Special Meeting
July 23, 1968

A special meeting of the Elkton Town Council was called for 8:00 P.M., July 23, 1968 by the Mayor Welty H. Hensley. The following council members were present: Mr. I. L. Flory III, Mr. E. F. Garber, Mr. John N. McAllister, Mr. A. R. Thompson, and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. David C. Liskey, Town Superintendent was present. Mr. W. H. McGahey was absent.

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

Mr. Higgs of Higgs & Shumate was present and gave the following recommendations in regards to our utility relocations:

"Proposal A - Power Facilities
The low bid of $44,456.00 represents an increase of approximately 123% over our estimate. Therefore, we recommend that this bid be rejected and the Town of Elkton buy the materials and either rent equipment and labor to conduct the work or contact the Harrisonburg Telephone Company to set the poles and hire linemen. The Department of Highways does not feel the Town of Elkton should contact the low bidder for Proposal A work concerning the furnishing of labor and equipment for this work unless new bids are solicited on this basis. It would require approximately 30 days to prepare the Contracts, show the project and open new bids.

Proposal B - Water and Sewer Facilities
The low bid of $43,356.07 represents an increase of approximately 44% over our estimate. Each bid item was substantially higher than our estimate for that item indicating the Contractor has not misunderstood any portion of the work but feels the work and materials involved are going to be more costly than we anticipated. This increase in the Proposal B construction costs will increase Elkton's expense by approximately $700.00. We recommend that this bid be accepted.

Mayor Hensley read the following letter from Mr. Ambler, District Engineer for the Department of Highways in regards to the utility relocations:

"This has reference to Mr. Edward B. Higgs' tabulation of bids covering the relocation of power, sewer, and water line facilities for the Town of Elkton on the captioned project.

The low bid of $43,356.07 to adjust the water and sewer facilities as submitted by Monger Brothers was discussed with the Utilities Section in our Central Office with the consensus of opinion being that this bid is within reason and that the Town should authorize Monger Brothers to proceed with this work.

The low bid of $44,456.00 submitted by Rockingham Construction Company covering the relocation of the power facilites is considered unreasonable. Therefore, the Town should make other arrangements to accomplish this part of their adjustment. It is hoped that you will make other arrangements as soon as possible."

Mayor Hensley read a letter from Mr. W. O. Weaver, President of the Rockingham Construction Company, Inc. in which they proposed to furnish labor, supervision, tools, and equipment necessary to install materials (furnished by others) according to original plans prepared by Higgs & Shumate, Engineers, dated May 30, 1968, for the installation of new power facilities and removal of certain existing facilities on Arterial Route 33. They proposed starting construction by December, 1968, and completing same by March 1, 1969 at a lump sum of $24,511.00.

Mayor Hensley gave a report on the meeting held during the afternoon with Mr. Higgs, Mr. Kurtz of the Highway Department and Mr. Russell Smith of the Rockingham Construction Company, Inc. It was agreed at the meeting to recommend to the council that they execute the contract authorizing Monger Brothers to proceed with the relocation of the water and sewer lines and that Rockingham Construction Company be obtained to furnish the labor and equipment for the relocation of the power facilities on a cost per hour basis as the state would not approve a contract on a lump sum. A copy of the meeting will be distributed to each councilman.

Mr. Higgs estimated that the relocations of the facilities will run approximately $1,700.00 above the original estimate of $8,535.85 for the Town.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to accept the bid for the relocation of the water and sewer facilities from Monger Brothers Contractors of $43,356.07.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to reject the bid from the Rockingham Construction Company Inc. for the relocation of the power facilities at $44,456.00.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to employ the Rockingham Construction Company, Inc. to furnish the labor and equipment on an hourly basis for the relocation of the power facilities as recommended by Mr. Kurtz of the Highway Department.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to transfer $7,000.00 from the Elkton Water and Sewer Fund and $1,000.00 from the Elkton Electric System Fund into the Town of Elkton Route 33 Project Account to finance the relocation of the facilities.

Mr. Higgs gave the following revised Preliminary Cost Estimate on the Sewer Expansion to the North Avenue Area:

CONSTRUCTION COST (Includes Pump Station)	$40,280.00
ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING 7%	2,819.60
CONTINGENCIES 10%	4,028.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST	$47,127.60

There was a discussion on the expansion of the sewer system and Mr. I. L. Flory 111 stated he still felt that before any decision was made a study should be made in regards to a Gravity Flow System in that area.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried to employ Higgs & Shumate to survey the North Avenue Area in regards to expanding the Sewer System and to report to the council with their recommendations to the type of system and estimated price prior to their beginning work.

Mr. Johnny Hensley came before the council asking permission to use a P.A. System every Friday night during the summer between approximately 8:30 P.M. and 10:00 P.M. on a plot of land between the Tastee Freez and the Post Office for the purpose of Evangelizing, singing and preaching. Mr. Hensley stated he felt this to be a much needed work and their main purpose of doing this is to preach the gospel and to reach the Teen Agers which he felt was very important.

Mayor Hensley explained to Mr. Hensley that the council could not take any action at this meeting as it was a special meeting and only items on the agenda could be acted upon but would defer it until the next regular meeting and try to get some of the reactions of the citizens living in that area.

The Budget was discussed and the suggestions presented by Mr. Liskey in regards to vacation, sick leave and other benefits were studied.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED: Welty H. Hensley
Welty H. Hensley, Mayor

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