REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
July 8, 1985

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held July 8, 1985 at 8:30 P.M. in the council chambers. The President pro tempore Bill B. Holt called the meeting to order.

Councilman H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Councilman R. E. Davis and carried to adjourn the meeting until Mayor Dean arrived.

Mayor Dean called the meeting to order. The following council members were present: R. E. Davis, S. P. H. Flick, B. B. Holt, H. A. Leet and L. C. Life. H. W. Leap was absent. Dale Davenport, Attorney, Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Warren Pence, Chief of Police were also present.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by B. B. Holt and carried to approve the minutes of the June 24, 1985 regular meeting with the following change to Paragraph 4 on Page 6:

> "It was pointed out that the Stonewall Jackson house is the property of the town and when the Diamond Jubilee Committee was dissolved the Elkton Historical Society was formed to continue the restoration of this house and all funds coming into this organization will be used for this purpose."

Mr. Monger reported on the progress of the sidewalk at the Presbyterian Church. Jim Hawkins who has been doing the sidewalk work for the town says it will be mid August before he can start on this sidewalk. Mr. Monger is trying to find someone else to do the project whose prices are as reasonable.

Mr. Monger has met with Bob May regarding the Elementary School and they decided the grades are not working out. They have decided to put in the curb and gutter to try to save the trees. They will have to check with the highway department on this. He also reported that they are trying to find carpenters for the fluoride building.

Councilman S. P. H. Flick moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to approve on Second Reading the 1985-86 Budget appropriations as printed in the June 24, 1985 minutes. The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	- yea	Leet	- yea
Flick	- yea	Life	- yea
Holt	- yea		

Councilwoman Life reported that the Street & Sidewalk Committee will be meeting Wednesday morning at 8:30 A.M. She stated that the Recreation Commission is interested in lights on the basketball court. She asked Mr. Davenport if he has heard anything regarding legislation on satellite dishes. Mr. Davenport stated no action has been taken and none is scheduled at this point. Councilwoman Life also commented on the poor cable reception. Mr. Monger stated he did not think the cable work has been completed as yet.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman S. P. H. Flick that in order to give the town office more time to prepare the needed reports, the regular council meeting night be changed to the third Monday at 8:00 P.M. The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	- yea	Leet	- yea
Flick	- yea	Life	- yea
Holt	- yea		

Councilman Leet asked Mr. Davenport if there wasn't something in the contract with the cable company that if the service isn't satisfactory the council can reconsider the contract. Mr. Davenport stated he didn't have a copy of the contract with him, but he felt there was something in it to protect against unsatisfactory service. Councilman Leet stated it was probably a little soon to consider taking any action but if in another month or two cable service doesn't improve, council should do something. Council was in agreement with this suggestion.

Councilwoman Life asked when the increase in water rates goes into effect and was told they went into effect July 1, 1985.

Councilman Leet reported that since the last meeting they have received a proposed sewer contract from the County. One of the main items which the Sewer Committee felt was important was not in the contract. Since that time, Mr. Davenport received another proposed contract today which the committee has not had a chance to study so Councilman Leet did not feel any action could be taken at this time.

Mr. Monger reported that they have received a letter from the State Water Control Board stating that our proposal to correct infiltration has been reviewed. He talked with Larry Simmons of the State Water Control Board today and they will be sending the Town a letter of compliance which the Town will need to sign. Mr. Simmons indicated our plan looked okay to him.

Councilman Leet reported that the tannery apartments have not started to lay the sewer lines and the water leak on "A" Street in front of the church has been repaired.

Councilman Holt stated that at the last meeting he had agreed to try to get some free appraisals on the I. J. Conley property but that in the meantime Mr. Davenport has determined that the town can set the values.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life and carried to authorize the Mayor, the Town Superintendent and Councilman Holt to arrive at a reasonable compensation for the alley and street closed as requested by I. J. Conley and to notify those concerned.

Councilman Holt asked Mr. Davenport to come up with the necessary ordinances to assess a $100.00 fee for those requesting the street or alley closings, advertisement costs and if a viewer does not wish to accept compensation, a means by which the compensation would revert to the town. Mr. Davenport was not sure the viewers' fee could revert to the town and he did not feel ordinances were needed, but council could establish a policy by a motion. He stated he would check into this and come up with what is needed by the next meeting.

Mr. Davenport reported on our present ordinance and the state code in regards to cutting weeds. He felt the town needs to modify their present ordinance to include vacant, developed or undeveloped land. He will prepare these changes and have them ready for the next meeting.

Mayor Dean reviewed the police report for the month of June. Councilwoman Life stated she has heard a lot of compliments on the policemen patrolling on foot.

Councilman Flick stated that a president for the cemetary commission needs to be appointed to replace Mr. Hiram Monger. Councilman Flick was asked to see if the cemetary commission has any recommendations.

Councilwoman Life pointed out that there are two council members on the Recreation Commission, she as Council Representative and Councilman Leap. She feels that since Councilman Leap is on the commission why couldn't he represent council and this would give some other citizen the chance to work on this committee. She asked council to be giving this some consideration until the next meeting. Councilwoman Life was asked to see if she could find someone interested in serving on the commission.

Councilman Holt reported that the architect who will be doing the work on the Kite-Jackson house will have his people in on July 15th. to be doing some measurements, etc.

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