PUBLIC HEARING
June 9, 1980

A Public Hearing was held June 9, 1980 at 7:00 P.M. on the Proposed 1980-81 Budget with the Mayor, Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: R. R. Dean, S. P. H. Flick, H. D. Flory, L. C. Life and C. A. Schumacher. Charles Lawhorne, Chief of Police, Norma Leap, Clerk and Gerald Monger, Superintendent were also present.

Mrs. Alice Lough of 103 Jackson Avenue came before council regarding two items. She noted that she came before council last year in regards to these same items, the money being spent in the police department and the request for some to be given to the drainage situation on East Spotswood Avenue. She wanted to know if the amount designated in the Sewer Budget was for the wastewater treatment plant. Mrs. Lough stated she felt that some consideration should be given to these people and funds start being set aside to correct this problem.

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Councilman Flory stated that he was in sympathy with these people and their problem but that the town is limited in their funding, this is a massive undertaking and it is a matter of priorities. The sewer problem on the lower end of town involves sewage where the people on East Spotswood's problem involves drainage water. Council feels that the problem on the lower end of town is more serious and this is where they are concentrating their efforts at this point. Money was set aside in the last Revenue Sharing Budget to be used on this project and they hope to be able to set aside more this year. Maybe the next council will be able to undertake the project on East Spotswood Avenue next. Councilwoman Life stated that it was a unanamious decision by council that the problem in the lower end of town should be considered first on the priority list.

Mr. Wayne Davis, Chief of the Fire Company and Rescue Squad came before council on behalf of the Elkton Fire Company and Rescue Squad. He stated that last year they had requested council to paint the fire hall and lower the ceiling to help conserve energy. The painting has been done and he wanted to know if council plans to lower the ceiling this year. Councilman Dean stated that if they could, but was not sure monies would be available this year. Mr. Davis also pointed out the need for a generator when the town is without current. When the current is off the Fire Company and Rescue Squad cannot use their radios, alarm system, etc. The Police Department is without lights and communications also, as well as the Maintenance Department. Mr. Davis did not know what this would cost but he urged council to give it serious consideration.

Mrs. Shirley O'Byrne stated that she had heard something on the radio regarding VEPCO overcharging on electric and that there would be a rebate. Elkton was one of the municipalities mentioned and she wondered if council had received any information on this. Councilman Schumacher stated that there is a suit pending thru ElectriCities but it will be another year before this is settled. The town has not received any word from VEPCO. Mrs. O'Byrne stated she felt that it was something that should be checked into. Councilman Flory stated he had heard something on the radio also and that they would be calling to get information on this. He felt that often times the figures given can be misleading and not necessarily the rate that would be returned to the town.

As there was no further discussion, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

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

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