**Special Council Meeting**
**July 30, 2001**

A Special meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held July 30, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, with the Mayor Millard L. Dearing presiding. The roll call was as follows:

**PRESENT**

B. Horne
C. Murphy
L. Sigafoose
T. Pence
W. Printz

Burns Earle, Attorney and Faye H. Vickers, Clerk were also present.

Councilwoman Horne offered the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Dearing stated first thing on agenda is the bond issue.

**Councilwoman C. Murphy moved seconded by Councilman T. Pence and carried to approve a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Elkton, authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds, in a maximum amount of $2,000,000 for purchase of proposed bonds to purchase real estate for passive or active community and/or recreational facilities or other future needs of the Town as per terms stated in said resolution.**

**YEAS: B. Horne, C. Murphy and T. Pence**
**NAYS: W. Printz and L. Sigafoose**

**Motion carried (3-2)**

Discussion:

Councilman W. Printz stated the resolution was too general, he would like for the resolution to be more detailed on expenditures.

Mayor Dearing stated the first reading authorizing the resolution to sale bonds occurred on May 7th, the second reading on May 21st, and both were voted on and passed. The Council is now voting on borrowing the $2,000,000 to purchase the land. This Council authorized me to sign a contract, which has already been signed. Mayor Dearing further stated the Council approved the purchase of 68 acres on Mt. Pleasant Road, also the purchase of the Kite house and 18 acres. The reason for the additional money, is to pay the existing debt of $650,000 for the 133 acres already purchased, on which the Town is only paying the interest. Therefore the bond issue would combine all the debts under recreation. Mayor Dearing stated the bond issue has nothing to do with the use of the land.

Mayor Dearing stated second on the agenda is the appointment to the vacant Council seat.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

Caroline Brill stated her support for Rick Workman or Randall Snow.

**Councilwoman C. Murphy moved, second by Councilwoman B. Horne and carried that the Elkton Town Council be in closed session under Virginia State Code 2.1-344 to discuss the appointment of the vacant Council seat.**

**Yeas: C. Murphy, B. Horne, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose and W. Printz.**

**Motion carried (5-0)**

**Councilwoman C. Murphy moved to go from Closed Session back into Regular Session and that each member, to the best of his or her knowledge, certifies that only public business matters lawfully exempted from an open meeting requirement under Chapter 21 of Title 2.1 of the Code of Virginia were heard, discussed or considered. Councilwoman B. Horne duly seconded the motion.**

**Yeas: C. Murphy, B. Horne, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose and W. Printz.**

**Motion carried (5-0)**

**Councilman W. Printz moved second by L. Sigafoose to put Mike O'Neill on Council.**

**YEAS: L. Sigafoose, W. Printz and T. Pence**
**NAYS: B. Horne and C. Murphy**

**Motion carried (3-2)**

**Discussion**

Councilwoman Horne stated she would like to remind Council when Mr. O'Neill was put on Council, he made it clear he had a personal agenda, that personal agenda was for Rockingham St. He was not willing to wait and see what could be done with the $60,000. She further stated she did not feel this is in the best interest of the town. Had there been another street involved he would not have voted to kill the project until the Town could find out what was going to happen to the $60,000. Councilwoman Horne stated she did not feel he should serve the Town a second time.

Councilman Printz stated he disagreed with Councilwoman Hornes' comments. He further stated that Mr. O'Neill was accused by the Council for a conflict of interest. The entire street called to have that project killed. He had proposed and the Council had voted against him to get that project moved, and the Council knew at that time the $60,000 could be in jeopardy.

Mayor Dearing stated he would like to set the record straight. On August 15, 1995 the urban project was earmarked for Spotswood Avenue. Wayne Printz, seconded by Marsha Fuller made the motion to move it to Rockingham St. Mayor Dearing further stated Mr. Monger had been accused of doing something illegal. The public should understand Mr. Printz put that motion on the floor, it was not Mr. Monger. The resolution stated; Should the Town Council elect to cancel this project, the Town of Elkton would agree to reimburse the Virginia Department of Transportation for the total amount of the Departments expenditures.

Councilman W. Printz stated that was not correct, he brought a motion up after that to change the project. He further stated the Mayor was responsible for stopping the move of the project.

Councilman T. Pence stated that he voted to stop the project, but was concerned about the $60,000. He further stated he would have felt the same as Mr. O'Neill, had the project been on his street.

Mayor Dearing stated Mr. O'Neill would resume his seat at the next Council meeting. Mayor Dearing further stated Mr. O'Neill would need to go to Rockingham County office to be sworn in.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

**MAYOR:** _____
**M. Lee Dearing, Mayor**

**RECORDER:** _____
**Faye H. Vickers, Clerk**