REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
April 21, 1986

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held Monday, April 21, 1986 at 8:00 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 and L. C. Life. R. E. Davis and H. A. Leet were absent. Dale Davenport, Attorney, Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent, and Warren Pence, Chief of Police were also present.

Don R. Merica, representing the Elkton Volunteer Fire Company and Emergency Squad, was present to request permission to construct a new wall in the Fire Company building. There would be no expense to the town as they will pay all costs on this project. He presented a drawing for council to review. This will be dedicated to the memory of Homer Ageon and Melvin Foley. Mayor Dean and Mr. Monger stated that they could see no problem with this request.

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

Mr. Monger reported that the roof is being built over the drying bed at the sewer plant and that the fluoride equipment is in but has not been installed as yet.

Mr. Monger stated that we have received a draft copy of a lease on the agricultural building at the Elementary School. The School Board is asking that the following two changes be made to the agreement:

> "6. Insurance and Indemnification. During the term of this lease and all extensions thereof, lessee shall obtain and maintain at its expense fire and casualty insurance and liability insurance. Such insurance shall be maintained in reasonable amounts as agreed from time to time between the parties, and lessors shall be named as an insured under such policies and as the loss payee as to any policies of fire and casualty insurance.
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> Lessee agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the lessor and its agents from any claims, demands, actions, or damages or expenses of any kind, including attorney's fees, arising from or related in any way to the lessee's use of the premises.
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> 10a. County Dental Trailer. Notwithstanding the provisions of this lease, lessee agrees that the County Dental Trailer may be parked beside of the building which is the subject of this lease and that such trailer shall have available to it at no expense to the lessor such power, water, and other utilities as may be necessary to its complete operation."

Mr. Monger did not feel the trailer utilities would cost the town that much. Mr. Davenport was asked to draw up the final lease on the agricultural building and give each council member a copy to review before the Mayor signs it. Councilwoman Life stated she would also like an estimate on what the utilities might cost.

Mr. Monger reported that the pavers are moving in Tuesday, April 22nd. Prices were lower than anticipated so we will be able to do more streets. Blakemore Construction Corporation will be doing the work.

Chief Pence reviewed the Public Safety report for the month of March. He also reported we have received the new police car from Myers Ford and it is now in service. Two police officers are attending the police academy and Chief Pence stated this may require some overtime during their schooling.

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

Councilman S. P. H. Flick moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to approve on Second Reading the revenue monies in the amount of $19,506.74 from Entitlement Periods 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 and the interest earned for use as follows:

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

The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. Monger reported that they are still working on a meter for the school.

Councilwoman Life pointed out that the Vepco rebate was given on the March bill under the Fuel Adjustment factor but the computer did not show the minus sign on the bill.

Councilwoman Life reported that her committee had not met during the month as they were waiting for information needed before they could take any action. They have received word from the School Board that they are not allowed to pay on any project that is not on school property. When they had agreed to go 50% on the project at the school they were not aware of this. The project cost is estimated at approximately $28,000.00. Mr. Davenport stated that our charter reads that the town can assess abuting property owners a portion of the cost of streets and sidewalks. He said he did not know what it means when you have a statute and charter division in conflict but his feeling is it would not dissolve itself in our favor. He said he would be glad to look into this and get an opinion from the Attorney General. This matter was tabled until Mr. Davenport looks into it and reports back to the committee.

Councilwoman Life stated she would like to thank Mr. Monger, Mr. Whitfield and all that were involved for the prompt response in putting up the lights on the basketball court.

Councilwoman Life reported on the petition that was presented at the last meeting regarding the unsanitary condition of the Elkton Community Center and the request that a portion of the fees paid by the groups using the facility be used to hire weekly janitorial service. She presented this request to the Recreation Commission two nights after our council meeting and they have already taken action. Two ladies have been hired to clean the center.

Councilwoman Life stated that the Street and Sidewalks Committee had discussed the problem on Warren Avenue before they realized it really wasn't their problem. They had asked Mr. Monger to contact the Deans and see if something could be done. He has done this and the Deans are helping. Councilwoman Life stated she would like to thank everyone that was involved in this.

Mayor Dean stated that the Public Safety Committee has no recommendations regarding the traffic problem discussed at the last meeting. He feels the situation has improved a little. Councilwoman Life stated it has improved some but that she had two more suggestions she would like the committee to consider. One is to post signs stating no through traffic during posted hours and the other is designating a parking area for young people to converse and have it patrolled.

Councilwoman Life suggested that we have two advertisements on Clean-Up Week in May.

Councilman Holt reported on a letter received by Mayor Dean from the Virginia Auto Safety Alliance which is a coalition comprised of medical, civic, business and industry organizations, as well as individuals, dedicated to improving traffic safety in the Commonwealth, primarily through the passage of a safety belt use law. They are requesting the Mayor to issue a proclamation encouraging the people in the Town of Elkton to buckle their safety belts. They are not asking for support of a mandatory safety belt law.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap and carried that the Mayor be authorized to issue the following proclamation:

Town of Elkton

Proclamation

WHEREAS, there are twenty thousand (20,000) fatalities each year among drivers and passengers in the front seats of automobiles in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are two million (2,000,000) injuries each year among drivers and passengers in the front seats of automobiles in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there is proof beyond doubt that the use of safety belts reduces the occurrence of these deaths and injuries by approximately one-half; and

WHEREAS, the safety belt, when used, is the single most effective device available to protect against serious and fatal injuries to car occupants; and

WHEREAS, traffic accidents and deaths cost American taxpayers, employers and insurance policy holders tens of billions of dollars each year due to injuries or deaths that could have been prevented by the use of safety belts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charles E. Dean, Mayor of the Town of Elkton, Virginia, do hereby designate the month of May, 1986, as

"SAFETY BELT MONTH IN ELKTON"

and call upon all persons operating automobiles and trucks within the Town of Elkton to buckle their safety belts at all times and to continue this practice after this month and for all time thereafter.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap and carried to give the Elkton Volunteer Fire Company and Emergency Squad permission to perform the alterations as outlined by their representative at the council meeting.

Councilman Leap presented a letter from Jim Monger, President of the Elkton Volunteer Fire Company and Emergency Squad, Inc. requesting the town donate the electricity as in the past for their annual carnival June 9th. through the 15th.

Councilman H. W. Leap moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to donate the electricity for the Fireman's Carnival June 9th. through the 15th.

Councilman Flick stated that since time is getting pretty short on the budget that anything the Finance Committee could do to expedite it they would be glad to do. Mr. Monger stated we would probably need a meeting with the Finance Committee before much more can be done on the budget.

Councilwoman Life stated that two years ago Mr. Monger had suggested setting aside one night a month to have all the committees meet. She was not in agreement at that time but now she felt this might be a good idea and felt it should be considered again when we start the new year in July. Councilman Holt stated he still felt we should let the chair person decide when he needs a committee meeting. He is strongly opposed to any mandatory committee meeting. Councilwoman Life stated she still feels it needs to be brought up again after the new council takes office and Mayor Dean stated he would do this.

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