REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
August 26, 1991

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held August 26, 1991 in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: J. R. Correa Jr., R. C. Davis, L. C. Life, W. E. Printz and R. L. Snow. H. W. Leap was absent. Dale Davenport, Attorney, Betty H. Engle, Asst. Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Warren Pence, Chief of Police were also present.

Councilwoman Life moved, seconded by Councilman Correa and carried to present the following resolution to Millard Dearing.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF ELKTON, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, Millard Dearing was raised in the Elkton, Virginia community, attending and graduating from Elkton High School in the Class of 1966; and

WHEREAS, Millard thereafter in October 1966 enlisted in the United States Army and saw service in Vietnam during 1967 and 1968; and

WHEREAS, Millard has distinguished himself in the service of his country as a member of the United States Army continuously since 1966, as evidenced by his continuous promotion in rank while serving in the Army to his present rank of Command Sergeant Major, the highest rank of noncommissioned officer; and

WHEREAS, from December 23, 1990 until May 4, 1991 Millard participated in the Gulf War as part of the Sixteenth Engineering Battalion, contributing to the successful efforts of his country to prevent further Iraqi efforts to conquer neighboring nations and to forcible eject Iraqi occupation troops from Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, Millard and his wife Karen plan to return to the Elkton area next year to make their home upon his retirement from the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to recognize the contributions which Millard has made to his nation's defense and to extend its welcome to him and Karen to return to Elkton;

BE IT THEREFORE AND ACCORDINGLY RESOLVED, that the Town Council of Elkton, Virginia does hereby recognize Millard Dearing for his service to his nation as a member of its armed forces since 1966 and for his many accomplishments as a soldier during that time; and extends its welcome to Millard and his family to return to the Elkton area upon his retirement from the service in 1992.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is directed to deliver to Millard Dearing an executed copy of this resolution, and to spread a copy of this resolution upon the permanent records of the minutes of the Town Council.

Councilwoman Life moved, seconded by Councilman Correa and carried to present the following resolution to Denis Toomey, manager of Merck & Co. for their many years of contributions to the community.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF ELKTON, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, Merck and Company, Inc. commenced construction of its Stonewall Plant in April, 1941, and began production in 1942 with three hundred employees, contributing greatly to the defense of the Nation during a time of great need; and

WHEREAS, since its beginning in the Shenandoah Valley in that year, Merck has grown steadily to its present size today, employing 775 persons with an annual payroll exceeding thirty million dollars and thereby contributing directly to the prosperity of Elkton and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, during the past fifty years Merck provided to countless employees and their families, employment of a nature which surpassed in quality most other opportunities in the local area, in terms not merely of financial remuneration, but also of work conditions, potential for advancement and individual betterment, as well as security of employment upon which those persons could truly build their lives; and

WHEREAS, Merck has brought into the Town of Elkton and the surrounding area many fine persons as employees of the company, who have made major contributions of talent and energy to community projects and local government activities; and

WHEREAS, during the past fifty years Merck has steadfastly supported a wide variety of community charitable and educational activities and projects, giving both leadership and financial resources, which have helped to enable the community to fulfill its obligations to its less fortunate citizens, while developing the special skills and talents of others; and

WHEREAS, Merck has created, manufactured and marketed on an international scale during its tenure in this community, some of the finest pharmaceutical products the world has known, which have contributed to the relief of human suffering from disease to an extent too great to measure; and

WHEREAS, Merck has provided a fine example to other American companies through its progressive management policies, its emphasis on long-term research and its dedication to quality; and

WHEREAS, this fiftieth anniversary of the Stonewall Plant is also the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the company in the Unites States, which began in 1891 in New York; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Elkton, Virginia wishes to recognize these contributions and accomplishments;

BE IT THEREFORE AND ACCORDINGLY RESOLVED, that the Town Council of Elkton, Virginia extends to Merck and Company, Inc., its directors, officers and employees, these remarks of recognition of the tremendous contribution made to this community by Merck during the past fifty years; congratulations upon the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the company and its accomplishments during the past century of its business; and best wishes for many more years of productivity, leadership and prosperity.

AND BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is directed to deliver to appropriate officials of Merck and Company, Inc. an executed copy of this resolution, and to spread a copy of this resolution upon the permanent records of the minutes of the Town Council.

John Adams representing the EDRC presented a proposal for the town to apply to the Virginia Main Street program, where up to five towns could be chosen to receive a three year commitment for intensive training and technical assistance for the Department of Housing and Community Development which administers the program. Design assistance is provided in conjunction with the Department of Historic Resources. There are no federal or state funds provided to the local program. Applications are due November 15, 1991, and those chosen will be notified in December. Councilwoman Life will attend one of these seminars to be held on the following dates, September 10, 11 and 12th., and report back to council. The council will decide on the involvement of the town in this program at the September meeting.

Hazel Crider asked about additional street lights for Elkwood, and also a light be put on the flag in Memorial Park.

Councilwoman Life told Mrs. Crider she would check her notes as to what had been previously been decided on the street lights. The light on the flag was turned over to Mr. Monger and Chief Pence.

Katie Whitfield asked for lights to be installed in the park shelter, and also for the fireplace to be finished.

Councilman Snow stated that both of these projects were planned in the future.

Benny King requested a street light be put on Henry Avenue where has has built town houses. He also was concerned about people playing tennis not being allowed to use the rest rooms in the police department. He was told that they were closed to the public because of misuse causing quite a bit of water on the floors. This has been happening constantly to all the public toilet facilities furnished by the town. They will try to work out a solution to this problem, perhaps a sign in sheet for trial purposes.

Councilwoman Life moved, seconded by Councilman Snow and carried to approve the regular minutes of July 22, 1991 as presented.

Councilman Snow moved, seconded by Councilman Correa and carried to approve the Finance Report as presented.

Councilman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Printz to use the refund of approximately $14,600.00 from Virginia Power and to appropriate $8,391.00 as the town's share to buy and install two generators at the Virginia Municipal Electric Association #1 near Manassas, Virginia. The vote was recorded as follows:

Correa	-	yea	Life	-	yea
Davis	-	yea	Printz	-	yea
			Snow	-	yea

Councilman Printz reported they have been trying to come up with some solution to the problem on Park Avenue. There has been a request from Mr. Louis Johnson who recently built a home on Park Avenue to have it opened to through traffic. There has been some objection from some of the other residents who do not want this done.

Councilwoman Life moved, seconded by Councilman R. C. Davis to approve on Second Reading the ordinances amending Section 7-1-39 and Section 8-1-1 and 8-1-2, Article A, Chapter 1, of Title 8, of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Elkton, Va. as presented in the minutes of the Regular Meeting July 22, 1991. The vote was recorded as follows:

Correa	-	yea	Life	-	yea
Davis	-	yea	Printz	-	yea
			Snow	-	yea

Councilwoman Life moved, seconded by Councilman Davis and carried to present the following resolution.

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was conducted on April 17, 1991 in the County/Town of Rockingham by representatives of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Transportation after due and proper notice for the purpose of considering the proposed location and design of Route 759 From=Intersection at North Road to=.16 Miles East of Route 861. Project:0759-082-215 in the Town of Elkton at which hearing aerial photographs, drawings and other pertinent information were made available for public inspection in accordance with State and Federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, all persons and parties in attendance were afforded full opportunity to participate in said public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the representatives of the Town of Elkton were present and participated in said hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Council had previously requested the Virginia Department of Transportation to program this project; and

WHEREAS, the Council considered all such matters; now THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Elkton hereby approves the location and major design features of the proposed project as presented at the Public Hearing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Elkton requests the Virginia Department of Transportation to acquire all rights of way necessary for this project conveying this right of way to the Town of Elkton at the appropriate times.

A Personnel Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers.

Councilman Snow asked on behalf of the Recreation Department that the Ore Wash Road, which runs along the park that was donated by Merck & Co., be closed to through traffic.

Mr. Monger said he thought they should lay out a plan for parking, boat ramp and possibly a Cul-de-sac before closing the road.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR: Charles E. Dean
Charles E. Dean, Mayor

RECORDER: Betty H. Engle
Betty H. Engle, Asst. Clerk