REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
February 17, 1986

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held February 17, 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, S. P. H. Flick, B. B. Holt, H. W. Leap and L. C. Life. H. A. Leet was absent. Dale Davenport, Attorney, Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent, and Warren Pence, Chief of Police, were also present.

Welty Hensley, President of the Elkton Historical Society, Inc. was present and presented a booklet to each council member containing the historic structure report on the Miller-Kite House which had been prepared by the architect they had employed. Mr. Hensley briefly reviewed the report and said they welcomed any suggestions. He reported that the Historical Society would be holding two fund raising events to help with this restoration project. The first is a dance March 22nd. and the second is the annual horse show September 13th.

Robert Tolsma, Nationwide Insurance Agent, was present to request that council give his company the opportunity to quote on the town's insurance this year. Mayor Dean stated council would consider his request and get back with him.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting January 20, 1986 as presented.

Mr. Monger reported on the letter he had sent to the Rockingham County Schools regarding entering into an arrangement with them to lease the old agricultural building located on the corner of Ashby Avenue and "B" Street in Elkton to use for a community center. He stated he had not waited to bring this before council as he had heard someone else was going to ask for the building and he felt he needed to send the letter immediately. He had discussed it with Mayor Dean and Councilman Flick before sending the letter. He pointed out that it would probably cost about $2000.00 to change the heating system and make some other changes. There appears to be a need for this type of building (all on one floor) as many of the activities at the present community center have been discontinued due to being located on the second floor. Mr. Monger stated he has received a reply from Ryland Dishner, Division Superintendent of the Rockingham County Public Schools, stating that the School Board approved the request February 3rd. to use the old agriculture building as a community center with two additional conditions above those stated in our letter. They are (1) that all structural and/or equipment changes would need to be approved by the Board prior to such change, and (2) that the Town would need to build suitable parking space for the activities at that particular building. Council was in agreement, that if the parking situation can be satisfied without paving and going to a lot of expense, to have Mr. Davenport draw up a proposed lease and present it to the Board for their approval.

Chief Pence reviewed the police report for the month of January. He reported that he has received word from Myers Ford that it may be awhile before we receive our new police car. There is some technicality regarding manufacturing this type of vehicle. The necessary application has been made to ICC for this approval but all this takes time.

Councilwoman Life asked if we had ever received permission to run criminal history reports. Chief Pence stated we have not received this as yet but we should be receiving it in the near future.

Councilman Davis reported on two problem areas on Route 340 at the dry cleaners and at the underpass of Route 33. He feels these areas need to be marked more clearly. Mr. Monger was asked to contact Frank Evans of the State Highway Department on this.

Councilman S. P. H. Flick moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the Finance Report for the month of January.

Mrs. Leap reported that we would be receiving $11,322.00 for the Revenue Sharing Entitlement Period 17. We have accumulated $3,063.05 interest on our revenue sharing monies and received $209.00 extra in EP-16. Each committee needs to consider their suggestions for the use of this money and present them for consideration to the Finance Committee who will prepare a proposed budget. After a first reading is had on the proposed budget a Public Hearing will be scheduled on this budget.

Mrs. Leap briefly reviewed the proposed Records Retention Schedule which she had sent to each council member. She requested council give this their consideration so that some action can be taken within the near future.

Councilman Flick stated he felt that since Mr. Tolsma had made a request to bid on our insurance, we should allow him to do so but make sure they can offer us liability insurance. Councilman Holt stated he would be willing to check with our present carrier on anticipated costs for insurance for the coming year. Mayor Dean requested the Finance Committee consider this at their committee meeting.

Councilman Davis reported that the Electric Committee has met since the last council meeting. They have some recommendations they will be presenting to council but are not ready to present them at this meeting.

Councilman Leap asked if the second sewer leak has been repaired at the tannery apartments and if the line has been accepted by the town. Mr. Monger stated the leak has been repaired but that the field has not been dressed up as yet. After this is done the line will be accepted.

Councilwoman Life asked Mr. Monger if he had any further information on what coverage we were going to receive on the flood damage. Mr. Monger said it appears our insurance will pay $4600.00 of the $5200.00 turned in on motors and that FEMA will pick up from there.

Councilwoman Life stated she needs to have a Streets & Sidewalk Committee meeting and will be getting with the members on this committee to set up a date.

Councilwoman Life asked if Mayor Dean or Mr. Monger have talked with or heard anything from Commonwealth Cablevision regarding the poor services and they stated they have heard nothing. Mayor Dean said he has not received any more complaints. Councilwoman Life stated she is still receiving complaints. She has received a memo with some suggestions and her committee will discuss this at their meeting. It was also decided to ask Mr. Judy to attend this committee meeting to discuss the cable problems.

Councilman Holt stated he has received complaints on pot holes and referred those complaining to Councilwoman Life. Councilwoman Life stated that this is not the time of year to patch pot holes but they are trying to keep them filled with gravel.

Mr. Monger reported that they still need to have a Water & Sewer Committee meeting and that he has spoken with Councilman Leet and he is going to set up a meeting.

Mayor Dean reported that the Rockingham County Municipal League will meet at Timberville Wednesday, February 19th. at 7:30 P.M.

Councilwoman Life reported that we have received the plans for the concrete work and drainage at the Elkton Elementary School and they will be discussing this at their committee meeting.

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