REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
July 13, 1981

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held July 13, 1981 at 8:00 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor, Maurice W. Lough presiding. The following council members were present: V. L. Cook, R. E. Davis, S. P. H. Flick, T. G. Hulings, L. C. Life and R. L. Snow. Gerald Monger, Superintendent, Jim McIntyre, Chief of Police and Betty H. Engle, Clerk were also present. There were also approximately fifteen residents in attendance.

Mayor Lough opened the meeting with prayer.

Councilman Hulings read the following resolution:

> We, the members of Council of the Town of Elkton, would like to express our appreciation to Judge Joshua Robinson for his learned and considered opinion on the recent matter of dispute dividing this council. We would also wish to thank Mr. Dwoskin and Mr. Ritchie, attorneys, for their efforts in concisely defining the issues of contention.
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> We also wish to apologize to the citizens of Elkton. The past is behind us; our personal differences are behind us. In the future we resolve to work together for effective government and that when we differ we do so in a courteous and straightforward manner, without rancor or bitterness.
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> This, a resolution of council, voted on and passed unanimously this 13th day of July, 1981.

Mayor Lough asked if there were any objections, and if not it stands approved.

Mr. Joe Reid again came before council about the sewer problem in the lower end of town, and felt this should have top priority over consolidation or anything else.

Mr. Chancellor Lough was concerned about the amount of $10,000.00 and how it was arrived at, and did not feel enough study had been put into the consolidation, and did not feel the Police Department should be in with the other offices, also felt this was a bad time to consider the move.

Mr. Bobby Gooden reminded council that he felt they were voted in by the people and should abide by their wishes on consolidation, and felt that the representation at the meeting spoke for itself.

Mrs. Shirley O'Byrne spoke on her concern that only three people had voted for the consolidation, and felt the building was worth more than three people's opinion, and sould not see how you could not know how people feel about this thing of consolidation when they were as vocal as they had been. I think you would have to be deaf, dumb or blind not to know how they feel. Could not see why they did not wait until there was a full council, unless perhaps you were afraid it would not go through. And they were betraying the people's trust to go against their wishes. And hoped they would take that into consideration when they voted on the appropriations for funds, and did not see the urgency in the matter.

Mayor Lough addressed Councilwoman Life as to the order saying they must allow her to vote on all matters that came before council as of June 8, 1981 and he was under the impression it said June 15, 1981 and Mrs. Life said she was to, and that June 15, 1981 would be fine with her, and she would prefer to have revotes, the Mayor said that was fine.

Mayor Lough ask council to turn to the June 15th. minutes and the vote on Mr. Wiles resignation. It was understood the minutes of the 15th would stand, and anyone wishing to do so could change their vote. After some discussion the votes were recorded as follows:

Cook	-	yea	Hulings	-	yea
Davis	-	yea	Life	-	nay
Flick	-	yea	Snow	-	yea

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The next vote was on the Second Reading on the appropriations of the 1981-82 Budget as presented at the June 8, 1981 meeting, and council was asked if they would like a revote on that. Mrs. Life stated she did not feel that was necessary since she went along with everything else.

On the reading of $1,000.00 for lights and fire and auto therm on the police car, Councilwoman Life voted yea on that also.

On the reorganization of council committees as recommended by the Mayor at the June 15, 1981 meeting, Councilwoman Life questioned the Mayor as to these committees, as she would no longer be Public Safety Chairman, would no longer be President Pro Tempore and would no longer be on Finance or Personnel. She was told that she would still be on Finance and Personnel.

Mrs. Life asked if this was the Mayor's recommendation and if it had to be voted on, and that she was ready for the vote, and she wanted a motion made and a second made and open for discussion.

Councilman Snow moved, seconded by Councilman Hulings to adopt the present organization of the council and in addition appoint Mrs. Life to Health, Ordinance and Recreation.

Councilwoman Life stated that in going back that there had been said that there was no malice, personalities had not been involved, she did not think that there was any member here that will not say that she had not done her job properly, that she had made two errors, one of which she rescinded with a letter stating that she had resigned in haste, her other error which could come as a form of an apology, but that she was not begging, she could not do that, perhaps she criticized the committees for not functioning as she thought they should, that was not her duty, as long as she felt that the committee that she chairs functions, and that she does her job well, that is all she will or should worry about for the next year. Mrs. Life said she should not have been critical at this point. Mrs. Life read two letters, one addressed to council and a personal letter from the Mayor.

After reading these letters Mrs. Life stated that by law she was correct, and had done her job, and that she had been on council for three years, and did not like to think that she was being put down by taking away what she had, when she didn't think she would have with the new appointment had she not submitted her letter of resignation which is nul and void according to the law.

Councilman Cook stated that last Friday when they went to court, that the man up there put it to them pretty plain, that council should try to go back as they were before, and get along together, and that is the only way they can get anything done in town, and it would never work with council split down the middle time after time and by taking it to court, he thinks by law that she should have back what she had before.

Councilman Snow withdrew his motion and Councilman Hulings his second.

Councilman Cook moved, seconded by Councilman Davis to go into Executive Session. The vote was recorded as follows:

Cook	- yea	Hulings	- yea
Davis	- yea	Life	- yea
Flick	- nay	Snow	- yea

Councilman Flick moved, seconded by Councilman and carried to go back into Regular Session.

Mayor Lough made the following recommendation that Councilwoman Life be put back on her regular committee as Chairman of Public Safety and Vice Mayor, and Councilman Davis be appointed to Health, Ordinances and Recreation, and he would automatically be a member of the Recreation Commission.

Councilman Flick moved, seconded by Councilman Cook to approve this recommendation. The vote was recorded as follows:

Cook	- yea	Hulings	- yea
Davis	- yea	Life	- yea
Flick	- yea	Snow	- yea

Councilwoman Life questioned the appropriation for the consolation since it did not state in the minutes of June 8, 1981 that it was a First Reading.

Councilwoman Life moved, seconded by Councilman Cook that any motion to appropriate money for consolidation tonight would be considered a First Reading. The vote was recorded as follows:

Cook	- yea	Hulings	- nay
Davis	- yea	Life	- yea
Flick	- yea	Snow	- nay

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 8, 1981 and Special Meeting of June 15, 1981 were approved.

Gerald Monger had a letter on Self Funded Health Insurance from the Municipal League that he turned over to Councilman Flick with a form to fill out.

Mr. Monger also reminded council of a workshop on Financial Management July 20th. at Harrisonburg.

Mr. Monger announced that the town would host the Rockingham Municipal meeting June 15th. in the council chambers and needed to know how many planned to attend.

Mr. Monger also asked on behalf of Mrs. Leap for a general government transfer on last years budget. $150.00 from Council Expenses to Miscellaneous and $50.00 from Ordinances to Payroll Taxes.

Councilman Flick moved, seconded by Councilwoman Life and carried to transfer $150.00 from Council Expenses to Miscellaneous and $50.00 from Ordinances to Payroll Taxes.

Councilman Davis brought up Officer Weaver's salary which had been overlooked, and should have been raised to $9,500.00.

Councilwoman Life moved, seconded by Councilman Cook and carried that Officer Weaver's salary be raised to $9,500.00 as of July 1, 1981.

Chief McIntyre announced a Self Defense Program for the community to be instructed by Officer Hess on Monday nights in the gymnasium of the Elkton Elementary School from 6 to 9 P.M., and will be conducted through the auspices of the Elkton Recreation Commission for insurance and liability purposes.

Chief McIntyre also announced that they had entered Officer Hess in the First Annual Virginia Criminal Justice Police Chase. This is a six and one quarter mile marathon and hoped for support from the community in the form of business endorsements.

Councilman Flick presented the following bids on Schedule Floater Insurance policy.

R. Loring Cover Insurance	$288.00
Hensley Insurance Agency	$320.00

Councilman Flick moved, seconded by Councilwoman Life and carried to accept the low bid of $288.00 from R. Loring Cover Insurance Agency.

Councilman Hulings reported the town would receive a refund back from Vepco on two separate cases and did not know what the amounts would be.

Councilman Hulings moved, seconded by Councilman Flick to place this refund in the Electric Department Sinking Fund as it was received. The vote was recorded as follows:

Cook	- yea	Hulings	- yea
Davis	- yea	Life	- yea
Flick	- yea	Snow	- yea

Councilman Hulings reported that Vepco had passed a rate increase as of September 1, 1981 of 31.4% for municipalities according to a dispatch from ElectriCities.

Councilman Hulings moved, seconded by Councilman Flick to accept the contract

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from Vepco for street lights in Elkwood. The vote was recorded as follows:

Cook	- yea	Hulings	- yea
Davis	- yea	Life	- yea
Flick	- yea	Snow	- yea

Councilman Hulings also reported that council needed to appoint a voting member to the Virginia Municipal Electric Association Number One. Gerald Monger was named to represent the town as their voting member.

Councilman Cook gave each member of council a copy of the water contract that was written up with Mary Elizabeth Kite to read before it was voted on.

Gerald Monger presented the following rate increases on water, sewer and refuse which will be in effect on the July 1, 1981 billing.

Councilman Cook moved, seconded by Councilwoman Life to approve the following rate increases effective July 1, 1981.

WATER RATES

1. The water rates for customers inside the town as follows:

First	2,000	$3.00 Minimum
Next	3,000	1.00 per thousand
Next	5,000	.85 per thousand
Next	5,000	.75 per thousand
Next	5,000	.70 per thousand
Next	10,000	.55 per thousand
Next	5,000	.45 per thousand
Over	35,000	.35 per thousand

2. The water rates for customers outside the town as follows:

First	2,000	$3.75 Minimum
Next	3,000	1.20 per thousand
Over	5,000	1.10 per thousand

SEWER RATES

Effective July 1, 1981 the rate for sewer service for all customers, whether located inside or outside the town, shall be as follows: base rate of $9.00 per month, plus a user charge of $1.30 per thousand gallons used.

REFUSE RATES

The following charge per month will be assessed for the collection and hauling of garbage, trash, etc.

Residences
A charge of $3.00 per month will be assessed each household.

Businesses
The businesses will be divided into four (4) categories and charged as follows:

$5.00 per month for offices, beauty salons, and small businesses having no more than one container per week.

$8.00 per month for small businesses generally having no more than two containers per week.

$14.00 per month for medium businesses generally having more than two containers per week but requiring no more than 5 minutes per pick up.

$34.00 per month for larger businesses generally requiring more than 5 minutes per pick up.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Cook	- yea	Hulings	- yea
Davis	- yea	Life	- yea
Flick	- yea	Snow	- yea

Councilman Snow again read the report from the committee on consolidation which was first read and recorded in the minutes of June 8, 1981, and this constitutes the First Reading on the consolidation.

Councilwoman Life made a motion that council have a Public Hearing on voting on appropriations to consolidate. The motion died from lack of a second.

Councilman Davis asked council if there was some answer they could give to Mr. Reid tonight on the sewer problem. Mr. Monger told council there was approximately $10,000.00 appropriated to that and was waiting for an answer from the Highway Department to see if they could go under the culvert rather than tunnel the road, and as soon as they find out they could get prices together on the line, and they are working on it.

Mayor Lough asked Councilwoman Life if she would pursue the contract with the Fire Company.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned.

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

RECORDER: Betty H. Engle Asst. Clerk
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