REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
April 12, 1971

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held April 12, 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. W. H. McGahey, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. R. G. Harman and Mr. E. O. Karow were absent. 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. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting March 8, 1971.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting March 18, 1971.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting April 2, 1971.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting April 7, 1971.

Mayor Garber introduced Mr. Knott, Chief of Police, to the citizens present at the meeting.

Mr. Leroy Leap, representing the Elkton Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad, came before the council asking that they consider placing a sign or having a sign placed by the state if they are the ones responsible, at the top of the hill on Route 340 North as you are leaving town informing the motorist to watch for turning vehicles. Mr. Leap informed the council that several accidents have occured at the intersection of Shenandoah Avenue and Route 340 and felt that many were due to the fact that motorist were distracted as they came over the hill by the activities going on in the park and often were not aware that so many vehicles made turns at the foot of the hill. This matter was turned over to the Police Committee.

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

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to advertise the 1969 Plymouth Police Car for sale by sealed bids to be opened at the May 10, 1971 Council Meeting, council reserving the right to refuse any and all bids.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to authorize the necessary remodeling at the Police Station at an approximate cost of $300.00 to be taken from the Public Safety Budget.

Mr. R. E. Davis asked that Mr. Schumacher of the Valley Banner stress in his paper that the Fifth Street parking lot is now available for use.

Mr. Davis also reported that the Annexation Committee have contacted two consultant firms and requested them to present quotes for a study on annexation for the Town.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to give Mr. Liskey permission to remove the fence at the Reservoir and Spring after they are covered and to place "No Trespassing" signs at the edge of the Town's property; this to be done only after checking with the State Health Department to receive an okay to remove the fences.

There was a discussion about the bills on the new Elementary School and what account these should be paid from. This matter was left to the Finance Committee.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to give Mr. Liskey permission to allow anyone purchasing electricity and water from the town to use the town dump. Mr. Liskey is the one who is to handle all matters regarding the dump.

Mr. Liskey reported that the Recreation Commission had asked that the town help with the installation of ten additional lights which will be needed at the Ball Park on the Jr. Order property which is being used by the Little

League. Mr. Liskey reported that this would require a new transformer.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to turn this matter over to the Electric Committee and Mr. Liskey.

Mr. Liskey presented the following quotes on a heavy duty fiber glass door for the Maintenance Department:

Pike Cabinet Shop	$470.00
Overhead Door Co. of Harrisonburg	$305.00

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to purchase a heavy duty fiber glass door for the Maintenance Department from the Overhead Door Company of Harrisonburg at a cost of $305.00.

Mr. Liskey reported that he had received a map from Mr. Frank Evans of the State Highway Department which have the streets on which the Town is receiving upkeep grant payments marked. As additional streets are added they are marked in different colors.

There was a discussion in regards to the buildings in the downtown area which were destroyed by fire and the necessity to get this area cleaned up. Mr. Hillsman stated that he had not had a chance to look into this situation and that he would need something definate from the State Fire Marshall.

Mr. Workman reported on the meeting he attended in Richmond in regards to Flood Control and Insurance. He reported that in order for our area to be eligible for Flood Insurance the council must pass a resolution to have a study made of the area.

Mr. R. E. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to defer any action on the flood control resolution until the next meeting. This would allow the council to study this matter further.

Mr. Workman reported that the Municipal Electric Association of Virginia would meet at Radford, Virginia April 14th., 15th., and 16th. Mr. Liskey and Mr. Workman plan to attend this meeting.

Mr. Garber reported that Mr. Harman had asked him to contact the State about sweeping Route 340 and 33 for the Town Cleanup Week in May. Mayor Garber stated that he had written the State but had not received a reply.

There was a discussion in regards to who was in charge of the Janitor and what his working hours were suppose to be. Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried that the Chief of Police be in charge of the Janitor and that the Chief, along with Mrs. Leap, set up the Janitor's work schedule. He will work the same hours as the Maintenance Department.

Mayor Garber read a letter from Mrs. Margaret LaConia who operates the shop "Styles Unlimited". Mrs. LaConia requested that the area in front of her shop be marked for two hour parking. This matter was turned over to the Police Committee.

Mr. Garber read a letter from Mrs. Neil Hillsman of the Blue Ridge Garden Club in regards to the project they had undertaken to plant shurbs and plants on the triangle property of the town which borders Rockingham Street and Spotswood Trail. As so many things have worked against this project, the Garden Club has found it necessary to give it up.

There was a discussion on the vacanies on the Planning Commission. Mayor Garber stated that he had checked into the length of the terms of office on this Commission and found that there was no time limit set on the term of office.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to appoint Mr. Joseph A. Leap as a member of the Elkton Planning Commission.

As there was no further business, Mr. W. H. McGahey 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