SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING
June 30, 1986

A special meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held June 30, 1986 at 7:30 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: S. P. H. Flick, B. B. Holt, H. W. Leap, H. A. Leet and L. C. Life. Councilman R. E. Davis was absent. Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Warren Pence, Chief of Police were also present.

Councilman S. P. H. Flick moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to approve on Second Reading the following 1986-87 Budget appropriations:

General Government	
Wages	$ 14,000.
Ads	150.
Auto Tags	875.
Meetings	900.
Utilities & Fuel	4,000.
Insurance	2,554.
Legal & Audit	1,300.
Miscellaneous	950.
Repairs - Equipment	700.
Repairs - Property	950.
Supplies & Equipment	2,400.
Telephone	375.
Office Equipment	475.
Payroll Taxes	1,087.
Retirement	464.
Sinking Fund	1,200.
Ordinances	475.
Zoning	100.
Planning	475.
Recreation Dept. - Wages	2,800.
Recreation Dept. - Mowing	1,350.
	$ 37,580.

Garbage Department	
Wages	$ 35,230.
Ads	50.
Meetings	650.
Utilities & Fuel	925.
Insurance	8,723.
Legal & Audit	1,275.
Miscellaneous	500.
Repairs - Equipment	1,000.
Repairs - Property	950.
Supplies & Equipment	2,400.
Telephone	100.
Office Equipment	425.
Payroll Taxes	2,838.
Retirement	1,675.
Vehicle Maintenance	2,500.
Private Hauler	8,550.
Debt Service	8,235.
	$ 76,026.

Street Department	
Wages	$ 34,288.
Ads	50.
Meetings	1,000.
Utilities & Fuel	14,000.
Insurance	6,067.
Legal & Audit	1,300.
Miscellaneous	2,600.
Repairs - Equipment	2,400.

Repairs - Property	1,000.
Supplies & Equipment	75,486.
Telephone	100.
Office Equipment	500.
Payroll Taxes	2,673.
Retirement	1,901.
Vehicle Maintenance	3,500.
Uniforms	100.
	$146,965.

Public Safety	
Wages	$117,142.
Ads	250.
Meetings	1,000.
Utilities & Fuel	8,500.
Insurance	16,315.
Legal & Audit	1,275.
Miscellaneous	1,350.
Repairs - Equipment	4,700.
Repairs - Property	1,000.
Supplies & Equipment	5,875.
Telephone	950.
Office Equipment	350.
Payroll Taxes	8,622.
Retirement	7,791.
Jail Fees	250.
Vehicle Maintenance	8,000.
Uniforms	2,000.
Capital Outlay	5,500.
	$190,870.

Electric Department	
Wages	$ 52,839.
Ads	50.
Meetings	925.
Utilities & Fuel	3,000.
Insurance	7,966.
Legal & Audit	1,275.
Miscellaneous	2,500.
Repairs - Equipment	1,000.
Repairs - Property	950.
Supplies & Equipment	22,500.
Telephone	200.
Office Equipment	415.
Payroll Taxes	3,947.
Retirement	3,251.
Vehicle Maintenance	3,500.
Power Purchased	780,000.
Sinking Fund	6,000.
Debt Services	923.
	$891,241.

Water Department	
Wages	$ 38,700.
Ads	50.
Meetings	775.
Utilities & Fuel	11,500.
Insurance	7,960.
Legal & Audit	1,275.
Miscellaneous	650.
Repairs - Equipment	1,300.
Repairs - Property	950.
Supplies & Equipment	13,250.
Telephone	150.
Office	425.
Payroll Taxes	2,928.
Retirement	2,257.
Vehicle Maintenance	2,500.
Sinking Fund	6,000.
Royalties	2,000.
Debt Service	1,723.
	$ 94,393.

Sewer Department	
Wages	$ 59,350.
Ads	50.
Meetings	750.
Utilities & Fuel	20,000.
Insurance	10,722.
Legal & Audit	1,275.
Miscellaneous	850.
Repairs - Equipment	4,300.
Repairs - Property	950.
Supplies & Equipment	16,116.
Telephone	1,600.
Office Equipment	425.
Payroll Taxes	4,393.
Retirement	3,243.
Vehicle Maintenance	2,650.
Technical Services	300.
Sinking Fund	6,260.
Debt Service	19,400.
	$152,634.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Flick	-	yea	Leet	-	yea
Holt	-	yea	Life	-	nay
Leap	-	yea			

Mr. Michael O'Neil was present to discuss the cable television service problems. He presented council with a list of what he felt to be the problems and the reasons for their existence. He stated he felt it was time some specific action was taken. In his typed report he listed the following five options for council to consider:

1. Repeat previous action of sending a letter to Commonwealth instructing them to correct the problems. (Already tried and failed).

2. Revoke the francheise for Commonwealth and get bids from other companies on new cable service.

3. Establish a cable system operated by the town. Would provide better accountability and another revenue source.

4. Demand that Commonwealth establish an antenna site in Elkton as previously existed prior to the connection to Luray.

5. Demand that Commonwealth establish a microwave receiver in Elkton to serve the same function as the one in Shenandoah. This would eliminate the interference produced by the cable run from Shenandoah. There would also need to be the demand that the necessary equipment be installed to correct the problems that exist with the pay channels and that stereo capability be provided for the Movie Channel. Also, any currently installed amplification equipment that is not in good working condition must be replaced along with substandard cabling. Additional amplifiers must be installed as necessary to provide a good signal level.

Council asked Mr. O'Neil what he considered to be the most desirable of the options. He stated No. 2 would be the quickest and the next would be No. 4.

There was some discussion regarding the town operating their own cable system but Councilwoman Life stated that according to our attorney this would require an amendment to our charter.

Several of the suggestions by council members were to have Mr. Judy of Commonwealth Cablevision attend a meeting so that the citizens could speak directly to him about their problems, check into what other companies are available to provide us with cable service, investigate the possibilities of operating our own system and what it would cost and to have our attorney send a letter to Commonwealth Cablevision listing our demands regarding the correction of these problems.

Mayor Dean presented the following suggestions for the 1986-87 Committees and asked council members if they had any comments or suggestions to let him know:

1986-1987 COMMITTEES

Electric Committee	- Henry W. Leap, Chairman Harold A. Leet Linda C. Life
Finance Committee	- Randell L. Snow, Chairman Roy E. Davis Bill B. Holt
Personnel Committee	- Roy E. Davis, Chairman Henry W. Leap Randell L. Snow
Public Health, Ordinances and Recreation Committee	- Bill B. Holt, Chairman Henry W. Leap Randell L. Snow
Public Safety Committee	- Charles E. Dean, Chairman Bill B. Holt Harold A. Leet
Streets & Sidewalk Committee	- Linda C. Life, Chairman Roy E. Davis Harold A. Leet
Water & Sewer Committee	- Harold A. Leet, Chairman Henry W. Leap Linda C. Life

Councilman Holt reported that the Chairman of the Elkton Planning Commission has been in touch with the Board of Supervisors and the County Planning Commission regarding ways to improve the county planning. The county plans to meet with the various planning commissions throughout the county to discuss this and will be in Elkton July 28th. at 7:30 P.M. Council members are invited to attend this meeting.

Mr. Monger reported that the Tanyard bridge is going to be taken down. Several civic organizations have expressed an interest in saving this bridge. It would cost approximately $15,000.00 to move it to another location. He asked if council was interested in preserving this bridge. Most of the council felt we should save it if possible but did not feel they could make a firm commitment at this point. Mr. Monger was asked to write a letter expressing council's interest in saving the bridge.

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