The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held January 12, 1968 at 8:00 P.M. with the Mayor, Welty H. Hensley presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. I. L. Flory III, Mr. E. F. Garber, Mr. J. N. McAllister, Mr. W. H. McGahey, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. The Town Attorney, Marvin C. Hillsman, Jr., Town Superintendent, David C. Liskey and Chief of Police, Thomas R. Stevens were present.

The Rev. Don Fridinger opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. R. B. Hutton came before the council and stated that he felt the citizens had not been completely informed in regards to the New Building on Terrace Avenue. He stated that it is always referred to as the New Fire Hall but that the Maintenance Department will be occupying the back of the building. Mayor Hensley thanked Mr. Hutton. He stated that the detailed plans for use of the building had been published in the papers and felt that most of the citizens were aware of this but would ask the press to help in making sure the public is informed again of how the building will be used.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. J. N. McAllister and carried to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting December 15, 1967 as presented.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. J. N. McAllister and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting December 8, 1967 as presented.

Mr. Liskey presented a request for an outside water and sewer connection by Mr. Raymond Gooden. Action on the request was deffered until the water and sewer committee could meet during a recess later in the meeting.

Mr. Liskey reported that he had been notified that the Blanket Permit we had purchased from the State Highway Department would cover crossing the main highway's, Route 33 and 340, only and does not include crossing any secondary roads as we thought. Mr. Hensley stated he would further see into this.

Mr. Liskey reported that he felt the town should consider lowering the alley behind the New Fire Hall & Maintenance Building as the alley is higher than the floor in the building and water draining into the building will be a problem. Mayor Hensley said they would check into this situation.

There was a discussion on the problem of removing snow in the Business District of town due to people parking all night. The council decided to ask the local papers to print an article requesting citizens not to park their automobiles in the Business District from Shenandoah Avenue to Route 340 between the hours of 1:00 A.M. to 5:00 A.M. Mr. Hillsman was requested to prepare an ordinance on this matter to present, if necessary, at the next meeting.

Mayor Hensley commended Mr. Liskey and the town forces on the fine job they did removing the snow.

Mr. Workman gave a report on the Christmas Decorations.

Receipts

Donations-Blue Ridge Garden Club	$50.00
Home Demonstration Club	7.25
Misc.-Sale of extra decorations	20.13
	$77.38

Disbursements

Purchase of & Preparing Decorations	$369.47
Total Expenses less Receipts	$292.09

Mr. Workman reported that during his travels over the holidays he had taken quite a few pictures of the Christmas Decorations in towns and cities which might be used for suggestions for next year.

Mayor Hensley expressed his appreciation and commended the E.U.B. Church for their Christmas displays in the Kite Building windows.

It was brought to the attention of the council that a 500 gallon capacity gasoline tank was located on private property on the corner of Second Street and Spotswood Trail which is a violation of Ordinance Sec. 11-6. Mr. Stevens was asked to contact the Fire Chief and go with him to contact the owner of the tank and ask him to remove it.

Mr. Garber reported that the Finance Committee were aware that the Budget for Public Safety was not adequate since the revision in the Police Department but felt it best to let things remain as they are for several months and then additional money could be appropriated rather than chnge the budget.

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

Mr. Garber reported that the Town of Grottoes had raised their Town Tags to $10.00 and felt the council should give consideration to the price of our tags before the Board of Supervisors brings up and acts on County Tags. This matter was turned over to the Finance Committee to study and bring back a recommendation.

Mayor Hensley announced that the County meeting of Mayors and Councilmen would be January 25, 1968 at Belle Meade.

Mayor Hensley read the following letter from Mr. G. B. Henry, Chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals:

Mr. W. H. Hensley, Mayor
Town of Elkton
Elkton, Virginia

Dear Mayor Hensley:

For the record and for your information, the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Town of Elkton held its annual meeting on Monday, January 8, 1968 at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Council chamber.

The following business was conducted:

1. Mr. G. B. Henry was elected Chairman.
2. Mr. W. R. Horne was elected Secretary.
3. The Board received attested copy's of Mr. Hisey and Mr. Flick appointments to the Board and will be filed as usual in the Official File in the Office of the Town Treasurer.
4. As of now the Board has not received official notification of Mr. Horne's appointment to the Board.
5. The Board of Zoning Appeals did not hear any appeals during the year 1967.
6. Mr. S. P. H. Flick was appointed to fulfill Mr. C. F. Peno's term, which will expire on 3/1/68; therefore, Council will have to recommend a name (s) to the Circuit Court to fill this pending vacancy. The Court shall also be notified by separate letter of the pending vacancy.
7. The Board also would like to go on record as recommending Mr. S. P. H. Flick to be reappointed to the Board.

We were pleased to have you attend our meeting and enjoyed our discussion.

Complete minutes of this meeting will be recorded and filed as usual in the official file in the office of the Town Treasurer.

Sincerely yours,

G. B. Henry, Chairman
Board of Zoning Appeals
Elkton, Virginia

GBH:Mc
cc: S. P. H. Flick
I. L. Flory, Jr.
C. Z. Hisey
W. R. Horne
Mr. M. C. Hillsman, Jr., Attorney

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to recommend the name of Mr. S. P. H. Flick to the Circuit Court to be reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mayor Hensley reported on a letter he had received from Higgs & Shumate advising the town of the progress being made on the Utility Relocations due to the relocation of Route 33. They have completed approximately 30% of the initial field work and some preliminary drafting work showing the existing utility locations. The delay in progress has been due to the staking of additional right-of-ways which the Virginia Department of Highways has not completed due to bad weather. Mayor Hensley reported that the additional staking had been required because the Highway Department had changed the plans raising the bridge over the river.

Mayor Hensley reported that the Fire Hall & Maintenance Building is progressing fairly well now and should be completed in about 30 days. The problem with the doors is being straightened out.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to write a letter to the Rockingham County School Board and a copy to the Board of Supervisors stating that the council of the Town of Elkton wanted to go on record as requesting that the School Board give serious consideration to the safety in regards to fire of the school buildings in the Town of Elkton.

In regards to the request that several acres of Memorial Park be sold to the School Board, Mayor Hensley reported that the Town cannot sell any of the land in the park and is not sure they could even lease it legally. The council was in agreement that the school could be given authority to use it as long as it was not closed to the public.

Mayor Hensley reported that the Fire Inspector had been in and checked the boiler in the Maintenance & Police Department. He recommended the town purchase a device to place on the furnance which will keep scale and mud in a liquid state.

Mayor Hensley reported that he had been in contact with the R. Loring Cover Insurance Agency and that they had not received the quotes or recommendations back from their company but will have them to be presented at the February meeting.

The Water and Sewer Committee recommended that Mr Raymond Gooden be given water and sewer connections. The remaining council was in agreement.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to close out the Town of Elkton Inc. Sinking Fund and put the balance in the Town of Elkton Inc. Fire Company Project account for the Electric System in the new building.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Deffered Business

Property for Town Dump
Changing Name of Spotswood Ave.
Jr. O.U.A.M.-House Trailer
2-Way Radios-Maintenance Dept.
Terrace Ave.-Black Top
Removal of 2 hr. parking on lot across from library
One side parking-Rockingham St.
Sealing of Ashphalt paved streets for winter
Insurance Suggestions-Mr. Cover
Repairs-Municipal Building
Lowering alley behind new Fire Hall
New parking ordinance
Town Tags (cost)

APPROVED: Wert H. Wh Leap
Mayor

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