REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
November 9, 1970

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held November 9, 1970 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the Mayor, Edward F. Garber presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. R. E. Davis, Mr. E. O. Karow, Mr. W. H. McGahey, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. R. G. Harman was absent. Mr. David C. Liskey, Town Superintendent, Mr. Marvin C. Hillsman, Jr. Town Attorney, Mr. Lyle E. Williams, Chief of Police and Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Clerk were also present.

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

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting October 12, 1970.

Mr. Thompson suggested that the name of the Clerk of Council be placed at the top of the minutes along with those present.

Mrs. Yancey and a group of students from Elkton High School were present and a discussion was held on pollution problems in the town. Mrs. Yancey explained that her group is interested in preventing Elkton from having pollution problems and were working toward making the public aware of many areas of pollution. One of the suggestions made during the discussion was that more trash cans be placed in town for people to dispose of their trash. Mr. Karow suggested that the group could help by making the teenagers more aware of the problems created when beer cans and soft drink cans are thrown from automobiles along the streets. Mr. Davis expressed appreciation for the efforts put forth by this group of students at Elkton High School and invited them to come back to the meeting in December and report on their progress and that maybe the council could come up with more suggestions in areas where they could help eliminate some of the pollution problems.

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

Mr. Workman read a letter from Mr. W. C. Yowell, Jr., Asst. Supt. of the Rockingham County School Board asking if the town plans to furnish the transclosure for the transformers at the new Elementary School. Mr. Workman explained that the town had agreed to furnish the concrete pad for the mounting.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to furnish the transclosure for the transformers at the new Elementary School.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to divide the town's portion of the cost on the new Christmas Decorations among the seven departments.

There was a discussion on the water connection for the new Blue Bell plant. Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried that the town run the water line to the property line of Blue Bell. Blue Bell will assume the expense from the property line to their point of use and then the town will extend the line from this point across their property.

Mr. Thompson reported that he had been contacted on the repairing of the Scout Hut. Mr. Liskey stated that he planned to haul the trash away and furnish the windows which need to be replaced.

Mr. Workman reported on the State Highway Conference which he attended October 29th. and 30th.

The question came up as to whether leaves could be burned. No ordinance could be found against burning as long as those burning leaves complied with the fire laws.

There was a discussion on a water problem at Mrs. A. B. Torrence's home. Water runs off the street into her garage. Mr. Liskey reported that he has checked into this problem and that there is nothing he can do to eliminate this problem.

Mr. Irvin Dean's request for a water and sewer connection was discussed and Mr. Hillsman stated that the only way to give Mr. Dean these connections would be to change the ordinance again. This matter was tabled.

Mr. Karow read a letter from Mr. R. P. Mason, Jails Superintendent for the Department of Welfare and Institutions in which Mr. Mason stated that he had inspected the Elkton Lockup, September 17, 1970 and that no changes to the building

were noted with the exception the lockup had recently been painted. The newly painted lockup presented a very pleasant appearance. Cleanliness and sanitation throughout the lockup was found to be very good.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to approve the audit.

Mayor Garber suggested that the Water and Sewer Committee get together with the Finance Committee to work on increases in the water and sewer rates.

The council decided to pay the fee of $1500.00 from Martin, Clifford and Associates from the Sanitary Sewer System Savings Account.

Mr. Garber presented a letter from Charles H. Smith in which he stated that he was resigning as a member of the Elkton Planning Commission as of November 1, 1970.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to accept Mr. Charles H. Smith's resignation from the Elkton Planning Commission.

The council deferred making an appointment to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission until the next meeting.

Copies of letters sent to the State Department of Health and Virginia State Water Control Board from Martin, Clifford & Associates were read. The letters were in regards to the reports entitled "Improvements to Sewage Disposal Facilities, Town of Elkton" which Mr. Martin was sending each department in partial compliance with the Water Control Board's revised water quality standards, as authorized by the Elkton Town Council.

The following letter was read from W. J. Osborne, Resident Engineer, Department of Highways:

> This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 29, 1970 in which you advised that you are just as concerned about the section of Route 340 from old Route 33 to Spotswood Avenue as former Mayor Hensley was.
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> I will forward your letter on to the Staunton District Office who will, in turn, forward it to the proper people in Richmond for consideration.
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> I cannot be very encouraging in getting work done immediately on this section of road as I have discussed this with Mr. R. C. Ambler, District Engineer, and he advises there are several projects in the District which rate a higher priority than this particular project.
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> If you have any questions concerning this or any comments concerning the signing or construction of the recently completed Elkton By-Pass on Route 33, I would appreciate them. Of particular concern is the intersection of Route 340 and old Route 33. Any recommendations you would have regarding this intersection would be appreciated.
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> Thank you for your interest in highway matters and if I or this office can be of further assistance, please advise.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to enter into an agreement with the Rockingham County School Board for a period of ten years to sell them current at the new Elementary School for all electric at a rate of $0.0125 and a differential to be established at $0.00308.

Mayor Garber reported that plans were being made for the Town Christmas Party and letters would be sent out as soon as the plans are completed.

After a discussion on a new copier for the office, the matter was turned over to the Finance Committee to make a decision.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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MAYOR: Edward F. Garber
Edward F. Garber, Mayor

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