**Regular Council Meeting**
**January 15, 2001**
**7:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held January 15, 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.B. Horne
C. H. Murphy
M. O'Neill
T. Pence
W. E. Printz
L. Sigafoose

Burns Earle, Attorney, Gedie Armentrout, Treasurer, and Kenny Flick Director of Public Works were also present.

Mrs. Horne offered the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## CITIZENS COMMENTS

**Mildred Shifflett**- Elkton resident - Ms. Shifflett expressed her concern about the cruising law. She reported that kids are hanging out along the streets and are creating a problem. She said the cruisers are keeping her motion light on and she said she did not want to pay for that electric use. She wanted the cruising law taken off the books. Also she said that she would prefer the council to use the microphones so everyone could hear. Mayor Dearing commented that the cruising laws had not been enforced since May because it has not been needed. The law, he reported, was not active; yet on the books.

**Theodore Pence** - Mr. Pence reported that Mr. Monger should be hired back as a consultant. He also said that Mr. Monger should be paid and his insurance should be paid for until his retirement.

**Ruth Hammer**- Ms. Hammer expressed her concern for her property, which she has been a resident of for the past 37 years. She opposes the Ran Mar building on Shenandoah Ave. because of the problems that would occur; her yard floods easily.

**William Hammer** - Mr. Hammer expressed his concern for the Ran Mar building due to the water problem that it will create. He said that Mr. Leroy Kite zoned the land as agricultural. He questioned whether Ran Mar was going to put in a system that would elevate the problem and also whether the town was going to make the street wider. He commented that the road is used by tractor-trailers frequently. Also he mentioned the speed limit should be raised to 30 mph. Also he noticed that there were no permits posted on the Ran Mar property. Lastly, he said that it was Ran Mar's responsibility to take care of the water problem and that they should have respect for the community.

## MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes were approved for December 18, 2000 regular meeting

Councilwoman B. Horne moved, seconded by Councilman M. O'Neill carried to approve minutes.

YEAS: B. Horne, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill T. Pence, W. Printz and L. Sigafoose

Approved (6-0)

Minutes were approved for November 24, 2000 personnel committee meeting

Councilwoman B. Horne moved, seconded by Councilwoman C. Murphy carried to approve minutes

YEAS: B. Horne, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill T. Pence, W. Printz and L. Sigafoose

Approved (6-0)

Minutes were approved for December 5, 2000 personnel committee meeting

Councilman M. O'Neill moved, seconded by Councilman W. Printz carried to approve minutes

YEAS: B. Horne, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill T. Pence, W. Printz and L. Sigafoose

Approved (6-0)

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

### Chief of Police

There were no comments for the chief of police.

### Treasurer's Report

There will be a full treasurer's report given at the next council meeting.

## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

There were no comments for the Mr. Flick.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Electric

Councilman Sigafoose reported that he has been working on the light situation on Spotswood Ave. He wants more lights placed on the street because it is a dark area and thus unsafe. Chief Pullen and the Town Manager are looking into the safety issue and have contacted Mr. Whitfield about the lights.

### Finance

Councilwoman Horne did not have any report. She did, however, welcome the new Treasurer, Faye Vickers.

### Personnel

Councilwoman Murphy reported that the committee had met on January 9 and 11. Councilwoman Murphy reported that on January 11, Faye Vickers was voted in as the Treasurer.

### Public Health & Safety

Councilman Sigafoose expressed his concern for the safety of homeowners and the town. Councilman Printz supports Mr. Sigafoose on improving the lighting system throughout the town. Mayor Dearing reported that the Town Manager and Chief of Police were assessing the areas. Also Mayor Dearing stated that the council was not unsupportive of the light issue; their primary duty is to legislate.

Mayor Dearing reported that the Town Manager and the Chief of Police are looking into several issues that have been brought up (i.e., lighting, clean-up...)

Councilman Printz questioned the M1 zone of the Ran Mar property. Mr. Flick reported that the front of the town property was M1/business, while the rear county section is agriculture. He also reported that the town of Elkton does not require a permit for what Mr. Dean is doing, including putting in an office. There would however be a permit needed for structural/construction work. Councilman Printz questioned whether or not the council could require the Ran Mar Corporation be responsible for having a system to elevate the water problem. Mr. Flick said that the council could make this a requirement.

Mr. Flick said that the county permit is out of his control. Also Mr. Flick said that the petition request to the county for rezoning property from Mr. Dean was withdrew because he decided to be in the town limits.

**Streets and Sidewalks**

Councilman Printz reported that Route 340 paving was finished, however, the pavement is not pleasing to the council or to the state. He also mentioned that on Wednesday, there would be a meeting with the state to go over such issues. Councilman Pence expressed his concern for a possible guardrail be placed all the way around the road near Randell Snow's house.

**Water and Sewer**

Councilman Sigafoose reported that there has been a lot water hauling down at the end of Rockingham Street. He said that he would like for this people to pay for what they are using. Mayor Dearing reported that they do have accounts that keep track of the water usage. Mayor Dearing also added that people need to be aware that turning heat back in an effort to save money may cause pipes to bust.

**Recreation**

Councilman Pence reported that the Recreation Department did not meet due to Christmas. Mayor Dearing reported that there was going to be a tournament held January 18-21, and possibly could bring revenues to $30,000.00. They were expecting about 360 people in the tournament.

**Planning Commission**

Councilman O'Neill had nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business reported.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Police Pay & Positions**

**Councilwoman C. Murphy moved, seconded by Councilman M. O'Neill carried to adopt a new classification in changing police Sergeant and establishing police corporal.**

**YEAS: B. Horne, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill T. Pence, W. Printz and L. Sigafoose**
**Approved (6-0)**

**Councilwoman C. Murphy moved, seconded by Councilman W. Printz carried to accept the raise in salary for Sergeant John Atwood from $26,280 to $28,447 effective January 15, 2001.**

**YEAS: B. Horne, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill T. Pence, W. Printz and L. Sigafoose**
**Approved (6-0)**

**Councilwoman C. Murphy moved, seconded by Councilman M. O'Neill carried to accept the raise in salary for Corporal David Conley from $25,765 to $26,806 effective January 15, 2001.**

**YEAS: B. Horne, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill T. Pence, W. Printz and L. Sigafoose**
**Approved (6-0)**

**Councilwoman C. Murphy moved, seconded by Councilman T. Pence carried to accept the raise in salary for Police Officer grade 10 John Painter from $22,508.72 to $24,765 effective January 15, 2001.**

**YEAS: B. Horne, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill T. Pence, W. Printz and L. Sigafoose**
**Approved (6-0)**

**Councilwoman C. Murphy moved, seconded by Councilman T. Pence carried to accept the resignation of Police Officer Harold Shifflett effective January 23, 2001.**

**YEAS: B. Horne, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill T. Pence, W. Printz and L. Sigafoose**
**Approved (6-0)**

**Ran Mar Special Exception Request**

**Councilman M. O'Neill moved, seconded by Councilman W. Printz carried to approve Ran Mar's request for permit with specific stipulations they need to meet. Ran Mar will be required to contain the water at new property and town manager will supervise construction.**

**YEAS: B. Horne, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill T. Pence, W. Printz and L. Sigafoose.**
**Motion carried (6-0)**

**Introduction of New Treasurer and Signature Authorization**

**Councilwoman B. Horne moved, seconded by Councilwoman C. Murphy to approve signature authorization for Faye Vickers and for Kenny Flick as a second signature.**

**YEAS: B. Horne, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill T. Pence, W. Printz and L. Sigafoose**

**Motion carried (6-0)**

**Rescue Squad Electric Pole**

**Councilwoman B. Horne moved, seconded by Councilman W. Printz to provide the Emergency Squad a pole and the town will donate the pole and take care of labor.**

**YEAS: B. Horne, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill T. Pence, W. Printz and L. Sigafoose**

**Motion carried (6-0)**

**New Sick Time & Call Out Policies**

**Councilwoman C. Murphy moved, seconded by Councilman W. Printz to revise the current policy, the new policy allows anyone who is called will automatically receive two-hour call out pay.**

**YEAS: B. Horne, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill T. Pence, W. Printz and L. Sigafoose**
**Motion carried (6-0)**

**Councilwoman C. Murphy moved, seconded by Councilman W. Printz to amend personnel policy 1.5 where it will reconfigure holiday pay versus holiday comp.**

**YEAS: B. Horne, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill T. Pence, W. Printz and L. Sigafoose**
**Motion carried (6-0)**

**Mayor Dearing also mentioned that Lee Jackson and King Day be discussed at committee to honor as a holiday.**

**Holtzman Oil Water & Sewer Connections**

**The Holtzman Oil company request was tabled pending an agreement between the town and county on boundary adjustments.**
**YEAS: B. Horne, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill T. Pence, W. Printz and L. Sigafoose**
**Motion carried (6-0)**

**Councilwoman C. Murphy moved, seconded by Councilwoman B. Horne to accept the resignation of Gedie Armentrout effective January 26, 2001.**

**YEAS: B. Horne, C. Murphy, M. O'Neill T. Pence and W. Printz**
**ABSTAIN: L. SIgafoose**

**Motion carried (5-1)**

**Councilman W. Printz recommended that the council hold a community meeting where the new police officers and chief could be introduced to the members of the community.**

**Councilman W. Printz also recommended that the council return the present microphones used in the council chambers for directional ones that would pick up sound better. He said that this issue may need to go to committee.**

**TOWN ATTORNEY**

**The town attorney reported that the codebooks were progressing well, however, there have been some changes made. Some were the publisher's fault, and they plan to credit their mistakes. Also he wanted to clarify that the books were worked on in 1999.**

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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

**RECORDER:**_____
**Gedie Armentrout, Interim Clerk**