PUBLIC HEARING
AND
SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING
June 23, 1975

A Public Hearing on the 1975-76 Budget and 1975-76 Revenue Sharing Budget was held Monday, June 23, 1975 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers. A representative from the Valley Banner and one from the Daily News-Record were present. As there were no citizens present to question the budget the Mayor, H. Ditman Flory closed the Public Hearing at 7:45 P.M. and called the Special Council Meeting to order. The following council members were present: Mr. C. E. Dean, Mr. R. E. Dean, Mr. H. A. Leet, Mr. R. J. Lough, Mr. W. H. McGahey and Mr. W. P. Suiter. Mr. Gerald Monger, Town Superintendent, Mr. R. Bruce Wiles, Town Attorney and Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Town Clerk were also present.

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

Mr. R. J. Lough reviewed the 1975-76 Budget.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean that the 1975-76 Budget be adopted as presented. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet to approve the First Reading to appropriate the money for the items enumerated in the 1975-76 Budget. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. R. J. Lough reviewed the 1975-76 Revenue Sharing Budget.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter to adopt the 1975-76 Revenue Sharing Budget as presented. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey to approve the First Reading to appropriate the money derived from the Revenue Sharing as enumerated in the 1975-76 Budget. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter that the town retain their present tax rate of $0.75 on each $100.00 of assessed value on the Real Estate and Personal Property for this fiscal year. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mayor Flory reported that the Town has received the final payment in the amount of $4,797.73 from the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration for damages to town property caused by the October 1972 storm. With this payment the Town has been reimbursed a total of $8,213.23.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter to deposit the check for $4,797.73 for flood damage in the Town of Elkton General Fund as this is where the money was taken from to pay for repairing the damages. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. C. E. Dean reminded council that the Town must adopt an erosion and conservation ordinance by July 1, 1975, and if they would want to do so, they could adopt Rockingham County's plan which would be enforced by the County.

Mr. C. E. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough and carried unanimously to adopt Rockingham County's Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook.

Mr. R. J. Lough presented the following proposals from the Virginia National Bank and the Farmers and Merchants Bank regarding consolidating the Town's indebtness:

Virginia National Bank

Will refinance notes totaling $89,000.00 amortized over a ten year period with an annual rate of 5¼%.

Farmers and Merchants Bank

A rate of 5.45% per annum on approximately $89,000.00 borrowings. Payments on this obligation will be $1,000.00 per month including principle and interest, each of which payment shall first be applied to the interest currently due on said debt and the remainder of which shall be applied as a credit on the principle of said debt until said principle and interest shall have been fully paid. The bank will also be compensated with an additional depository account in regard to this loan.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved to accept the Virginia National Bank's proposal to refinance the Town's indebtness of $89,000.00 and to transfer all the sinking funds, with the exception of the Elkton Electric System Funds, into one account to pay off this loan.

Mr. Suiter questioned the interest costs and Mr. Lough withdrew his motion. Mr. Lough stated he was sure the interest would reduce as the principal was reduced but would have Mr. Fitzwater present a schedule before the Second Reading would be taken.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean to approve the First Reading to accept the Virginia National Bank's proposal to consolidate and refinance the Town's indebtness of $89,000.00 at 5¼% simple interest to be repaid over a ten year period. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. Wiles reported on the question regarding the Town having to pay operational costs to the County for use of the landfill. After checking into this, Mr. Wiles' feels the County can charge operational cost on a percentage per population basis. He also reported on the question regarding overtime for policemen and firemen. There is an exemption if you have fewer than five working. This would not pertain to the Town as we have seven employed in the Police Department and the Fire Department is volunteer.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried to adjourn.

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

RECORDER: Norma R Leap
Norma R. Leap, Clerk