REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
October 12, 1970

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held October 12, 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. R. G. Harman, Mr. W. H. McGahey, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. E. O. Karow was absent. Mr. David C. Liskey, Town Superintendent, Mr. Marvin C. Hillsman, Jr., Town Attorney and Mr. Lyle E. Williams, Chief of Police.

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

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting September 11, 1970.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting September 28, 1970.

Mr. Welty H. Hensley gave the following report on the meeting held September 30, 1970 with the Virginia Department of Highways:

> A meeting was held September 30, 1970 with the following Virginia Department of Highways officials: Mr. W. J. Osborne, Resident Engineer, Mr. J. L. Thomas, Traffic and Planning and Mr. D. L. McCellan, Project Engineer. The following items were discussed.
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> 1. Paving with blacktop, Marshall Avenue from ½ way up the hill to corner of Fourth Street.
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> 2. Paving Fifth Avenue from the bridge to approximately 100' south of Marshall and paving radius on all four corners.
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> 3. Barricade or guard rail at the eastern end of Marshall Avenue near Catholic Church.
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> 4. Barricade at the western end of Washington Avenue near Texaco Station.
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> 5. Dike around dump. Grade and seed.
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> The Virginia Department of Highways agreed to the above items.
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> 6. We discussed changing the Stop Signs on 340 to Old 33. The V.D.H. stated this would hold traffic flow.
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> We also discussed the possibility of relocating the Stop Lights at the corner of Spotswood Avenue and 340 to the corner of Old Route 33 and 340. The V.D.H. suggested we wait for several weeks and watch traffic flow and make a decision on this at a later date.
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> 7. We discussed blacktopping Old Route 33 from the town corporate limits west to the Blue and Grey Esso.
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> 8. We also discussed blacktopping Route 1708 where trucks hauling materials to the new Route 33 has broken up this road.
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> This road goes from Old 33 to New 33 through the Monger Addition.
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> Mr. Osborne stated that he would look at these two roads in the Spring and make his recommendations at that time.
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> 9. Cement Curbing in the middle of the road at the foot of the mountain which is located at the eastern most part of the A. B. Torrence & Co., Inc. Project. We discussed this traffic hazard and the men from V.D.H. stated they would watch this situation in the future for traffic control.

10. They stated that the names of the highways would be "Route 33 By Pass" and "Route 33 Business" and Spotswood Trail will still come through Elkton, Va.

Mr. Thompson asked about the possibility of opening Spring Avenue out to Route 340 since Marshall Avenue has been closed. Mr. Hensley stated that he thought this was limited access but would check.

There was a discussion on the signs marking the new highway and Mr. Hensley stated that the Virginia Department of Highways would cooperate in fixing the signs as the town would like them to be.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to approve a resolution to ask the Virginia Department of Highways to change the stop signs on Route 340 to Route 33 Business and then to cut off the lights at the intersection of Spotswood Trail and Spotswood Avenue to study traffic flow at both places and to make recommendations to the council of what would be the most advantageous traffic control. If lights at the intersection of Route 33 Business and Route 340 are needed then a study should be made to move the lights at Spotswood Avenue and Spotswood Trail with a left turn signal, to Route 340 and Route 33 Business.

Mr. Hensley and his committee appointed to work with the Virginia Department of Highways on the completion of the project through town was asked to work with the Street Committee on the signs for the new Route 33.

There was a discussion on another railroad grade crossing on Spring Avenue to connect the east and west section of town but some felt this might not be very safe or be allowed by the N. & W. Railroad.

Mr. Irvin Dean came before the council to ask that an exception be made in the ordinance prohibiting water and sewer connections where the customer does not buy electricity from the town. Mr. Dean Explained that he had bought lots on the corner of Washington and Seventh Street before this ordinance was passed with the intentions of putting his bulk oil plant there. Mr. McGahey asked to be given a little time to look into this with his committee and Mr. Hillsman.

Mayor Garber presented a Certificate of Appreciation for service rendered to Mr. Welty H. Hensley who had served four years as mayor and also to Mr. I. L. Flory III who had served four years as councilman but was not present to receive his certificate.

Mr. Baker of Bosserman, Alt, James & Stickley was present to present the audit report and to answer any questions which the council might have. He suggested that the town set aside only what is needed in the sinking funds for the year.

Mr. Liskey gave the following quote by Construction Products Company of Lynchburg for covering the reservoir and springs:

Reservoir -	fabercation only	$18,635.00
Spring -	fabercation	1,965.00

Mr. Liskey was asked to contact the State Health Department to ask for a twelve month extension on this project.

Mr. Hillsman reported that he is waiting to receive the price of the original pump for the well before he can go any further with Sydnor Hydrodynamics Inc.

The Elkton Fire Company and Emergency Squad requested that they be given permission to install an air horn for emergency squad calls on the pole at the police station where the old antenna used to be.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to authorize the Elkton Emergency Squad to install an air horn on the pole at the police station.

A letter from F. A. Bradley, Jr., Captain Commanding Division II of the Virginia Department of State Police was read in which Mr. Bradley stated that he had been informed by Investigator L. C. King of the invaluable assistance rendered by Chief Williams and Officer Jack Dunn in regards to the death of Jessie Cleveland Davis which was ruled homicide. "The successful results achieved in arresting Curtis Rudolph Herring without incident were due in no small degree to the close cooperation afforded by these fine officers," stated Mr. Bradley.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the Second Reading to appropriate $1700.00 for running water and sewer lines to the four new homes being built on Summitt Avenue by Donald Crist.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to approve the Second Reading to Pay Hajoca Corp. $1442.25 for the new pump at the well.

Mr. Harman reported on some drug abuse literature which was available for the Elementary and Junior High age children. Mr. Schumacher of the Valley Banner reported that he had also received information in regards to this literature and was printing them for distribution to these children.

After some discussion on heat for the new elementary school, Mr. Liskey was requested to obtain more information on how the School Board plans to heat the new section and the old section which will be used.

Mr. G. W. Berry reported that $94.40 in electric had been used by the Elkton Volunteer Fire Company for their carnival.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to donate this current to the Fire Company and to give Mrs. Leap permission to write this amount off the books which was charged to the Jr. O.U.A.M.

Mr. Workman reported that he had received several complaints on the town police working radar on the new highway through town. Mr. Workman stated that he did not feel we should be working radar on this road and that he had talked to the merchants and other citizens and they felt the same way. Mayor Garber stated that he had talked with the Chief of Police and that he was not going to work radar until the road has been turned over to the state.

There was a discussion on the editorial in the Valley Banner which referred to old Route 33 going through the "slums" of Elkton. Mayor Garber reported that he had written a letter in reply.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to change the Town Office hours to Monday through Thursday 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Friday 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. effective November 1, 1970 and to have a sign made for the Town Office with the office hours and the time of council meetings.

There was a discussion on councilmen's salaries. It was decided that they should be paid by the month rather than per meeting.

Mayor Garber reported on attending the Board of Supervisors meeting and Blue Bell asking the County Zoning Board to rezone the land they are purchasing outside the town corporate limits. Mr. Hensley stated that he had advised Blue Bell to ask for this rezoning and also to ask the town to annex this piece of property as neither would affect the other and as annexation would take awhile it would be necessary for the county to rezone the area if they wanted to get started immediately. Mr. Hillsman reported that he had contacted Blue Bell and told them the proper procedure would be for them to petition the court for annexation.

The council was reminded of the State Highway Conference at Lexington, Va. October 29th. and 30th.

Mayor Garber reported to Mr. Liskey that Mr. Armentrout, Commissioner of Revenue for Rockingham County, had requested that the town send copies of Building Permits to his office.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to order 900 green town stickers for 1971.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to match funds donated by the merchants for Christmas Decorations up to $2,000.00.

The council instructed the committee on decorations to decide which type to purchase.

The following bids were received for a new dump truck:

Hensley Sales & Service	$5,373.84
Dale Wegner Chevrolet Inc.	5,375.00
Myers Ford Company	4,963.00

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to accept the low bid of $4,963.00 from Myers Ford Company for the dump truck.

As there was no further business, Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to adjourn.

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

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