REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
July 21, 1986

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held July 21, 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.

Mr. Michael O'Neil addressed several issues which Mr. Judy of Commonwealth Cablevision had discussed during the committee meeting and showed some tapes which he felt demonstrated the poor quality of the cable television reception.

Mr. Bob Necsary, representing the Elkton Elementary School and a member of the Rockingham County School Board, came before council regarding the sidewalk and drainage work at the Elementary School. Mr. Diehl, Principal of the school was also present. Mr. Necsary stated that at the last school board meeting he was left with the consensus that there is a way to work out the problem so that the school board will be able to pay half on the sidewalk project. He asked the town to try to work out something as quickly as possible to get this project completed.

Mr. Monger stated he had talked with Mr. Dishner on July 17th. and they need an approval from council that they are willing to go 50-50 on this project which is projected to cost $29,882.00. Council indicated they are in agreement to do our share and will work with the school on this project.

Mr. Sherman Stover and Mrs. Barbara Dean both spoke regarding the poor cable television reception.

Councilman H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life and carried to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing June 16, 1986, the Regular Meeting June 16, 1986, the Special Meeting June 25, 1986 and the Special Meeting June 30, 1986 as presented.

Mr. Monger reported on a letter which the town had received from Roland Z. Arey, Mayor, Town of Bridgewater. He enclosed a copy of insurance information which was given to the members of the Rockingham County Municipal League by Ed Ney at their last meeting. It was decided at the meeting that each community would appoint a representative to meet and discuss Mr. Ney's proposal. Mr. Arey requested council to select someone to attend a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 30, 1986 at 7:30 P.M. in the Board of Directors room at Shenandoah Pride Dairy in Harrisonburg.

Councilman Holt and Mr. Monger were appointed to represent the town at the meeting on insurance.

Chief Pence presented and reviewed the monthly Public Safety report. He reported that on June 27th. our computerized criminal history capabilities were restored to our teletype.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to set the 1986 tax rates at $0.12 per $100.00 of assessed value on Real Estate and $0.46 per $100.00 of assessed value on Personal Property. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the Finance Report for June.

A First Reading was presented for the following additional appropriations in the 1985-86 Budget:

Water Department	$ 5,789.00
Street Department	$39,547.00
Public Safety	$ 5,476.00

Councilman Leap reported that the town has received a check in the amount of $4,000.00 from Commonwealth Cablevision for payment toward the bill of $7,100.58 for pole rent. They indicated they will pay the balance within 30 days pending verification that they are responsible for this amount. Mr. Judy indicated that they had paid the telephone company the total of $4.00 on the poles rented for a certain period and Councilman Leap wondered if this would affect the town in any way. It was the opinion of most of council that this should not affect the town in any way as that would be between Mr. Judy and the telephone company.

Councilman Leet gave the following report:

1. The county has put the sewer line across the river out for bids.

2. The town is still in the process of trying to get the correct metering equipment in order to start the fluoridation system.

3. The town crew has put a sleeve under the creek at the spring and we can now start working toward replacing lines.

4. The shelter for the sludge beds has been completed and seems to be doing the job.

5. They are working on improving the sewer lines and hope to soon put in new supports across the creek.

Council was reminded that a representative from the county will be meeting with the Elkton Planning Commission Monday, July 28th. at 7:30 P.M. to discuss ways of improving county planning. Council members were invited to attend this meeting.

Mr. Davenport reported that the amendments to the town's grievance procedure have been submitted to the State for approval and have passed the first step.

Councilman Holt presented the following First Reading on a resolution to amend Section 8-1-1 of the Elkton Town Code:

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."

Councilman Holt reported that they have been receiving some complaints regarding cats. At present there is no ordinance in the town code covering the control of cats. He has talked with the members of his committee and they will be coming up with some type of method to help control this problem.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt that the town go ahead and do the drainage and sidewalk work at the Elkton Elementary School and the town will pay our 50% of the cost. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to authorize the Mayor to grant a non-exclusive easement over the sidewalks along the school property to the Rockingham County School Board or to take other reasonable steps to make possible a cooperative resolution of the problem. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Councilwoman Life asked if the new rate increases were effective July 1, 1986 and was informed that the rate increases on the water and sewer bills are effective July 1, 1986.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman H. A. Leet and carried to approve the committees as presented at the Special Meeting June 30, 1986.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried to appoint Councilman B. B. Holt as President Pro Tempore of the Council.

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