REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
June 14, 1971

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held June 14, 1971 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. E. O. Karow, Mr. W. H. McGahey, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. Marvin Hillsman, Town Attorney, Mr. Charles Knott, Chief of Police, Mr. David Liskey, Town Superintendent 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 May 10, 1971.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting May 27, 1971.

Mr. Noel Frazier presented the plans for installing a new roof on his building on Terrace Avenue. Action on this was tabled until further in the meeting.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to approve the Finance Report.

Mr. Thompson reported that he had not started the budget and asked that the departments turn in their requests as soon as possible.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to set the tax rate at 75¢ per $100.00 of assessed value on Real Estate and Personal Property.

There was a discussion in regards to the employees request that the Town make the Supplemental Retirement Plan retro-active.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to add "Prior Service Credited" on all employees to the Virginia Supplemental Retirement Plan.

Mr. Karow reported that Martin, Clifford & Associates have been contacted in regards to a study on annexation and the proposal has not been completed at this date.

A letter to Chief Knott from Julius F. Ritchie, Chief of Police, Harrisonburg, Virginia was read. Mr. Ritchie was expressing his appreciation for the co-operation and men furnished from the Elkton Police Department who assisted with the traffic and crowd control at the Friend's of a Feather Parade held in Harrisonburg on May 14, 1971. Mr. Ritchie stated that our men conducted themselves in a manner as to bring credit to the department and themselves.

Mr. R. E. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to approve the Second Reading to contract with Elkton Paving Inc. to pave the designated streets as listed in the May 27, 1971 minutes at a total cost of $9,872.00.

There was a discussion on the naming of Old Route 33 from the intersection at Route 340 to the high school. The committee has not met to discuss this matter. It was reported that the State Highway Department has no suggestions as to a name but will erect a sign if the Town and School will name it.

Mr. Liskey reported that he had obtained easements from Mr. Carroll Campbell and Mr. Donald Crist to run a sewer line across their property on Prospect Avenue before they grade their property.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to run a sewer line across the Carroll Campbell and Donald Crist property before the land owners grade their property.

A building permit in the amount of $5,000.00 was presented by Mr. Noel Frazier. This matter was turned over to Mr. Liskey to make a decision as to whether the request and amount are in order, and if so to issue the permit.

There was a discussion on the property on Terrace which burned and what could be done to get the property owner to clear the area. It was reported that the property owner had indicated that this would be done in the near future.

Mr. Workman reported that the checking of the substation had been completed by Carolina Transformer and that the station is in good condition for its age. The total cost of this project was $663.09.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to approve the Second Reading to contract with Carolina Transformers to do the work at the Substation at a cost of $663.09.

Mr. Workman reported on the meeting in Richmond in regards to the proposed rate increases by VEPCO.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO), from which this municipality purchases at wholesale its entire supply of electric energy, (VEPCO being presently our sole available source of such) which we then sell at retail to our citizens and customers, is also, already, such a successful competitor against us for retail industrial and other large customers (among other reasons, because VEPCO's retail rates to such customers are as low as or lower than the wholesale rates we have to pay VEPCO), that we virtually cannot compete with them;

AND WHEREAS VEPCO has now applied to the United States Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) for licensing of a huge atomic energy plant (North Anna Power Station Units 1 and 2, AEC Docket Nos. 50-338A and 50-339A) which will generate power to VEPCO's system much more cheaply than conventional fuel generation, therby worsening our competitive situation with VEPCO, unless we can ourselves obtain some source in fair amount of equivalent cost power;

AND WHEREAS it is essential and in the public interest that we study and investigate the possibilities, by intervening in said AEC proceedings or otherwise, of improving the economy and dependability of our bulk power supply, including, possibly, owning some atomic generation;

AND WHEREAS all the foregoing are found as facts:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT this municipality hereby joins with any other Virginia municipalities taking similar action, and specifically:

1) Authorizes a study and investigation of the foregoing, which may be conducted by a committee, however composed, of representatives of some or all Virginia municipalities purchasing electric power at wholesale from VEPCO, following which study and investigation, a report and recommendations shall be made back to this municipality for its consideration of further action; and

2) To defray the necessary costs of such preliminary investigation and study (which, in the aggregate, shall not exceed $1500.00), this municipality will pay its proportionate fair share of same, to be based upon the annual kilowatt hours purchases of this municipality from VEPCO as compared with such purchases by other Virginia municipalities participating in such preliminary study and investigation.

Mr. Liskey reported that he had not had the time to get with Chief Knott and check the signs but would do so as soon as possible.

Mr. McGahey, acting as spokesman for the Fire Company, invited the Mayor and Councilmen to ride in the Fireman's Parade Thursday evening at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Garber reported that he had received a call from Mr. Jim Chappell informing him of a Regional Board hearing set for Thursday June 17, 1971 in Staunton in regards to the Town's request for a FHA Loan and Grant. Mayor Garber asked that some of the councilmen plan to attend this hearing with him.

The appointing of two Planning Board members was deferred.

Mr. Harman reported that due to an increase in his work which was requiring him to be out ot town a great deal of the time, he had been unable to check into the Flood Control Insurance and asked that someone else be appointed to take over this project. Mayor Garber appointed Mr. R. E. Davis to handle this project.

Mr. McGahey reported that Martin, Clifford and Associates would probably have a report ready in a week or so in regards to the filtration system.

Mr. Garber reported that he had received a telegram the morning after the last council meeting from Donald A. Perry stating that they would be unable to attend the council meeting in regards to the Cable TV but would contact Mr. Garber later in the week but had not done so. Mr. Hillsman told the council that the franchise could be cancelled if the terms were not carried out as agreed upon.

There was a discussion in regards to the State Highway Department's offer of $1560.00 settlement for the dump property (this includes the $624.00 already received). Mr. Hillsman stated that he felt the cost to fight for a greater settlement would exceed anything we could get in excess of $1560.00. He also stated that he had discussed this with Mr. Charlie Smith and Mr. Norman Fitzwater and it was their opinion that we should accept the settlement of $1560.00.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman to accept the State Highway Departments offer of $1560.00 settlement for the dump property. The vote was as follows:

Mr. R. E. Davis-----yea	Mr. W. H. McGahey -----yea
Mr. R. G. Harman----yea	Mr. A. R. Thompson-----yea
Mr. E. O. Karow-----yea	Mr. H. A. Workman------abstained

Mayor Garber reported that Mr. Osbourne of the State Highway Department had contacted him in regards to raising the speed limit on Route 340 from the intersection at Babe's Amoco South to the town limits from 35 M.P.H. to 45 M.P.H. Chief Knott did not feel this should be increased due to the traffic in this area. This matter was turned over to the Police Committee.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to accept the following Elkton Volunteer Fire Company officers for the year 1971-72:

PRESIDENT----------Gerald Monger
VICE PRESIDENT----------Henry Leap
SECRETARY----------Wayne Hensley
TREASURER----------C. J. Davis
CHIEF----------Wayne Davis
ASSISTANT CHIEF----------Bert Fidler
CAPTAIN----------Lawrence Shifflett
SGT. AT ARMS----------Otis Lawson
1ST. LT.----------Ernest Berry
2ND. LT.----------Ray Monger
CHIEF HOSEMAN----------Denton Thompson
CHIEF PLUGMAN----------James Meadows
CHIEF TRUCK DRIVER----------Hensel Dean
ASS'T. CHIEF DRIVER----------Jeddy Hensley
CHAPLAIN----------Douglas Berry

Mayor Garber reported that he had received a letter from Mr. W. R. Meyer, Executive Secretary of the State Air Pollution Control Board stating that at a meeting of the State Air Pollution Control Board in Roanoke on May 20, 1971 the staff presented a progress report on efforts by the Town of Elkton to eliminate all open burning operations. Based on the advice of the Attorney General, who stated that variance procedures are more appropriate than control programs for open burning, the State Board directed the staff to schedule a variance hearing on this problem as soon as possible. Mr. Meyer stated that their Northern Area Representative, Mr. D. J. Gaston would contact Mr. Garber to select a mutually acceptable time and place for a public hearing on a variance.

Mayor Garber presented a letter from Mr. G. J. Levandoski asking that the town accept his resignation from the Board of Zoning Appeals, Town of Elkton effective May 20, 1971 as he will be leaving to move to Danville, Pa.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to accept Mr. G. J. Levandoski's resignation from the Board of Zoning Appeals effective May 20, 1971.

The appointment of a new member to this Board was tabled until the next meeting.

Mayor Garber read a letter from Councilman Rodney Harman in which Mr. Harman stated that due to his new job which requires that he be out of town quite a lot, he felt that in all fairness to the people of Elkton that he should resign his office as councilman and let the council appoint a new councilman who will be able to perform a full time job. Mr. Harman said that he was resigning with regret as it had been a pleasure to have been able to help with the improvement and betterment of our town.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to accept Mr. Harman's resignation from the Council with regrets.

A replacement for Mr. Harman was deferred until the next meeting.

Mr. Charlie Smith came before the council inquiring as to whether there are any restrictions for a funeral home in an R-II Residential Area. Mr. Liskey said there are none.

Mr. L. P. Hale reported that there is a hole which needs patching in front of his place of business on Spotswood Avenue. Mr. Liskey said he would take care of this matter.

As there was no further business, Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to adjourn.

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

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