REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
August 18, 1986

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held August 18, 1986 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, B. B. Holt, H. W. Leap, H. A. Leet, L. C. Life and R. L. Snow. 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 Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting July 21, 1986 as presented.

Mr. Monger reported that he had talked with Mr. Dishner regarding the sidewalk and drainage project at the Elkton Elementary School. They are waiting for the attorneys for the county and town to draw up the necessary documents to get the project started. The county attorney has been out of town and Mr. Davenport has not been able to talk with him as yet.

Chief Pence reviewed and answered questions on the monthly police report. He reported that the new police car is back in service. They are having engine problems with the old police car and are trying to find an engine from a wrecked car.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap and carried to approve the Finance Report for July.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the following resolution:

> BE IT RESOLVED that Norma R. Leap is the person authorized by the Town Council of the Town of Elkton, Va. to draw and sign checks against the following accounts at the Sovran Bank of Elkton, Va. and to take any other action and transact any other business with the Bank relating to the deposit and/or withdrawal of money or property in said bank.
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> Town of Elkton, Inc.
> 1207 0014
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> Town of Elkton, Inc.
> Revenue Sharing
> 1207 7670
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> Town of Elkton, Inc.
> Savings Account
> 001 003 5693000000211
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> BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign the resolutions which are required by the Sovran Bank.

Councilman Leap read a letter from Mr. Earl Judy Jr. of Commonwealth Cablevision Corporation regarding the complaints about poor television reception. He attached a report on the field survey he had made. Mr. Judy stated they are continuing to work to improve the picture quality on channels 2 through 6 by replacing some channel processors at their receiver site in Luray. Councilman Leap reviewed the report with council.

Councilwoman Life read a letter from Michael S. O'Neill expressing his appreciation to council for the interest displayed in dealing with the cable problems. Mr. O'Neill

stated he feels that significant progress has been made as a direct result of council's involvement. He feels several of the problems have either been corrected or improved upon but felt the following still remain to be corrected:

1. Poor reception on lower channels 2, 4, 5, and sometimes 6.

2. The interference on the Movie Channel which consists of fine diagonal lines appearing as a fine mesh over the picture reducing clarity. There is also still a varying amount of video noise in the picture which becomes more or less pronounced depending on the scene being viewed.

He requested that council continue to pursue the improvement of the cable service and seek specific acknowledgements of these problems as well as commitments and time schedules for their resolution.

Councilwoman Life stated she feels it is commendable that Commonwealth Cablevision is working to correct the reception problems but that there is still more to be done. As long as council continues to receive calls regarding poor reception she feels council needs to keep on top of the situation.

Councilman Leap presented to council a check in the amount of $2000.00 from the Elkton Recreation Department to repay the loan the town had made to the Recreation Department. The loan was made to help with their expenses until they received the final grant money.

Councilman Holt presented the following letter from the Elkton Planning Commission:

"On August 6, 1986 a special meeting was held by the Elkton Planning Commission to consider three (3) requests to redivide lots based on the submitted maps. The voting was unanimous in making our recommendations to the council.

MOTION: The Planning Commission recommend to the Elkton Town Council that Bob and Katie Whitfield's request to redivide land located at 152 North Street be granted as per the attached map. Also, it was discussed and suggested by the Commission, to eliminate future problems, that considerations be given to eliminate the triangel (square off) between 150 North Street and 152 North Street.

MOTION: The Planning Commission recommends to the Elkton Town Council that Gerald K. Monger's, 205 Virginia Avenue, request to redivide land be granted as per the attached map.

MOTION: The Planning Commission recommends to the Elkton Town Council that the request of I. J. Conley to redivide his land located at the intersection of F Street and North St. be granted as shown on the attached plat dated June 11, 1986 (84-1134) and that this permission be made contingent upon the drainage easement shown on the plat remain in full effect and will adhere to the properties throughout any future deed transfers."

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. A. Leet and carried to approve the request from Bob and Katie Whitfield to redivide land located at 152 North Street as indicated on the map which was attached to the request.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. A. Leet and carried to approve the request by Gerald K. Monger, 205 Virginia Avenue, to redivide land as indicated on the map which was attached to the request.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to postpone the request by I. J. Conley to redivide his land until Mr. Davenport has time to look into the drainage easement situation.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow to approve on Second Reading the following resolution to amend Section 8-1-1:

Resolution of the Town Council of Elkton, Virginia
Amending Section 8-1-1 of the Elkton Town Code

BE IT RESOLVED that the following amendment is adopted to Section 8-1-1 of the Elkton Town Code:

The first sentence of Section 8-1-1 is amended to read as follows: "Pursuant to the authority of Section 46.1-188 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, all of the provisions and requirements of the laws of the state contained in title 46.1 and article 2 of chapter 7 of title 18.2 of the Code of Virginia, as in force and effect on July 1, 1986, except those provisions and requirements the violation of which constitutes a felony, and except those provisions and requirements which by their very nature can have no application to or within the town, are hereby adopted and incorporated in this chapter by reference and made applicable within the town."

The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	- yea	Leet	- yea
Holt	- yea	Life	- yea
Leap	- yea	Snow	- yea

Councilman Holt reported on a letter from Beverly D. Coffman, Mayor of the Town of Timberville regarding the county allowing towns to have some input as to what can be built in the areas immediately surrounding towns and that whatever is built be in accordance to town zoning ordinances. The Town of Timberville has been in contact with the county numerous times in the past six months regarding this but have had no success. Mayor Coffman requested the Town of Elkton's help in formulating a plan to present to the county to prevent unsuitable uses of the areas adjoining the towns. They feel that if all the towns work together they could successfully resolve this problem.

Council was in agreement with this request and Mayor Dean suggested this be discussed at the Rockingham County Municipal League meeting in Broadway Wednesday evening.

Councilman Holt reported that as discussed at the last meeting there is a need for some type of ordinance to control cats. This would give the police something to work with when they receive complaints.

Councilman Holt presented the following First Reading on the following resolution to amend Section 9-1-27 of the town code:

Resolution to Amend the Code of Ordinances
of the Town of Elkton, Virginia, by Adding a New
Section 9-1-27 as Article D of Title 9

ARTICLE D

Cats. Section 9-1-27. Unrestrained Cat. It shall be unlawful, during all of the months of the year, for the owner of any cat to allow such cat to go upon any public street, alley or square or to go upon the private property of another person, unless held or otherwise restrained by a responsible person.

Councilwoman Life asked for a copy of the proposed amendment and commented on Councilman Holt's statement that we should take some action on the cat problem even though it is thought by some to be too difficult to solve. She reminded him that this was the attitude she encountered when she requested something be done about the traffic situation on the lower end of town and suggested several ideas which might help correct the situation. She stated she felt the traffic situation was a greater problem than cats. Councilman Davis was in agreement with Councilwoman Life.

Councilman Leet reported that the town crew has completed the smoke tests in town with the exception of preparing the reports. They found a lot of problems. There are still a number of down falls and surface water going into the sewer and property owners will have to be notified. Also some areas were discovered where there is a problem in the sewer lines.

Councilman Davis commended the Chief of Police on the prompt manner in which he handled a neighborhood complaint and Councilman Snow thanked the Police Department for their efforts in putting up the flag in the park each day.

Councilwoman Life stated she would like to commend the Jaycees on their project of putting flags up in town for special occasions. There has been an indication that the Jaycees are in need of more flags and this would be a good contribution for everyone to make.

Mayor Dean reported that he has received a request from Madden Meadows on Newtown Road for water service.

Mayor Dean reminded council that the Rockingham County Municipal League will meet Wednesday night at Broadway.

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