REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
April 14, 1975

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held Monday, April 14, 1975 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the Mayor, H. Ditman Flory presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. Charles E. Dean, Mr. Randal R. Dean, Mr. Harold A. Leet, Mr. William H. McGahey and Mr. Ward P. Suiter. Mr. R. J. Lough 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. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting March 10, 1975.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting March 12, 1975.

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting March 31, 1975.

Mrs. Garrett, teacher of the Distributive Education Classes at Elkton High School, was present in regards to the Bi-centennial Project her classes are involved with. The theme of their project is "Come Home to Virginia" and they have contacted the Virginia Landmark Commission and they are willing to place a landmark in front of the Adam Miller property at a cost of approximately $500.00. Mrs. Garrett asked the council's support in this worthy project. Mayor Flory stated that he felt the council will be able to help but would not know to what extent until after the budget is set for next year.

Mr. R. Loring Cover was present to explain and answer questions regarding internal insurance coverage on the Sub Station. The cost of this insurance would be $869.00 for three years coverage on the Reclosures and Regulators. The cost for $100,000.00 Liability on the Transformers would be $522.00 for three years.

There was some question as to what would be considered damage by accident and what would be considered normal wear on the equipment.

Mr. McGahey suggested that the council have Mr. Cover have the Sub Station inspected to see if we qualify for this insurance, submit proposals on the insurance and definitions explaining what would be covered and under what conditions.

Mr. Gerald Monger reported that the council should start watching the Safe Drinking Water Act as he feels this is going to affect the town in the near future and that the possibility of the town having to set up its' own laboratory is pretty strong.

Mr. Ward Suiter reported that the fossil fuel adjustment for April is down to $11.17 per thousand kwh.

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey to approve the Second Reading to pay Carolina Transformer Co., Inc. $813.70 for the repairs at the Sub Station. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. Ward P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean to approve the Second Reading of the following ordinance repealing Sections 9-21, 9-22, and 9-23 of the Code of the Town of Elkton, Virginia:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 9-21, 9-22, and 9-23 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ELKTON, VIRGINIA

Be it ordained and enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Elkton, Virginia, that Section 9-21 (Deposit required of prospective consumers; refunds of deposits); Section 9-22 (When meters read and bills paid; penalty, etc., for failure to pay bill); and Section 9-23 (Reconnection of service after disconnection for failure to pay bill), Be, and they are, hereby repealed.

The vote was recorded as follows:

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

There was some discussion regarding the requirement by the State Water Control Board saying that the town must have a second source of power at the sewer plant. Vepco has agreed to furnish the second source of power at $45.00 a month and the town will have to pay to run the line across the river.

Mr. Suiter suggested that the State Water Control Board be contacted to see if Vepco's proposal meets with their approval before taking any action. Mr. Monger was asked to take care of this matter.

The contract has been signed for the doors at the Fire Hall. Mr. Monger was asked to run an advertisement for bids on the old doors with a right to refuse clause.

Mr. Suiter again pointed out that nothing has been done on the last property leased from the N. & W. Railway Co. and that with pretty weather coming along something should be started.

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey to approve $364.03 for supplies purchased from Piedmont Electric. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mayor Flory reported that Mr. Lough has asked that he express his appreciation for the flowers sent to him by the town.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried unanimously to approve the Finance Report.

Mr. Wiles was asked to check into the necessary steps to collect deliquent taxes.

Mr. C. E. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter to approve the Second Reading to amend Section 2-21 of the Code of the Town of Elkton, Virginia: Appointment of Standing Committees to read as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-21 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ELKTON, VIRGINIA: APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Be it ordained and enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Elkton, Virginia, that Section 2-21 of the Code of the Town of Elkton, Virginia --Appointment of Standing Committees--be amended by adding the following standing committee:

COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. C. E. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet to approve $332.80 for tires for the garbage truck purchased from Glenn Shomo. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

It was reported that the telephone company will move the telephone booth from the triangle down in town at any time but they will need to know what location has been chosen to move it to. Mr. C. E. Dean was asked to take care of this matter.

Mr. Randal Dean reported that Elk Run creek behind the Farmer's & Merchants' Bank between the two bridges needs to be cleaned out badly. Mr. Monger was asked to check into this matter.

Mr. Hershall Lam had voiced a complaint in regards to the sewer line crossing the creek. The elevation of the line prevents the water to drain well. Mr. Monger was asked to look into this problem.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean to approve $448.00 for the purchase of chlorine from Suffolk Chemical. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean to approve $184.00 for the purchase of hypochlorite from Suffolk Chemical. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey to approve the payment of $283.50 to Owlen Mowbray for water repairs. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

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Mr. Leet reported that the truck on which there had been discussion of replacing has been repaired to the extent of getting it inspected but that it is not in good condition. He feels that the council should consider setting money aside in the budget for next year to replace this truck.

Mr. C. E. Dean asked if any progress has been made regarding the removal of sand from the town water system. Mr. Leet reported that this has been turned over to Gary Nickerson to come up with a proposal.

Mayor Flory reported that the State Water Control Board has endorsed our North Avenue Sewer Program on which we are applying for a reimbursement grant from the Environmental Portection Agency and we are eligible. Mayor Flory has received a letter from Congressman J. Kenneth Robinson stating that we are not likely to receive 100% of the request but would probably receive 50% of the project reimbursement claim.

As there was no further business, Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean and carried to adjourn.

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

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