REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
January 14, 1980

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held January 14, 1980 at 8:00 P.M. with the Mayor, Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: R. R. Dean, S. P. H. Flick, B. B. Holt, L. C. Life and C. A. Schumacher. Councilman H. D. Flory was absent. Charles Lawhorne, Chief of Police, Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Bruce Wiles, Attorney were also present.

Councilman R. R. Dean opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. David Loker of 106 Hillside Avenue came before council regarding street lights in Elkwood. He had come before two previous councils in regards to this. He pointed out that many of the residents in this area work at night and wives are left alone. He stated that it has been two years since they were annexed and he had requested street lights and feels it is their right to have lighting in this area. Mayor Dean asked Mr. Monger and Councilman Schumacher to check into this request.

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Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting December 10, 1979 as amended.

Councilman Holt stated that he was sure the council had read, with pleasure as he had, the article in the paper about the reduction in traffic accidents and crime in Elkton in the last year. He stated that people do complain and the budget is high, but the proof is reflected in better law enforcement, saving money, saving lives and reducing crime. He commented on the statement regarding a possible reduction in police patroling. The price of gasoline is really killing the department. The budget had been set with a cost of $0.70 per gallon of gasoline in mind and of course the cost is much higher. More money is being spent on patrol car maintenance and operations than was planned so the only option is to reduce the number of patrols.

Mr. Wiles reported on a letter from FmHA regarding the current status of the $300,000 Town of Elkton community facility loan application. The letter also included a list of what is needed prior to the District Director being authorized to issue the commitment letter to the interim lender.

Councilman Schumacher stated that he has nothing to report except that the NCR machine has been broken down so the electric bills will not go out on time this month.

Councilman Flick had nothing to report on streets. A letter was read from Mr. W. J. Osborne, Resident Engineer for the State Highway Department, in which he stated that Mr. H. F. Evans, Highway Engineer, had inspected the streets of Elkton in company with Mr. Monger and Mr. Frey and all streets had been found to be in satisfactory condition, without exception. The report was dated December 20, 1979 and the inspection had been made on December 19, 1979.

Councilwoman Life reported there was a form on litter that had to be filed by December 31, 1979 and this was sent in on time with the help of Gerald Monger and Chief Lawhorne. A reply has been received from this form. Councilwoman Life also reported that the Town has almost been assured of receiving a litter grant again for 1980, with the exception that we did not spend $48.00 of the $475.00 that was allotted to the Town last year. She had thought this was going to be taken care of by a group of people who were going to pick up some litter, but they did not. The grant for this year in the amount of $475.00 will be decreased $48.00.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to approve on Second Reading the ordinance to amend Section 26-16 of the "Schedule for Collection of Garbage, etc.".

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 26-16 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ELKTON, VIRGINIA: "SCHEDULE FOR COLLECTION OF GARBAGE, ETC."

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ELKTON, VIRGINIA, THAT SECTION 26-16 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ELKTON, VIRGINIA, BE, AND IT HEREBY IS, AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 26-16. Schedule for collection of garbage, etc. and monthly charges.

The schedule for collection of garbage, trash, refuse and other similar matter shall be established by the Town Council and maintained in the office of the Town Superintendent.

Monthly charges for the collection and hauling of garbage, trash, etc. shall be as set forth in a schedule of rates and charges promulgated and fixed by the Town Council, and subject to Rules and Regulations adopted therewith. A copy of the schedule of rates and charges and a copy of the rules and regulations shall be maintained in the office of the Town Superintendent and in the Treasurer's Office of the Town of Elkton available for public inspection.

Any house or apartment may be exempt from the refuse collection fee if the owners of such property notify the Town Treasurer in writing that it is unoccupied and creating no refuse. It shall then become their responsibility to notify the Town Treasurer again in writing when it is reoccupied.

The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Councilwoman Life reported that this might have to be amended again to have it exactly like her committee feels it should be, but in order to go ahead and pass on the charges to the businesses which have already been passed on to the Town, which was an increase of 12%, she would like to go ahead and read the rate charges so that they can go into effect. Councilwoman Life stated she would like to call a Committee Meeting for Tuesday, January 29th. at 7:30 P.M., if everyone on the committee can be available.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to approve the following rates for business garbage pickup:

<u>Small Business</u> (offices, beauty salons, and small businesses having no more than one container per week)

From $2.50 up to $4.00

<u>Small Business</u> (small businesses generally having no more than two containers per week)

From $5.00 up to $6.00

<u>Medium Business</u> (generally having more than two containers per week but requiring no more than 5 minutes per pick up)

From $10.00 up to $11.00

<u>Large Business</u> (generally requiring more than 5 minutes per pick up)

From $25.00 up to $28.00

The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Councilwoman Life reported she has no new news on recreation except that it is active and the activities are listed in the Valley Banner. The Recreation Commission had a meeting last Wednesday night and will be having another on Thursday, January 24th. which is their regular meeting night.

Mr. Monger reported that the Town lost its Recreation Coordinator last Friday as he found another job. This position cannot be filled as CETA funds are frozen at this point.

Councilman Dean presented the Finance Report for December. The report did not include the second sheet entitled "Due From Treasurer" as the billing for December is not complete. This page will be mailed to each council member. The report was approved as presented.

Councilman R. R. Dean moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life to approve and appropriate on Second Reading the following Revenue Sharing Budget for Entitlement Period 11:

Fire Department	$ 1,200.00
Recreation Department	2,500.00
Landfill	2,500.00
Police Department	2,000.00
Sewer (to help problem in lower end of town)	9,320.00
	$17,520.00

The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Councilman R. R. Dean moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to approve the First Reading to transfer the following items in the General Government Budget:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Transfer $100.00 from Conventions to Advertisement

Transfer $331.35 from Conventions to Insurance

Mr. Monger reviewed his budgets and the items which are over budget already. As he had not had time to really study this, he preferred to wait until later to make recommendations. Councilman Holt felt the Public Safety could wait until after his committee met.

Mr. Wiles reported that he had received a call the later part of December from PRM, the people recodifying our code, that they are in the final stages of preparing the first draft and would have it to him in a few weeks. He has not received it as yet but is looking for it any day now.

Mayor Dean reported that he had a letter from Wayne Hensley of Hensley's Insurance Agency. Mr. Hensley had met with the Finance Committee December 21st. At that time there was a little conflict between Mr. Hensley and the Finance Committee on a quote he had made. The Finance Committee Chairman did not feel he had made the quote so Mr. Hensley wrote a letter to the council to try to clear this up. The Mayor asked the Clerk to read the letter and enter it in the minutes. The letter is as follows:

"To Whom It May Concern:

Should you desire Hensley's Insurance Agency to act as your insurance representative for public officials liability through the International Surplus Lines Insurance Company it is necessary for you to furnish this agency with a letter authorizing them to act on your behalf. The renewal quotation would in no way be changed as respects premium or terms, merely the servicing broker would be amended to read Hensley's Insurance Agency through Markel Service, Inc.

Also, as respects this public officials coverage there is the availability of a $750.00 deductible through another company. The approximate premium was indicated to Mr. Hensley as being $2,020.00 subject to receipt of a signed application and review by the company.

This information was furnished to Mr. Hensley via phone conversation and personal visit to our office by Mr. Hensley during the first week of October.

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We would appreciate the opportunity to serve you, as we have had in the past.

Very truly yours,
Mark R. Werner, Senior Account Executive
MARKEL SERVICE INCORPORATED"

Councilman Dean stated he feels he has learned a little bit more about insurance. He pointed out that when the insurance was awarded to R. Loring Cover they were pretty sure he was the low bidder and if you took all the insurance as a whole, he felt sure he would still be the low bidder. Councilman Dean had asked Mr. Cover to attend this meeting in case anyone had any questions.

Councilwoman Life stated she did not have any questions but stated that she likes competition and she felt that possibly in the future these agents should meet with the Finance Committee so that we don't have anything like this again. Councilman Dean felt we would need to get a disinterested person to write up the specifications in order to be fair and Councilman Holt agreed with this approach as he feels we need firm specifications so everyone is bidding on the same thing.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

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