REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
November 10, 1975

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held Monday, November 10, 1975 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the Mayor, H. Ditman Flory presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. C. E. Dean, Mr. R. R. Dean, Mr. H. A. Leet, Mr. R. J. Lough and Mr. W. P. Suiter. Mr. W. H. McGahey was absent. Mr. William Greber, Patrolman, Mrs. Norma Leap, Clerk, Mr. Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Mr. R. Bruce Wiles, Town Attorney were also present.

Mr. C. E. Dean opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean and carried to approve the minutes as presented of the regular meeting October 13, 1975.

Mr. Gerald Monger reported that we now have a carpenter working under the Public Service Employment program and he needed to know how much work the council wanted done and available funds for materials. The back porch of the Municipal Building is in bad need of repairs and he needed to know if the council wanted to replace the floor or just repair it. After some discussion Mayor Flory appointed the following committee to look over the Town properties to see what repairs are needed and set up a priority list:

Ward Suiter, Chairman
Robert Lough, Vice Chairman
Randal Dean

Mr. Monger said a decision was needed regarding the porch before the committee left after the meeting.

Mr. Monger submitted a request by the Fire Company to erect a flag pole in front of the Fire Hall in memory of Avis Burke. The pole will be mounted on a two foot cement base.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried to give the Fire Company permission to erect a flag pole with a base not to extend more than two feet on the sidewalk.

Mr. Monger reported that the total cost to purchase material, remove lines and replace poles for the T.V. cable will be approximately $6,790.00. The cablevision company feels the Town should share in the cost. Mr. Lough stated he didn't feel the Town should pay anything. Mayor Flory turned the matter over to the Finance Committee to check into and bring back recommendations to the council. Mr. Suiter suggested the Town maybe could cooperate in a small way by using our own people to furnish some of the labor.

Mr. Monger reported that it would cost approximately $10,037.39 to run 1000 feet of eight inch water line from Elkwood Subdivision to the intersection of North and Jackson Avenue to furnish Elkwood with water. There was some discussion regarding whether to run this line yet or wait until houses are built in the subdivision.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet to approve the First Reading to appropriate $9,000.00 for material and necessary labor for the extension and improvements of water and sewer lines to connect with the Elkwood Subdivision. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	R. Lough	- yea
R. Dean	- abstain	W. Suiter	- yea
H. Leet	- yea		

Mr. Monger presented maps and a purposed resolution which the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation would like the Town to adopt regarding the realignment of the Federal-Aid Highways Systems in Virginia by July 1, 1976 on the basis of their anticipated functional usage. He had suggested to the State Highway Department and they agreed to the changing of the map regarding Rockingham Street coming under the Federal System to connect Route 340 with the State Routes which intersect at Cook's Store to using part of North Avenue and Spotswood Avenue.

Mayor Flory felt the council should not take any action until our attorney has a chance to look into this matter.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

> BE IT RESOLVED that, the Elkton Town Council concurs with the "1985 Highway Functional Classification" and "Realigned Federal-Aid Highway Systems" for the Town of Elkton as developed by the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation, pending consideration of the following: changing from Rockingham Street to Spotswood Avenue and part of North Avenue.

Mr. Suiter reported that fossil fuel will be $9.44 per thousand kwh for November.

Mr. Suiter brought to the council's attention that about the turn of the year it had been brought before the council that one of the trucks was in bad shape and they discussed purchasing a new truck for the Electric Department and giving the pickup Homer uses to the Water and Sewer Department. At the time council decided against a new truck. When the new truck was put into the Revenue Sharing Budget for this year, Mr. Suiter overlooked the fact it was earmarked for the Water and Sewer Department. He felt the council should consider the fact that the Electric Department is the backbone of the Town and they need a dependable vehicle. The pickup in the Electric Department has quite a bit of mileage on it and he felt the new truck should go to the Electric Department and their old truck go to the Water and Sewer Department. Mr. Monger stated that the Water and Sewer Department are now using a truck more due to the increased samples and reports required. Mr. Lough and the Mayor pointed out that this was a decision to be made by the Town Superintendent as to where the truck is needed more.

Mr. Lough asked how the Town is progressing with the electric in the Elkwood Subdivision. Mayor Flory said they are working on it but he has no report at present.

Mr. Leet inquired into the status of our grant request. Mayor Flory reported that he has received a letter of approval from Mr. E. R. Simmons, Director, Division of Construction Grants and that the application will now go to Philadelphia.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean and carried to approve the Finance Report for October.

Mr. Lough suggested setting up a separate account for water and sewer connection fees paid by Elkwood Subdivision and that expenses on the water and sewer lines be paid from this account.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried that as water and sewer deposits are made from Elkwood that a separate bank account entitled Town of Elkton, Inc. Elkwood Subdivision Account be established and that expenditures on this project be paid from this account.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried to approve the First Reading to approve payment to Bosserman, Alt, James & Stickley in the amount of $1,965.00 for the audit. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. Charles Dean ask the council to consider amending Section 26-16. of the Town Code to allow the Town Superintendent to set the schedule for collecting garbage. Mr. Monger reported that they have been finishing early on Thursday with the businesses and that the change would allow him to pick up one area of residential garbage on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. C. E. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter to approve the First Reading to amend Section 26-16. to allow the Town Superintendent to set the schedule for collecting garbage.

There was some discussion regarding the change not having anything establishing that garbage will be collected each week.

Mr. Leroy Leap suggested that as it appeared to be a scheduling problem that Mr. Monger come up with a new schedule and this be incorporated into the ordinance. He pointed out that where we now have a responsible Town Superintendent, that should Mr. Monger leave the Town may not be as fortunate later.

Mr. C. E. Dean withdrew his motion and Mr. W. P. Suiter his second.

The council gave Mr. Monger permission to set up a new schedule and to try it out, after notifing the citizens affected of the change. The ordinance can be amended later after a working schedule is found.

Mayor Flory ask Mr. Charles Dean to have the Ordinance Committee consider adopting an ordinance to coincide with State Statues that adjoining property owners pay half when improvements are made to eliminate water problems.

Mayor Flory requested Mr. Suiter to work with Mr. C. E. Dean in drawing up an ordinance to automatically increase or decrease our electric rates according to our charge from VEPCO.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter to authorize Vice Mayor McGahey to sign the agreement with the N & W Railroad for rental on the land across from the Town offices on Terrace Avenue at a cost of $120.00 a year. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mayor Flory reported that eight of the ten positions under the Public Service Employment Program have been filled. A civil engineer and lineman-electrician are still needed.

Mr. Leroy Leap had asked Mayor Flory to express the appreciation of the Elkton Community Parks and Recreation Commission for the Town's help in securing a position under the Public Service Employment Program and providing them with office space.

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough and carried to go into Executive Session for the following specified purposes:

(1) Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of public officers, appointees or employees of any public body.

(2) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members, consultants or attorneys, pertaining to pending litigation, or legal matters within the jurisdiction of the public body, including legal documents.

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough and carried unanimously to go from Executive Session back into Regular Session.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried unanimously that due to a recent ruling by the State Water Control Board requiring three samples of water and waste water tests a day the Town increase the compensation from three to four hours a day on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays at time-and-a-half.

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough and carried that the title of Co-Superintendent be abolished.

Mr. R. R. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean and carried to adjourn.

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

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