look into this.

Mr. Hillsman presented the agreement for leasing property to the School Board. The council felt that the property should be resurveyed excluding the well from the lease.

Mr. Connie Kurtz from the Virginia Department of Highways and Mr. Edward Higgs of Higgs & Shumate were present to discuss the new highway.

Mr. Higgs stated that he had contacted various contractors in regards to the reloc tion of the town's utilities. They are as follows:

A. B. Torrence & Co.
Monger Bros.
Riddleberger
Rockingham Construction
Painter & Mundy
Richardson & Wayland

Mayor Hensley presented to the council and Mr. Kurtz a list showing the revenue the town would lose over a 5 year period becuase of the new highway. Mayor Hensley stated he thought that it seemed like to him the town was paying approximately $8,000 to get the new highway through it.

Mr. Kurtz said that he was not qualified to give an answer of whether or not the town might be reimbursed for the loss of revenue. He suggested that Mayor Hensley contact Mr. Alexander's office to see what could be done.

It was suggested by Mr. Kurtz that Mayor Hensley arrange a personal meeting with Mr. Alexander to find out if any thing could be done to settle the loss of revenue suffered by the town.

Mr. Connie Kurtz congratulated Mr. Higgs on the set of plans he and Mr. Shumate had drawn up.

The question was asked if the town would need a permit to work on their utilities after the road was finished. Mr. Kurtz stated that a permit would be required and this would allow the town to work on the utilities at anytime.

Mayor Hensley stated that the council would hold its approval until they could converse with Mr. Alexander concerning the dump and loss of revenue.

Bid openings will be held July 12, 1968 at 2:00 P.M.

Mr. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory and carried to approve the contract between the town and the Virginia Department of Highways for the utility relocations at the cost of $7,974.27 subject to negotiate the loss of the dump, revenue, fences and streets.

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
One side parking-Rockingham St.
Lowering alley behind new building
Custodian for dump
Sewer-North East Section
Filtering Water System
Playground Equip.-Memorial Park
Antique Auto Club-Meeting Room
Ordinance-Uniform closing law

APPROVED: Welty H Hardy
Mayor

RECORDER: Francis Berry
Francis Berry, Acting Clerk