SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING
June 18, 1984

A special meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held June 18, 1984 at 8:00 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: R. E. Davis, S. P. H. Flick, B. B. Holt, H. A. Leet, R. J. Ream and R. L. Snow. Norma Leap, Clerk and Gerald Monger, Superintendent were also present.

Councilman S. P. H. Flick moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to approve on Second Reading the 1984-85 Budget Appropriations as presented, a copy of which are listed in the minutes of the June 11, 1984 meeting. The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	- yea	Leet	- yea
Flick	- yea	Ream	- yea
Holt	- yea	Snow	- yea

Councilman Holt reported on the Virginia Municipal League Town Section meeting in Charlottesville on June 15, 1984 which he attended. Also in attendance were Henry Leap, Councilman Elect, Norma Leap and Gerald Monger. The program included a review of the 1984 General Assembly session and carryover legislation affecting towns. There is quite a bit of legislation which will affect local government and Councilman Holt will give a copy of this to our town attorney to review and make recommendations.

Councilman Holt reported that another topic discussed was antitrust laws which now appear to apply to local governments. Several recent court rulings have made it clear that this is true. There is new federal antitrust legislation pending to provide protection for local governments and the towns have been urged to contact their Congressmen and Senators urging them to support legislation exempting towns from the antitrust laws. Council was in agreement that letters should be prepared and mailed to our legislators. Councilman Holt stated he would draft these letters for the Mayor to sign.

Councilman Holt reported that the Virginia Municipal League insurance program has had a very good record and he feels we should consider their Workmen's Compensation program this year. He suggested we get new figures from them to compare with our present policy which we carry through R. Loring Cover Insurance Agency, Inc. As our insurance is due for renewal July 1, 1984 this would have to be checked into immediately.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried to have the Mayor and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, along with advice from the Town Attorney, look into the Virginia Municipal League Workmen's Compensation program and decide whether to stay with Cover or go into the league program.

Councilman S. P. H. Flick moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried to approve the Finance Report for May.

Councilman Snow reported that the town attorney has checked and it does not require a charter change to increase the council member's salaries.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman R. E. Davis to increase the Mayor's salary to $100.00 per month and the Council Member's salary to $50.00 per month. The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	- yea	Leet	- yea
Flick	- yea	Ream	- nay
Holt	- yea	Snow	- yea

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman H. A. Leet and carried to go into Executive Session to discuss the use of real property for public purposes.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to go from Executive Session back into Regular Session.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman R. E. Davis to approve on Second Reading the renovation of the municipal parking area and adjacent facilities at a cost of approximately $30,000.00. Parts of this cost will be taken from the Street Budget and the remainder from the Repo Account.

Councilman Ream questioned the Repo Account interest. He was interested in the relationship of the interest to the budget and how this project would affect the interest earned. Councilman Snow did not feel there would be any great affect on the interest.

Councilman Leet stated he felt this was a good project but that he did not feel it should stand in the way of doing high priority projects such as sewer infiltration and water.

Councilman Holt stated he would like to emphasize what Councilman Leet said. He feels there are three major projects needed in town. They are the surface water drainage on Rockingham Street, leaks in the water system and sewer infiltration. If the proposed parking area and facilities could be done without affecting these higher priority projects he would be in agreement but he does not feel this can be done and he is opposed to dipping into principal for cosmetics.

Councilman Snow pointed out that council has not discussed or planned to do any of these projects in this year's budget, with the exception of discussing including one or two of the worst areas of sewer infiltration. He felt this parking area project is not merely cosmetic, but would eliminate a lot of the problems we are experiencing on these lots.

John Edmondson, a member of the Recreation Commission, stated he felt the commission would be willing to help with the project and he felt it would be good for the downtown area.

The vote was taken on the motion and recorded as follows:

Davis	- yea	Leet	- yea
Flick	- yea	Ream	- yea
Holt	- nay	Snow	- yea

Mayor Dean stated that as this would be Councilman Snow and Councilman Ream's last meeting, he would like to express his appreciation for their service and that he had enjoyed working with them.

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