REGULAR MEETING
January 9, 1970

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held January 9, 1970 at 8:00 P.M. with the Mayor, Welty H. Hensley presiding. The following Council members were present: Mr. I. L. Flory III, Mr. R. G. Harman, Mr. E. O. Karow, Mr. Alan R. Thompson and Mr. Harold A. Workman. Mr. E. F. Garber was absent. Mr. Marvin C. Hillsman, Jr., Town Attorney, Mr. David C. Liskey, Town Superindent and Mr. Lyle E. Williams, Chief of Police were present. Visitors present were J. C. Black, Berkley Brooks, Douglas Cochran, Loretta Dean, Mr. & Mrs. Danny Flory, Bobby Gooden, Michael Hammel, Mrs. E. O. Karow, Chancelor Lough and Carl Schumacher.

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

Mr. Bobby Gooden came before the council in regards to the proposed merger between Elkton and Montevideo. Mr. Gooden stated he could not understand how Elkton High School went down so fast in just a few weeks as indicated by the educators and those in favor of this merger. Mr. Gooden stated that he did not feel the few extra classes this merger might bring about would benefit enough students to make it worthwhile. He felt the dangers involved such as bussing all these children and the added problems such as greater drug dangers far outweigh the benefits. He asked the council as representatives of the Town of Elkton to put their weight behind the opposition.

Mr. Alan R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to not approve the minutes until the February meeting.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the Finance Report.

Mr. Bobby Gooden complimented the council on the beautiful Christmas Tree this year and also on the light which was installed in the park for the skaters.

Mayor Hensley expressed appreciation to Homer Ageon and William Herring who came in without being called and worked Christmas evening and Friday after Christmas pushing snow even though both days were holidays.

Mr. Flory reported on the Public Hearing by the Virginia Water Control Board which he attended in Harrisonburg. He felt that on a whole the Control Board is doing the right things in regards to controls and standards and that the overall program seemed very good. The deadline for having a secondary trickling filter system in operation is July 1, 1972. Mr. Flory stated that since the Federal Government is behind these proposed standards it would be foolish to fight them. Instead we should submit a letter asking the General Assembly to consider financial aid to towns for putting these programs into operation.

Mr. & Mrs. Danny Flory came before the council to ask about hooking on to the town water system the new home they are building in the Hisey Heights area. This was turned over to Mr. Lynn Flory and Mr. Liskey.

Mr. Workman reported that he also attended the hearing by the Virginia Water Control Board and he felt the town should join with those opposing the standards as being too strict.

Mayor Hensley stated that he felt the first step would be to obtain the services of a consulting engineer and tie this secondary system and our water problem together into one package. He stated he would get together with Mr. Flory and Mr. Workman to work out something in regards to writing the letters suggested by each.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory III and carried to employ Terry Lee Sutphin as a patrolman in the Police Department at $4800.00 per year and six months probation.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to purchase a new 1970 police automobile through the State Department of Purchase & Supplies for $2315.19.

Mr. Karow reported that Chief Williams and the patrolmen were planning to attend a Police School in Richmond. Two will attend in February, two in March and one in April.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory III and carried to pay $65.00 per man for the tuition for the five men attending the police school.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve building permits for Mr. Elza Waybright and Mr. W. C. Waybright to build tool sheds.

Mr. Thompson reported that most of our stop signs are going to have to be replaced in order to meet the state requirements.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to authorize Mr. Liskey to replace our stop signs to conform to the Virginia Department of Highway Standards.

Mr. Workman reported that when the new ordinances are reprinted they will include the Commercial Heat Rate which replaced the A-1 Rate but wasn't picked up in the new books.

Mr. Workman reported on the Virginia Electric Power Association Meeting which he attended in Richmond, December 16, 1969. Mr. Workman stated that Phase 1 & 2 of the study of Power Supply has been completed and that they would like to complete Phase 3 of the study at a cost of $300.00 per town.

Mr. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory III and carried to pay the $300.00 for Phase 3 of the study of the Yankee Dixie Power Lines.

Mayor Hensley reported that they had been under the opinion that in order to change the meeting night for the council it would have to go through the General Assembly but as the part of the Town Code which sets the meeting night is an ordinance and not part of the charter it can be done by passing a new ordinance.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to replace Section 2-3 of the town code as follows.

"When Regular Meetings Held"

The council shall meet in regular session once a month. The council shall determine at each September meeting the day of the month upon which regular meetings are to be held during the subsequent twelve months. The council shall also determine at each September meeting the starting time of said subsequent meeting.

After a brief discussion, it was decided to defer any decision in regards to the Blue Law until after the committee meeting in February when it can be discussed further.

Mayor Hensley reported that the town is awaiting the decision of the Cable T.V. Company in regards to their decision as to whether they want to except a non exclusive franchise.

Two thank you notes were read for the flowers sent by the town for the funerals of Mr. Liskey's father and brother.

Mayor Hensley reported on the State Corporation Commission hearing December 15, 1969 in Richmond for the proposed rate increase by the Harrisonburg Telephone Company. Those attending the hearing were Mayor Raye Litten of Timberville, Mr. Harold Workman, Mayor Welty Hensley and Donald Litten who represented the towns and Board of Supervisors. Mayor Hensley stated that Mr. Litten did an excellent job. The State Corporation Commission ruled January 7, 1970 to grant the Harrisonburg Telephone Company a 53% increase which will save the citizens considerable money from the close to 100% increase which the Telephone Company had originally requested.

Mr. Bobby Gooden expressed his appreciation to Mayor Hensley and the Rockingham League of Municipalities for their foresight and the savings that resulted from their prompt action.

Mayor Hensley read letters from Mayor Rinaca of Shenandoah expressing their gratitude to the Elkton Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad for

their services during the morning of Friday, December 19, 1969 when four buildings were destroyed and two damaged in the downtown area.

Mayor Hensley read a letter from R. Loring Cover in regards to insurance coverage for the substation, the new pumping station and extended coverage in other areas. This was tabled for further study.

Mayor Hensley reported that the Planning Commission had held their Public Hearing on the new zoning ordinances December 19, 1969. The Commission plans to meet again January 15, 1970 to study and finalize the suggested changes which were brought before them at the hearing. Mayor Hensley felt that possibly the town could hold their Public Hearing on these new ordinances at the February meeting provided the Planning Commission has completed their work.

Mr. J. C. Black came before the council in regards to the water situation in front of his house and in his yard. He feels that if the sidewalks were fixed properly it would help eliminate the problem. This matter was turned over to Mr. Thompson and Mr. Liskey.

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