REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
March 17, 1986

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held March 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.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting February 17, 1986 as presented.

Mr. Monger reported on the progress of leasing the agricultural building from Rockingham County for recreational use. Mr. Davenport has drafted a contract, the Mayor has reviewed it and it has been sent on to the County for their consideration.

Mr. Monger reported that we have received plans for the sewer line project crossing the river which the town needs to approve. Mr. Monger stated he will get these to Mr. Leet for the Water and Sewer Committee to review.

Councilwoman Life asked if we had received all the fluoride equipment. Mr. Monger reported that everything is in except the testing instruments.

Chief Pence reviewed the police report for the month of February. He reported that Officer Austin has graduated from the Criminal Justice Training Center.

Councilwoman Life reported on calls she has been receiving regarding the traffic problem down in town and not being able to get out from Fifth Street onto Spotswood Trail. She stated she has experienced the same problem herself and questioned the possibility of reinstalling the traffic light in the middle of town. Councilman Holt did not feel this would help, but possibly make the situation worse. Council agreed this was a problem but could offer no solutions. Councilwoman Life requested the Public Safety Committee take this under advisement and try to find a solution.

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

There was some discussion regarding the Budget Report section of the Finance Report. Councilman Holt did not feel the report gave a true indication of where each department stands. Mrs. Leap was instructed to show the utility costs next month and when the new budget period starts to take these costs as well as taxes, sinking funds, retirement, debt retirement and legal out at the first of the year so each department knows what is has to spend for the rest of the year.

Councilman S. P. H. Flick stated that we have $5121.69 in revenue sharing monies from Entitlement Periods 13, 14, 15 and 16 which needs to be reappropriated, $3,063.05 interest money earned on revenue sharing funds which needs to be appropriated and $11,322.00 from Entitlement Period 17 which needs to be appropriated. The Finance Committee has met and agreed upon the following First Reading for the use of these monies:

Fire Company Gasoline	$ 2,400.00
Computer Software	1,500.00
Copier	3,500.00
Transit	3,500.00
Pipe Locator	1,500.00
Police Car	7,106.74
	$19,506.74

A Public Hearing was set for April 21, 1986 at 7:30 P.M. to allow the public to present their views on these revenue sharing funds.

Councilman Davis reported that the town has received a refund from Vepco in the amount of $22,142.76. He suggested two possibilities regarding this refund. One, return the money in the proportion received to the meter or two, keep the money and appropriate it for some future need. The Electric Committee met but had no recommendation. Councilman Flick pointed out that we are going to need a new line truck a few years down the road.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap that the Vepco refund be returned to the meters.

Councilman Holt stated he would like to amend the motion that the refund not be made to Elkton Elementary School until the County comes to some sort of resolution on the adjustment of rates they pay.

Mayor Dean stated he did not feel this motion was in order so Councilman Holt withdrew his motion. He stated it still goes against his grain that we are providing services to the County and suffering a loss.

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

Davis	- yea	Leap	- yea
Flick	- yea	Life	- yea
Holt	- yea		

Councilwoman Life reported that the Streets and Sidewalk Committee had met and will be setting up another meeting tonight. The Chief Engineer from Commonwealth Cablevision was present at their last meeting. They gave him a list of suggestions and grievances. He will look these over and plans to come back to their next meeting. Hopefully this will help.

Councilwoman Life reported that the plans for the concrete work and drainage at the Elementary School are complete. Mr. Monger has been in contact with Mr. May and he is suppose to come down and go over the plans and take them back. The committee has no recommendations at this time. The approximate cost given to the committee for this project is between $27,000.00 and $28,000.00.

Councilwoman Life reported that she has two letter which were given to her committee, one just tonight, but it concerns the same issue. This was taken under consideration at their committee meeting and they are still discussing it. They have no motion to make but felt council should be aware of this. The following letters were read:

"The Administrative Council of Elkton United Methodist Church, by unanimous vote, respectfully requests the Elkton Town Council to:

1. Make the street immediately to the east of the church <u>be of one name from Spotswood Trail through to B Street</u>. This apparently continuous street is now called Warren Street from Spotswood to A Street, and Heard Street from A to B Street. This is a confusing situation, and complicates directions to our facilities, which are used not only for our congregational purposes, but by a number of community groups as well.

2. Designate parking on <u>one side only</u> on the above street. The street is too narrow, especially where it intersects Spotswood Trail, to permit parking on both sides and reasonable passage of two-way traffic. On weekday mornings, school buses have difficulty

entering the intersection from Warren Avenue. Our church has ample parking space in our lots to not be hampered by one-side parking, and we believe traffic entering and exiting Ben-Yehuda Road would also benefit from the increased visibility and turning space afforded by one-side parking.

We appreciate the cooperation of the Council to review what we frankly believe to be not only an inconvenience to the Town of Elkton, but a hazard.

Adopted this night.

Richard Painter, Lay Leader Herbert Sigafoose, Secretary
J. Brooke Willson, Pastor"

and

"It has come to my attention that a certain party intends to petition the Council to restrict parking on Warren Avenue to one side only. Should this be true, please consider my reasons for having parking on both sides of the street.

Our customers and those of Valley Lunch use the parking spaces on Warren Avenue. In addition, we have two apartments over our store and B. W. Gooden has three apartments next door. These tenants must use the parking along Warren Avenue. Since there is not enough parking space in the alley for all our service trucks, some of these must also park on Warren Avenue. If parking was restricted to one side only, there simply would not be enough parking space within a reasonable distance from our store.

Your thoughtful consideration will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
SNYDER PLUMBING & HEATING, INC.
Gary P. Monger, Sr.
President"

Councilwoman Life stated that Mr. Gooden had also talked to her about this. She said this was just something for council to be thinking about. Councilman Holt asked if parking and stop signs have not been handled by the Public Safety Committee in the past. Councilwoman Life stated she did not mean to overstep her bounds but that when there was a problem in front of the Banner she had been given the task of trying to solve the situation. She stated that whatever council wishes to do is okay with her. She turned the matter over to Mayor Dean to determine whose department should handle this.

Councilwoman Life reported that there is a water problem on Wirt Avenue resulting from the car wash. Mr. Monger has been talking with Mr. Wayne Printz and they hope to be able to find a solution to this problem.

Councilman Holt reported that Councilwoman Life had passed to him tonight a resolution signed by a group of people. He was not sure how many were residents of the town. They are complaining about the condition of the Elkton Community Center, the cleanliness, etc. This has not gone before committee and Councilman Holt would prefer his committee meet and come back with recommendations.

Councilman H. W. Leap moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life and carried to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap and carried to go from Executive Session back into Regular Session.

The Clerk read the following letters:

"Our church, associated with the Southern Baptist Convention, will be sharing in a series of simultaneous revival services entitled "Good News America, God Loves You" Sunday March 30 through Sunday April 6. Our church will be joining with some 30,000 other churches.

On Thursday evening, April 3, at 7:30 P.M. we shall be observing God and Country night. We are inviting you to be our honored guests as we reserve a special place in that service for you.

You will honor us by your presence.

Sincerely,
Scott C. Hutton, Jr.
Pastor First Baptist Church"

and

"Dear Mr. Pence:
Ms. Laurie Dewes has brought to my attention the very timely assistance of the Elkton Police Department when the intermediate school was closed and one of our regularly scheduled classes was unable to meet there. I want you to know how much we appreciate your response to that emergency situation. I know that in your profession responding to emergency situations often is a routine occurrence; nevertheless, your actions were beyond the call of duty, and we are grateful for your willingness to assist.

I shall attempt to prevent future situations by establishing an alternate location and contact person for such emergencies.

Sincerely,
Bonnie S. Moyers
Coordinator of Continuing Education
Blue Ridge Community College"

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