REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
May 12, 1975

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held Monday, May 12, 1975 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the Mayor, H. Ditman Flory presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. Randal R. Dean, Mr. Harold A. Leet, Mr. Robert J. Lough, Mr. William H. McGahey and Mr. Ward P. Suiter. Mr. Charles E. Dean was absent. Mr. Charles W. Hammer, Chief of Police, Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Clerk, Mr. Gerald K. Monger, Town Superintendent and Mr. R. Bruce Wiles, Town Attorney were also present.

Mr. Randal R. Dean opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting April 14, 1975.

Mr. B. W. Gooden was present in regards to the alley between Warren Avenue and Terrace Avenue which has been closed to through traffic between 6:00 and 12:00 for loading purposes. Mr. Gooden feels this is causing him problems by blocking the North end of the alley for long periods of time. He also felt this had depreciated his property. He asked council to reopen the alley and to limit loading to fifteen minutes. If more time is needed special permits should be requested from Chief Hammer. He asked that trucks not be allowed to park in the alley for long periods unoccupied.

Mayor Flory stated that the alley is not closed and that trucks are sitting there for loading purposes and that a vehicle can get by them.

Mr. R. R. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried to check into the situation between now and the next meeting and see if something can be worked out.

Mr. Gooden, on behalf of his wife Carolyn, who is President of the Woman's Club, invited the Mayor, Councilmen and their wives to the Open House in the Library Sunday.

Gerald Monger reported that an ordinance regarding erosion and sediment will have to be adopted by July 1, 1975.

Mr. Monger also reported that the Grace Baptist Church on Spotswood Trail has refused to pay a garbage pickup fee. There is a fine for not paying. Mr. Monger was asked to write informing the church of the penalty for not paying.

Mr. W. P. Suiter reported that the Fossil Fuel for May is $9.37 per thousand KWH.

There was a discussion regarding appropriating more money for demand meters. Mr. Suiter stated this could be taken care of later if necessary.

Mr. Suiter reported that the electrical code for underground service has not been completed.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried unanimously to approve the Finance Report.

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough to approve the First Reading for payment of $1237.50 to Mr. Gary Green for services on the new electric rates study. The vote was recorded as follows:

R. Dean - yea	W. McGahey - yea
H. Leet - yea	W. Suiter - yea
R. Lough - yea	

Mr. Lough commended Mayor Flory, Mr. Monger and Mrs. Leap for a job well done on the $12,600.00 grant received on the North Avenue Sewer Project.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean to deposit $9,000.00 of the grant money in the General Fund and $3,600.00 in the Town of Elkton Water and Sewer Account.

Mr. Wiles questioned whether the money has to be applied to the project for which it was granted.

Mr. Dean withdrew his second and Mr. Lough his motion.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to deposit the $12,600.00 grant in the Town of Elkton Water and Sewer Account until such time as the council can determine for what purpose it can be used.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to suspend the $550.00 a month deposit which is being made to the Town of Elkton Water and Sewer Account from the General Fund until a decision is made on how the $12,600.00 will be used.

Mr. Monger reported that he had contacted Mr. Bridgers of the Norfolk and Western Railway regarding placing the telephone booth from the triangle on the parking lot on Terrace Avenue and about removing the loading ramp on this lot. Mr. Bridgers requested a map and it has been sent but no answer has been received.

Mr. R. R. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough to pay Rockingham Concrete Products $200.00 for the pipe for C Street. The vote was recorded as follows:

R. Dean	- yea	W. McGahey	- yea
H. Leet	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea
R. Lough	- yea		

Mr. R. R. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey to approve the payment of $202.50 for backhoe work done by Owlen Mowbray. The vote was recorded as follows:

R. Dean	- yea	W. McGahey	- yea
H. Leet	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea
R. Lough	- yea		

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean to approve the payment of $132.75 to Welty C. Cline for pumping the wet well pit at the Sewer Plant. The vote was recorded as follows:

R. Dean	- yea	W. McGahey	- yea
H. Leet	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea
R. Lough	- yea		

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter to approve the payment of $390.25 to Oxford Chemicals for sewer compound. The vote was recorded as follows:

R. Dean	- yea	W. McGahey	- yea
H. Leet	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea
R. Lough	- yea		

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey to authorize the purchasing of two 4" check valves at a cost of $320.66. The vote was recorded as follows:

R. Dean	- yea	W. McGahey	- yea
H. Leet	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea
R. Lough	- yea		

The final bill from Arthur Beard Engineers in the amount of $4,403.20 has been received. Mr. McGahey suggested that no action on approving the bill be taken until after the Public Hearing.

After some discussion it was decided to hold up on installing the inflow-outflow meter.

The Finance Committee will review the delinquent accounts before deciding on whether to take legal action to collect these accounts.

Mr. Wiles reported that an exception has been made regarding the Conflict of Interest law. Effective June 1, 1975 a governmental Agency can do business with a councilman in an amount up to $10,000.00 if transacted in an open meeting.

Mayor Flory reported that a man had come down and checked our Substation and that he felt we have enough insurance coverage.

It was reported that the Town's purposal for a second source of power to the Sewer Plant has been sent in to the State Water Control Board for their approval.

Mayor Flory reported that he had authorized Mrs. Norma Leap to send $148.00 to R. Loring Cover Insurance Agency for flood insurance on the North Avenue Sewer Station. This is a requirement when accepting the $12,600.00 grant.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet to approve the payment of $148.00 to R. Loring Cover Insurance Agency for flood insurance on the North Avenue Pumping Station. The vote was recorded as follows:

R. Dean	- yea	W. McGahey	- yea
H. Leet	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea
R. Lough	- yea		

Mr. Monger reported he had contacted the State Highway Department regarding the cleaning of Elk Run Creek and they said the Town would have to stand the expense of cleaning the creek as it is not on the State right-of-way. It was suggested that Mr. Monger contact the Army Corp. of Engineers to see if they might help with this project.

Mayor Flory reported on a luncheon to be held June 5, 1975 at 12:30 P.M. to give local officials the opportunity to meet and discuss their problems with their congressional delegates. Mayor Flory ask that those wanting to attend please notify him and he would send their name in.

As there was no further business, Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough and carried to adjourn.

MAYOR: H. Ditman Flory Mayor
H. Ditman Flory, Mayor

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