REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
December 13, 1971

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held December 13, 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. E. O. Karow, Mr. H. A. Leet, Mr. W. H. McGahey, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. C. B. Knott, Chief of Police, Mr. Marvin Hillsman, Town Attorney, Mr. D. C. Liskey, Town Superintendent and Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Clerk were also present.

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

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting November 8, 1971.

Mr. Raymond Mowbray, representing the P.T.A., came before the council in regards to the fence along the N & W property in Memorial Park which is down. Mr. Mowbray was trying to find out who would be responsible for having the fence repaired. He said the fence seemed to be in good condition but just needed to be stapled back up in place. Mr. Liskey said he would look into this and if it did not require much work, the Maintenance Department could fix it but if it would cost too much to replace it, they would try to determine who would be responsible for this.

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

Mr. Karow reported that the Central Shenandoah Valley Police Academy will be attended by Patrolman Wallace Bradley at a cost of approximately $50.00.

Mr. Karow reported that the Police Committee had met in regards to the $1922.62 Federal Grant which the Town must match. The Committee felt the items most needed are a new Radar, New Car Radio and a Walkie Talkie.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to appropriate $1608.00 to purchase the new radio, radar and walkie talkie.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to purchase a new Plymouth Fury at a cost of $3,322.67 through the State Purchasing Department.

Mr. Karow brought to the council's attention that the Policemen's salaries are computed on a 48 hour work week basis and that the Police Committee felt this should be changed to a 40 hour a week basis.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet to amend the By-Laws of the Police Department, Paragraph 6 to read that the expected normal working week will be 40 hours rather than 48 hours. After some discussion as to what effect this will have on the budget, the motion was withdrawn to gather more information for the January meeting.

Mr. Knott reported that the roof over the portion leading to the jail is sagging so badly you can hardly get the door open. Mr. Liskey reported that he had done all he could do unless the council wanted to get a contractor in to do the job. Mr. Thompson's Committee was asked to work with Mr. Liskey on this problem and Mr. Liskey was asked to get some prices from several contractors.

Mr. McGahey reported that Martin, Clifford and Associates have been promising to have the prints for the Filtration System ready since around June and were contacted again November 30th. and promised to have them ready for the December meeting but they have not been received. Mr. McGahey said he was open for suggestions as to what he should do.

Mr. Liskey reported that he had been contacted by Mr. Bartch and something has to be done immediately.

Mayor Garber was asked to write to Martin, Clifford and Associates giving them a deadline or we will have to get someone else to do the job.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the Second Reading on the audit fee of $1285.00.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to purchase a heavy duty buffer from the Oxford Chemical Company at a cost of $186.60.

Mr. Thompson reported that he had received a request from one of the Cub Scout groups to use one of the rooms upstairs in the Municipal Building on Monday evenings to hold their meetings.

The Council asked Mr. Thompson to check to see if the Scout Hut is repaired and if not what is needed to make it usable, as they felt the Scouts should make use of this building for their meetings.

It was reported that Mr. Liskey has ordered storm windows for the Treasurer's Office. He also reported that the window in the library had been fixed.

Mr. Liskey reported that the State had inspected the streets and found them to be in good shape but that the bridge on Fifth Street has to be replaced. Mr. Liskey was asked to determine what weight bridge was needed and get some prices on the cost to replace this bridge.

Mr. Liskey gave a report on a proposed Garbage Fee in which the town would collect approximately $16,000 to $17,000 a year. The Council was asked to study this until after the first of the year.

Mr. R. E. Davis reported that the State Department of Highways are in the process of making a study of the two intersections which we had requested they make.

Mr. Hillsman reported that the advertising for bids on the Cable T.V. will be completed within the next week and bids can be heard at the next meeting.

Mr. R. E. Davis reported that he had talked with some of the property owners who would be involved in regards to flood insurance and they did not seem to be interested due to the restrictions involved. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. R. E. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to name the street running from the corner of Old Route 33 to the High School "Blue and Gold Drive".

Mayor Garber reported that he had attended a meeting this afternoon with the County in regards to Solid Waste Disposal. The six other towns in the county were also represented. Mayor Garber reported that the town has to file a report with the State Department of Health, Bureau of Solid Waste & Vector Control by the first of the year reporting in detail the plans of the Town concerning the matter of solid waste disposal. Mayor Garber said that the Council would have to decide if they plan to go with the county or if they think the town could afford the expense of a landfill operation.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to join the County on the Solid Waste Disposal Plan and Mayor Garber would notify the Virginia Department of Health.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to request the legislature to change Section 3 of the Town Charter to read as follows:

Section 3

(a) The said council shall be elected in the manner provided by law, as follows: at the regular municipal election to be held on the first Tuesday in May, nineteen hundred seventy-two, the mayor and three councilmen shall be elected. The mayor shall be elected for a term of two years and the councilmen shall be elected for terms of four years each. The council seats to be filled shall be those held by the three councilmen who are completing their terms of office in the year of the election. At the regular municipal election to be held on the first Tuesday in May, nineteen hundred seventy-four and every two years thereafter, three councilmen shall be elected for terms of four years each to fill the seats of the three councilmen who are completing their terms of office in that year. Terms of office shall begin on the first day of July next following their election. Each councilman and the mayor elected as hereinabove provided shall serve for the term stated or until his successor has been elected and qualified. The council shall be a continuing body, and no measure pending before such body shall abate or be discontinued by reason of expiration of term of office or removal of any of its members.

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