SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING
October 20, 1980

A special meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held October 20, 1980 at 7:30 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor Maurice W. Lough presiding. The following council members were present: F. A. Bennett, V. L. Cook, Jr., S. P. H. Flick, L. C. Life, C. A. Schumacher and R. L. Snow. Norma Leap, Clerk and Bruce Wiles, Attorney were also present.

Councilwoman Life presented a resolution which would need to be passed to apply for a litter grant for the next grant period. The amount of the grant will be $475.00.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman V. L. Cook Jr. and carried to adopt the following resolution:

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Elkton Town Council recognizes the existence of a litter problem within the boundaries of the Town of Elkton and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Litter Control Act of 1976 provides, through the Department of Conservation and Economic Development, Division of Litter Control, for the allocation of public funds in the form of Grants for the purpose of enhancing local litter control programs and

WHEREAS, having reviewed and considered the Regulations and the Application covering administration and use of said funds

BE IT RESOLVED that the Elkton Town Council:

Hereby endorses and supports such a program for the Town of Elkton as is indicated in the attached Application Form LC-G-1 and

Hereby authorizes Maurice W. Lough, Mayor, to plan, budget, and apply for a Grant, which if approved, will be used to fund said Program and

Hereby requests the Department of Conservation and Economic Development, Division of Litter Control, to consider and approve said Application and Program, said Program being in accord with the Regulations governing use and expenditure of said funds.

Councilman V. L. Cook Jr. moved, seconded Councilwoman L. C. Life to amend Section 2-1-13 to have the citizen's participation part of the agenda at the end of the meeting. After some discussion it was decided this could be accomplished without changing the order of proceedings in the town code, so Councilwoman Life withdrew her second and Councilman Cook his motion.

Councilman F. A. Bennett moved, seconded by Councilman V. L. Cook Jr. to approve on Second Reading the purchase of a 1981 Ford Fairmont before October 1st. at a cost of $6,475.00. The cost of the vehicle will be funded from the Law Enforcement Grant, but until enough money is received from the grant, monies will be transferred from wages to cover the cost and then be placed back into wages when enough grant money is received. The vote was recorded as follows:

F. Bennett	- yea	L. Life	- yea
V. Cook	- yea	C. Schumacher	- yea
S. Flick	- yea	R. Snow	- yea

Councilman Bennett reported that the automobile was ordered before October 1st. and is on temporary delay.

Councilman Bennett reported that Dispatcher Hilda Meadows has withdrawn her resignation. He also stated that Wayne Ball and Patricia Messerley asked him to make it a matter of record that they did not resign in support of Chief Lawhorne but for personal reasons.

Councilman Bennett presented the following suggestion regarding the Auxiliary Force which he had been asked to present to council:

> "The auxiliary police force of the Town of Elkton was formed for the purpose of supplying the additional manpower needed in times when the regular force was inadequate for the existing conditions.
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> Members of the auxiliary have, in a show of support for resigning police Chief Lawhorne, requested to be placed on inactive status. This change in status was granted by the council.
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> Now that Mr. Lawhorne is no longer associated with the Town of Elkton or its police department, and in view of the abbreviated number of members remaining on the police force, there is a definite need for aid by the members of the auxiliary force.
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> Therefore, the Elkton Town Council requests that the members return to active status so that they might provide the service that was the very reason for the establishment of the auxiliary force, or immediately turn in all equipment so that the town may fill the positions with others who wish to serve on active status.
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> Any member who at this time wishes to remain on inactive status may be given an opportunity to return to active as vacancies occur in the auxiliary force in the future."

Councilman Bennett suggested that the suggestion be tabled until at least the next regular meeting. Councilman Cook stated he feels that as we only have three officers left we need the Auxiliary Force now. After some discussion, Councilman Bennett indicated that there was some information which has come to his attention that makes him feel no action should be taken on the suggestion at this time.

Councilman F. A. Bennett moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. The vote was recorded as follows:

F. Bennett	-	yea	L. Life	-	yea
V. Cook	-	yea	C. Schumacher	-	yea
S. Flick	-	yea	R. Snow	-	yea

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life and carried to go from Executive Session back into Regular Session.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman V. L. Cook Jr. to rescind the previous agreement with the Auxiliary Police to place them on in-active status. The vote was recorded as follows:

F. Bennett	-	nay	L. Life	-	yea
V. Cook	-	yea	C. Schumacher	-	yea
S. Flick	-	nay	R. Snow	-	yea

Mr. Wiles reported he had reviewed the correspondence on the sludge truck and could not find anything he would consider binding on Big Wheels to furnish us a diesel powered truck and could not recommend the town taking any action on this matter.

Councilman Cook pointed out that the present quote from Big Wheels on the gasoline powered truck is good until October 23rd. and he suggested we purchase the gasoline powered truck. Councilman Snow felt we should get a diesel powered truck. Mr. Wiles pointed out that in his conversation with Dave Stewart he indicated EPA may pay 100% of readvertising for another truck due to the problems and that the town would not need the sludge truck immediately.

Councilman V. L. Cook Jr. moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life to

purchase the 1980 gasoline powered truck. The vote was recorded as follows:

F. Bennett	-	yea	L. Life	-	yea
V. Cook	-	yea	C. Schumacher	-	yea
S. Flick	-	yea	R. Snow	-	nay

Mayor Lough appointed the following committee to study and bring back ideas and suggestions on consolidating the town offices:

Carl Schumacher, Chairman
Norma Leap
Gerald Monger

Councilman Snow suggested the committee review the agreements with other organizations which meet in the Municipal Building and consider this when making plans.

Councilman Schumacher presented each council member a copy of a proposal he had received regarding the organization of Vepco-Served Municipalities in Virginia and asked that they review this proposal and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

As there was no further business, Councilwoman Life moved to adjourn.

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MAYOR: Maurice W. Lough, Jr.
Maurice W. Lough, Mayor

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