REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
November 16, 1987

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held November 16, 1987 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 and L. C. Life. Dale Davenport, Attorney, Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Warren Pence, Chief of Police were also present.

Mr. Michael York, President, Mr. Jim Horwood, Legal Council, Mr. Fred Saffer, Consultant and Mr. Clyde Wimmer were present representing the Virginia Municipal Electric Association No. 1. They each spoke as to why they feel the town should not consider selling their electric system. It was pointed out that the town's rates are competitive with the Virginia Power rates and the town system is being operated efficiently. They felt the basic motives for a private company trying to take over a locally owned system are increased profits for their stockholders and the elimination of competition. The consensus was that local ownership is more responsive to the local needs, it means local control and revenues remain in the town for local use.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting October 19, 1987 as presented.

Chief Pence reported that the new radio systems have been installed in both vehicles. The old police car has not been sold and the dispatcher overtime was due to illness and double shifts during Halloween.

Mr. Monger reported that the calibration on the fluoride meter will be done tomorrow night. After this is completed an inspection will be done and instructions in operation will follow.

Councilwoman Life asked if a check had been made to see if Commonwealth Cablevision is current on all obligations to the town. Mr. Monger reported that we have billed them for the 1987-88 pole rental. Mrs. Leap talked with Commonwealth Cablevision's attorney and told them that we would send them the signed copy of the resolution after the pole rental is paid.

Mr. Monger reported that they have about 500 feet of water line to complete but they are still having a few problems with the railroad.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. A. Leet and carried to approve the Finance Report for October.

Mrs. Leap reported that the Finance Committee will be setting up a meeting with the auditors to review the audit report.

Councilman Leap reported that we have received Commonwealth Cablevision's report on complaints received for the month of September. They had twelve complaints and all but one have been resolved. Councilwoman Life and Councilman Leap both stated they had not received any complaints that they could recall this past month.

Councilman H. W. Leap moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life that the town answer the letter from Virginia Power saying that we are not interested in selling our electric system at this time and doing a study would be a waste of our employee's and Virginia Power's time. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Councilwoman Life reported that the Streets & Sidewalk Committee has not met due to conflicts in scheduling. Mr. Monger will try to get the roads primed and sealed before winter where the new lines have been run.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to reappoint G. W. Berry to the Elkton Planning Commission.

Councilman Leet reported that the Water and Sewer Committee met and discussed the sewer backup problem in the lower end of town. They feel the only solution is to replace the line from First Street to Shenandoah Avenue at an approximate cost of $30,000.00. Mayor Dean stated he feels we should get this problem fixed. Councilman Leet stated Mr. Monger is getting some estimates and the committee will come back to council with a proposal as they too are in favor of doing something to correct this problem.

Councilman Holt reported that Sharon Engles departure from the Central Shenandoah Planning Commission has slowed the progress on the new zoning ordinances. He also reported that Mr. Davenport has drafted a proposed ordinance for a bed and breakfast, the Planning Commission has looked over the ordinance and returned it to Mr. Davenport with their suggestions. After Mr. Davenport reviews this, they will have copies made for each council member and proceed with the required Public Hearing if it meets with council's approval.

Mrs. Leap reported that the Town Christmas Party will be held at Belle Meade, December 17, 1987 at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Monger reported that the Cemetery Commission met and would like some direction from council. This was referred to Mr. Davenport.

The Rockingham Municipal League was to meet November 18th. at Timberville but the meeting has been changed to January 20, 1988 at Timberville.

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