Committee Meetings
July 9, 2002

Mayor Printz reviewed the RML meeting in Timberville and the VML Conference in Norfolk.

Mayor Printz read the bankruptcy notice from Adelphia Cable. Mrs. Vickers was delivered notice that the Town could not interrupt power to the four Adelphia poles in Town. Mr. McCoy added doing so would sever cable to that part of Town being served by a particular pole. Mayor Printz suggested Council speak with Timberville Electronics about cable service.

High attorney fees were discussed. Mr. Miller will be asked for a more detailed billing.

The University Directory advertising was declined.

Mayor Printz sought input for the Town float for the Field Day Parade.

A Town picnic was discussed.

Chief Pullen reserved the Monger Shelter for Triad which will sponsor a remembrance of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Mayor Printz suggested a dinner with Mike Breeden and other County officials to discuss issues of mutual concern.

Mayor Printz will meet with Mr. Hearne of the Massanutten Regional Library to discuss the transfer of funds from the Women's Club of Elkton to the library system.

Mayor Printz reported on the "Walking Tour" at the Rockingham County Fair Grounds and expressed his appreciation to Casey Billhimer and the Historical Society for showcasing Elkton.

Aesthetically, the entrances into Town need to be made more attractive. Elkton should sponsor an annual Fourth of July celebration and a special event should be organized for the anniversary of September 11.

Mayor Printz suggested a good neighbor donation to the Town of Mt. Crawford.

Councilman Workman offered to write a Resolution in support of the phrase "under God" in the *Pledge of Allegiance.*

Council reviewed the Park Authority Act and the Bylaws of the Park Authority.

Council will study the Industrial Authority and discuss it at the next committee meetings.

Obstruction of Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance was sent back to the attorney for amending.

Councilman Sigafoose requested a pole light at Odell's Grocery. He also stated that dog owners should be fined $50 if they fail to clean up after their pets.

Councilman Snow reported that the topographical map of the Mary E. Kite property is in the possession of the Park Authority, but the Taylor property needs to be surveyed and added to the map. Once that is done, the map will be presented to golf course architects who will present course designs. Hopefully in two months, the Park Authority will have a master plan to present, including the building lots.

After lengthy discussion, Council decided to table an additional $8,000.00 donation to the Elkton Volunteer Fire Department for a thermal imaging camera. Council wants to know what

happened with the initial $8,000.00 donation and if the camera has been purchased.

Mayor Printz assigned Councilman Sigafoose the task of gathering information for the purchase of the line from VEPCO for Elkwood.

A proposal will be presented to Council for the Town to generate electricity during peak demand.

Councilman Dean asked for a study of business licenses and taxes for apartment buildings. He also asked Mr. McCoy to prioritize the areas in Town which require the most repairs (water and sewer). An engineer will look into the low water pressure in Elkwood.

Councilman Dean will table the second reading of the high demand user fee until "more teeth" can be put into the treatment part of the motion.

Some type of meter system needs to be implemented at the water station for water haulers. Fees should also be increased.

Electrical connection service fees were discussed and Councilman Dean argued that we "can't give our services away." Based on just one complaint received by Mayor Printz, a request for a new study of surrounding area rates was withdrawn.

Councilwoman Murphy was asked to discuss employee pay raises. A 3% increase was included in the FY 02-03 budget and it was up to Council to decide when, how, and if to grant the increase. Regarding the health insurance, of which she was unaware of complaints, Councilwoman Murphy explained it is a year's contract which went into effect July 1, 2002. The cost savings to the Town by switching to Cost Alliance is $8,000.00. By switching from Trigon Expanded, the employees lost the vision and chiropratic provisions and the co-pays increased some. If this plan proves ineffective, Council can decide to reconsider Trigon Expanded or some other form of medical coverage plan.

Councilwoman Murphy moved, second by Councilman Dean, and carried to go into closed session under Virginia State Code 2.1-344 to discuss personnel issues.

YEAS: T. Dean, C. Murphy, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose, R. Snow, P. Workman

Motion carried (6-0)

Councilwoman 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 matter lawfully exempted from an open meeting requirement under Chapter 21 of Title 2.1 of the Code of Virginia were heard, discussed, or considered. Councilman Dean duly seconded the motion.

YEAS: T. Dean, C. Murphy, T. Pence, L. Sigafoose, R. Snow, P. Workman

Motion carried (6-0)

MAYOR: _____
Wayne E. Printz, Mayor

RECORDER: _____
Richard D. Carey, Clerk