REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
December 11, 1978

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held December 11, 1978 at 8:00 P.M. with the Mayor, Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: S. P. H. Flick, R. R. Dean, H. D. Flory, B. B. Holt, L. C. Life and C. A. Schumacher. Charles Lawhorne, Chief of Police, Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Bruce Wiles, Attorney were also present.

The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag.

Mrs. Hester Cubbage was present to ask how she was to go about getting a mailing address so her mail would be delivered to her home. Councilman Flick explained that the council has named the alley running along her property as requested by the Post Office and she will have to go to Mr. Shuler at the Post Office to receive a street number.

Mr. Jim Mooney of the Moody-Bernstein Co., operating under a subsidiary called The Bernstein Group, Inc., out of Columbus, Ohio was present. This company builds apartments in rural communities of 20,000 or less through the Farmers Home Administration. The community of Elkton was suggested to Mr. Mooney by Mr. Brown, the District Director of the FmHA, in Harrisonburg, Va. Mr. Mooney has looked over the community and has found two sites which possibly would be suitable. He does not know at this point if the sites are available. His purpose for attending the council meeting was two fold. One, to introduce this to the town council and second, to review with council an insert from the FmHA manual, and some of the projects they are now engaged in. They are anticipating, if ground can be found in the amount of 4 to 5 acres, to build from 40 to 60 units, with 60% being two bedroom, 40% one bedroom apartments. The FmHA will require Mr. Mooney's group to obtain a letter from the town granting permission to hook on to the town water and sewer system and stating what zoning is in the area. Mr. Mooney does not need this letter until he finds a site of ground to build on. At this point he would need the letter from council plus another from the Zoning Committee stating the zoning has been approved if it isn't properly zoned now.

Councilman Holt moved, seconded by Councilman R. R. Dean and carried to approve the minutes of the November 13th. regular meeting and the December 1st. and 4th. special meetings.

Councilman Holt reported on the questions raised at the December 4th. special meeting, which he was unable to attend due to illness, regarding the money alloted in the Revenue Sharing Money for the Police Department Communications. He felt the principal question was had this been budgeted. Councilman Holt explained that when both these programs were created it was done so with the understanding that they would be paid for out of Revenue Sharing. There are two programs. One is the Telecopier. The need for the telecopier was generated by the fact that all the magistrates are located in Harrisonburg and it was found necessary to strip the town of police protection in order to take a person to Harrisonburg when arrested to be placed in jail. This telecopier allows the officers to send the information to the magistrate, a warrant is sent back and as we have reactivated our lockup we do not have to leave the town unprotected by going to Harrisonburg. This program has saved the town money. The telex system links our police department with the state police, the federal authorities, the criminal data bank, the county, and police systems all over the country and has provided a rapid source of information. Councilman Holt felt another important aspect, at least to him, was that every man who works on a police department likes to feel he is working with a cracker jack outfit and the fact that the town has this telex and the other equipment has helped morale and helped keep the personnel we have.

Councilman Holt went on to explain that the Police Department is ahead of budget but that they have some problems coming up which may make it necessary to spend these savings. The PSE Program has changed and we have lost the full time police officer. It may be necessary within the near future to employ another full time officer.

Mr. Wiles reported that in regards to the acquisition of land for the sewerage treatment plant, this should come before the courts on the 18th. of this month.

Councilman Schumacher reported that Mr. Wiles found a technicality which kept the town from having a vote on the electric refund money and as there is a motion on the books to have the vote, he felt council should make a motion to reconsider this.

Councilman C. A. Schumacher moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to reconsider the motion made last month regarding a vote on the refund of electric funds. The vote was recorded as follows:

R. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
S. Flick	- yea	L. Life	- yea
D. Flory	- yea	C. Schumacher	- yea

Councilman C. A. Schumacher moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to nullify the motion made at the regular meeting November 13, 1978 regarding having a vote on the refund of electric funds. The vote was recorded as follows:

R. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
S. Flick	- yea	L. Life	- yea
D. Flory	- yea	C. Schumacher	- yea

Councilman Schumacher reported that the money will be refunded to all the consumers who paid money in during this period of time. A voucher will be sent out to those due refunds which will give them a credit on their electric bill when presented and signed at the Treasurer's Office.

Councilman Flick reported that he has received the following requests since the last regular meeting:

Lloyd and Irma Winegard	-	ruts in alley
Mrs. Tina Clark	-	ruts in alley
Stanley and Hazel Crider	-	drainage problem
Dave and Sandy Loker	-	drainage (Elkwood)

Councilman Flick stated that Mr. Monger has assured him that the Winegard, Clark and Loker problems have been taken care of and that he hopes in the near future to install a drainage pipe that will help the Crider problem.

Councilman Flick also reported that Mrs. J. C. Black has ask to be contacted before any concrete work is done on her sidewalk and drainage problem. A bid on the "F" Street job was to have been received within the last few weeks but has not been received.

Councilwoman Life gave the following report:

> The litter program was accepted by the Department of Conservation and we have received our money of $475.00 for this program. This program will coincide with the Clean-Up Week in May.
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> A report was given on a letter from the Virginia Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services. The letter ask for the council to submit the names of three to five people who might be chosen to serve on Governor Dalton's Library Conference in March and from these persons perhaps someone might be chosen to serve on the National Conference at the White House. Four names have been submitted and Councilwoman Life is waiting to hear from this.
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> The letters concerning the shrubbery safety hazards have gone out and the people in violation have until January 15th.
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> Garbage collection is doing better.
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> Councilwoman Life attended the Recreation Commission meeting. The CETA funding for a Recreation Coordinator does not look good. Skating was better last week and the other programs are going. The following are the names of those serving on the Recreation Commission for 1979.
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> 1. Bill Crump, Vice Chairman
> 2. John Edmondson
> 3. Betty Flory, Secretary
> 4. B. W. Gooden

5. Henry Leap, Treasurer
6. Leroy Leap, Chairman
7. Linda Life
8. Gerald Monger
9. Randall Snow

Men's basketball has started, mixed volley ball has started, roller skating is going better and boy's basketball has started. Bridge is open to anyone at 7:00 P.M. on Monday nights and roller skating on Monday nights at 7:00 P.M.

There is a backstop which needs to be completed. A grader or frontend loader, along with labor for about four hours, will be needed to complete this project. Mr. Monger has been asked to help with this.

Mr. Monger reported that Rockingham County has requested the use of the Community Hall every Wednesday in January. They plan to sponsor Disco Dance Lessons for adults.

Councilman R. R. Dean moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the Finance Report for November.

Mayor Dean suggested we may wish to consider a maintenance contract on the NCR machine. The machine was down for three days this month. When you do not have a contract you don't get as quick a service. Councilman Schumacher suggested we may want to consider individuals in the area who do electronic repairs or firms in the area. Councilman Dean was ask to check on this.

Councilman Holt reported that the full Planning Commission has met and essentially approved the Land Use Plan although final action has not been taken. They are going into some more stages of the Comprehensive Plan and are working very nicely on getting it on the way. When this plan does go through the town is going to have to revise the zoning ordinances. The Comprehensive Plan probably will not come to council before February or March.

Mayor Dean reported he was in contact with Mack Jones over the weekend and he will not be back to council before the January meeting and possibly the February meeting.

Councilwoman Life and Councilman Holt commended Councilman Schumacher on his letter in the Daily News-Record regarding the utility services for the purposed shopping center.

Mrs. Leap reported that the Street Maintenance Funds for 1977-78 have been audited and were in order.

Mr. Monger reported that he had received a call regarding the line truck which the town had bid $2,200.00 on about eight months ago. The bid had been awarded to someone else but they did not take the truck and it is still available. Some of the money which he had planned to use to purchase this truck has been spent and there is only about $745.00 available. Mr. Monger was requested to check the truck again and if it still seems to be a good deal the town will get the money together to purchase it.

Mayor Dean expressed the town's thanks for the flag presented by the Jaycees.

As there was no further business, Councilman R. R. Dean moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to adjourn.

MAYOR: Charles E. Dean
Charles E. Dean, Mayor

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