REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
February 16, 1987

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held February 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, L. C. Life and R. L. Snow. H. A. Leet was absent. Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent, and Warren Pence, Chief of Police were also present.

Mr. Wayne Davis came before council representing the Elkton Volunteer Fire Company and Emergency Squad. He reported that the company has remodeled the office, radio room and entrance hall at the fire hall. The town had the walls painted. Mr. Davis requested the town consider putting in a drop ceiling as this would help with heating the building as well as the appearance. If the town feels they cannot consider dropping the ceiling he asked if they would paint the ceiling as it looks so bad. Mr. Monger stated he has received one price of $5400.00 for dropping this ceiling.

Councilman Holt asked Mr. Davis if there was any truth to the rumor that the fire company plans to move out of town. Mr. Davis stated this was not true. Councilwoman Life asked if the company plans to construct a building on the land they purchased out of town. Mr. Davis stated that they are looking into the possibility of putting up a building for bingo and other community activities, but they would not be moving their fire and rescue equipment to that location. Councilman Holt stated that there is no money in this years budget so this would have to be considered in next years budget.

Mr. Wayne Davis reported that the fire company has been looking for a place to construct a permanent barbecue pit. He requested that the town consider constructing, or help the fire company construct, this pit. They would like to have it placed on the town's property beside where the Christmas tree is located. They would be willing to take charge of scheduling the use of the pit.

Mayor Dean stated that both of these requests would be taken to committee and council would get back with the fire company and rescue squad.

Mr. Rod Bodkins and Mr. Tom Mizell from the State Water Control Board was present to briefly explain the draft of the Shenandoah Planning Area Water Supply Plan. The plan includes information regarding public systems, their source, their capabilities and projections through 2030. It also includes the effects it is felt major industries will have on the water supply. They pointed out that they can't require any community to adopt the plan but was asking for a resolution from the local governing bodies endorsing the plan. They feel the resolution would show that the towns have had some input into this. In answer to a question, they stated this plan does not involve taking water from one area to supply another area.

Councilwoman Life asked if this resolution had to be adopted tonight and Mr. Bodkin said it did not. She stated she would rather have more time to study the plan.

Mayor Dean thanked Mr. Bodkin and Mr. Mizell for coming to the meeting and answering council's questions.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting January 19, 1987 and the Special Meeting February 2, 1987 as presented.

Chief Pence reviewed the monthly police report. He reported that they are experiencing difficulty with the marked police cruiser again and he does not feel we should spend any more money repairing this vehicle.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life and carried to approve the Finance Report for the month of January.

Councilman Leap reported he had a report regarding his contacting a consultant in regards to cable television but would have to make his report in Executive Session.

Councilwoman Life reported that the Streets and Sidewalks Committee has not had a meeting since the last council meeting. She stated that the snow removal has cost a little over $6100.00 to date. She also reported that they have not heard anything from Mr. Evans of the State Highway Department regarding traffic lights at the intersections of Rockingham Street and Route 340 or Shenandoah Avenue and Route 340.

Councilwoman Life reported that she had received letters from Mayor Hartz, Chairman of the Town Section of the VML, Delegate Emmett Hanger and Bill O'Brien, County Administrator, in response to our letters concerning maintenance funds to towns with a population of under 3500.

Councilwoman Life reported that a new club is being organized in Elkton. The purpose of the club is to promote the image of Elkton. Councilwoman Life, Councilman Holt and Councilman Leet had attended the last meeting. Councilwoman Life stated that the next meeting will be tomorrow night, Tuesday, February 17th. at 8:00 P.M. and urged those who could to attend.

Councilwoman Life reported that the Board of Directors of the Historical Society is sponsoring a dance March 7th. Proceeds are to be used toward the restoring of the Stonewall Jackson House. She urged everyone to support this fund raising project.

Councilwoman Life requested that council take a few moments before the close of the meeting to have a moment of silence in honor of Shirley O'Byrne who recently passed away. Mrs. O'Byrne served as Chairman of the Planning Commission before her illness.

Councilman Holt reported that the Rockingham Municipal League was suppose to meet in Elkton this Wednesday but that the meeting has been postponed until next Wednesday, February 25th. at 7:30 P.M. at the Valley Lunch Restaurant. The league wanted to have Sharon Engle of the Central Shenandoah Planning District on the program and she could not attend until the 25th of February so that is why they postponed the meeting.

Councilman Holt reported on a letter from the Shenandoah Valley Soil and Water Conservation District expressing their appreciation of the financial support the town has given to their conservation programs and activities. They requested that as the town prepares their 1987-88 budget, we include a $200.00 donation for them.

Councilman H. W. Leap moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and possible litigation. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

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

Councilman Holt stated he felt he would be remiss if he didn't comment on the loss of Mr. Harold Workman this past week. Mr. Workman was a long time member of the Elkton Town Council and a faithful worker in the Democratic Party in Rockingham County. Mr. Workman contributed a lot to the Town of Elkton.

Councilman B. B. Holt presented a letter of resignation from Patrolman Gregory L. Austin to be effective February 22nd.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman R. E. Davis and carried to accept Officer Gregory L. Austin's resignation effective February 22, 1987.

Mayor Dean stated that the town will be advertising for another officer.

Council observed a moment of silent prayer in honor of Harold A. Workman, former council member, and Shirley O'Byrne, former Chairman of the Elkton Planning Commission.

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