PUBLIC HEARING
May 30, 1991

The Elkton Town Council held a Public Hearing May 30, 1991 at 8:00 p.m. in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: J. R. Correa Jr., L. C. Life, W. E. Printz and R. L. Snow. R. C. Davis and H. W. Leap were absent. Norma Leap, Clerk and Gerald Monger, Superintendent were also present.

Mayor Dean stated the purpose of the meeting was to give the public the opportunity to present oral or written comments and ask questions concerning the proposed 1991-1992 Budget.

Mr. Gerry Comer was present to speak on behalf of his parents who own Valley Restaurant. They are not in favor of the 2% meals tax which the town is considering. He asked council to look at other avenues to obtain revenue. He registered a complaint about organizations and other non-profit groups who are constantly coming into town setting up food stands and are required to pay no taxes or fees. This hurts the local restaurants who are required to buy licenses, etc. He suggested the town consider a fee for these people. He would not oppose a meals tax if these other non-profit organizations were required to pay fees also.

Marsha Fuller stated she has a moral problem with putting a tax on meals. She questioned if the town has done any studies on the restaurants in town and if the bulk of their business comes from out of town people or local residents.

Mayor Dean presented the following letter regarding the proposed budget which was signed "A Life Long Resident":

To The Town Council

Regarding the Proposed 1991-92 Budget

Suggestion No. 1 - Eliminate $100,000 from the Recreation Department. That department benefits a very small percentage of Elkton citizens. Let those who use it pay for it.

Suggestion No. 2 - cut 3% from all the other listed expenses.

A great many Elkton citizens are barely able to pay their tax and utility bills now, especially retired people. So please no increase in rates.

As there were no other citizens present to present views, the hearing adjourned.

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

RECORDER: Norma R. Leap
Norma R. Leap, Clerk