REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
June 10, 1970

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held June 10, 1970 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the Mayor, Welty H. Hensley presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. I. L. Flory III, Mr. L. P. Hale, Mr. R. G. Harman, Mr. E. O. Karow, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. Marvin C. Hillsman, Town Attorney, Mr. David C. Liskey, Town Superintendent and Mr. Lyle E. Williams, Chief of Police were present.

Mr. A. R. Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

The following visitors were present: Douglas Cochran, Rev. James Martin, Edward F. Garber, Randall Dean, Randall Holland, John King, Roy Gene Davis, William H. McGahey, Bobby Hammer, Lurty Taylor, John Adams, Geneva Baugher, Frances Dean and Bobby Gooden.

Mayor Hensley congratulated the winners in the town elections and condolences to the losers.

There was a discussion on the Bid Opening on the T. V. Franchise and the comparison of the rates. According to the comparison American Tele-Systems Corporation was the high bidder.

Mr. I. L. Flory III moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to award the T. V. Cable Franchise to American Tele-Systems Corporation of Bethesda, Maryland.

Mr. I. L. Flory III moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting May 8, 1970.

Mr. Lurty Taylor was interested in knowing if the raise granted to VEPCO would affect the town. Mayor Hensley explained that it did not.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. L. P. Hale and carried to approve the Finance Report.

Mr. Liskey reported that he had checked with Mr. Snyder and the furnace for the Maintenance and Police Department can be converted to hot water which would operate cheaper than steam at an estimated additional cost of two or three days labor over the cost of replacing the furnace and leaving the system as it is. Mr. Liskey was asked to get a firm price for the July meeting.

Mr. Liskey reported that the Scout Hut needs some repairs and estimated the cost at about $75.00. Mayor Hensley stated that he would check with the Lions Club to see if they will pay for these repairs.

Mr. Liskey reported that he will need some poles approximately 35 or 40, and would check to see if he could get someone to split a load with the town.

There was a discussion on the dump in regards to trying land fill on a small scale. Mr. Liskey explained that our loader would not do the job. Mayor Hensley asked that Mr. Liskey talk with the contractor to see if maybe they would dig out the ditch needed and our loader could do the filling. It was also reported that the dump would not be burned for a month unless a complaint comes in to see if this would help eliminate some of the problems.

Mr. Liskey reported that the Pumping Station is ready to go into operation and the State has been notified.

Mr. Liskey will begin his vacation June 19th. and return July 13th.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to withdraw the First Reading of Sec. 5-4a Keeping of Poultry Prohibited which was passed at the April 10, 1970 meeting.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory III and carried to approve the First Reading of the following ordinance which has been reworded:

Section 5-4a Keeping of Poultry Prohibited

After December 31, 1970 it shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain upon his property or upon any property chickens, turkey, ducks, geese, guineas or poultry of any description, whether or not such animals are penned or confined. Prior to December 31, 1970 it shall be lawful to keep or maintain said poultry provided that the same are confined in suitable pens or structures.

Each day such animals are kept or maintained in violation of this ordinance shall give rise to a distinct and separate offense.

Mr. I. L. Flory III moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the Second Reading to appropriate $1000.00 to contract Sydnor Hydrodynamics Inc. to clean the sand and fill in from the well.

Mr. Flory reported that the town had received a proposal for engineering services to do a Preliminary Study in regards to Secondary Trickling Filter System for our sewage system from Martin, Clifford & Associates, Engineers and Consultants from Stafford, Va. He had checked into their creditability and all reports he had received were good.

Mr. I. L. Flory III moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to approve the First Reading to hire Martin, Clifford & Associates at a fee of $1500.00 to make a Preliminary Report on our sewage treatment plant as outlined in their letter dated April 22, 1970 to Mayor Hensley, pages 1, 2 & top of page 3.

Mr. Liskey reported that he had checked the extra streets which we have requested be included in our highway upkeep with the men from the State Highway Department and everything checked out to include approximately an extra mile to our Maintenance Upkeep Grant received from the State.

Mr. Thompson reported that Mr. Charles Shuler, Postmaster, had notified him of a number of streets in town which do not have street signs. Mr. Liskey stated that a number of these signs were being repaired and he would check into having signs erected where there has not been any previously.

Mr. Liskey reported that the town needs to purchase some sidewalk forms as we have been borrowing them and several sidewalks need repairing. The one in front of DeLaughters Discount is in bad need of repairs. Mr. Liskey was instructed to get prices on these forms for the July meeting.

Mr. Karow read a letter from R. P. Mason, Jail Superintendent, Department of Welfare and Institutions in regards to the inspection of the town lockup May 19, 1970. The letter noted that the condition of cleanliness and sanitation was good.

Mayor Hensley reminded the council of the Fireman's Parade on Thursday.

Mayor Hensley requested that Mr. Workman have the agreements with the Jr. O.U.A.M. and the High School ready for the July meeting.

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Mayor Hensley reported that the Planning Commission has not made any further progress in regards to the new Zoning Ordinances.

Mayor Hensley presented a request by the Elkton Mennonite Church to be granted special permission to place a trailer at their church for two weeks of Bible School July 6 through 18. There would be no water or sewer hookup and the trailer would be used for classrooms only.

Mr. I. L. Flory III moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to allow the Elkton Mennonite Church to use a trailer on their church property July 6 through 18 for the purpose of a classroom for Bible School.

Mayor Hensley and the council commended one of the students from Elkton High School, Byron Jones who won third place at the State Level in the Bland Memorial Contest.

The Mayor and Council also took the opportunity to commend the Music Department of the High School on their fine concerts and a special vote of thanks to Mr. David Arbogast for his years of dedicated service to our school and community.

A letter was read from Mrs. Betty S. Flory, President Elkton Parent-Teachers Association, thanking the town for the good work the town crew did in installing the new playground equipment at the Elkton Elementary School.

Mayor Hensley also reported that the Letterman's Club at the High School had presented Mr. William T. Herring and Mr. David C. Liskey honorary awards for their contributions of time and service to the athletic department of the high school.

As there was no further business, Mr. I. L. Flory III moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to adjourn.

MAYOR: Welty H. Hensley
Welty H. Hensley, Mayor

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

INSERT:
Mayor Hensley reminded the council they should be thinking of a new name for Spotswood Trail. It was suggested that a contest to rename this street might be an interesting way to find a new name.