April 14, 1967

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held April 14, 1967 at 8:00 P.M. with the Mayor Welty H. Hensley presiding. The following council members were present: I. L. Flory 111, E. F. Garber, J. N. McAllister, W. H. McGahey, Alan R. Thompson and H. A. Workman. The Town Attorney, Marvin C. Hillsman, Jr., Town Superintendent, David C. Liskey and Chief of Police, Jesse J. Sager were present.

Mr. E. F. Garber opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. E. F. Garber presented the following proposal for financing a new fire hall: The town furnish the land for a new fire hall, donate $3,000.00 every 6 months to the Fire Company not to exceed $30,000.00 to build a new fire hall. The building would become town property. The Town would continue to furnish fuel oil, lights, water, telephones and gasoline but eliminate the yearly donation until such time as the $30,000.00 is paid. The method suggested to finance the $3,000.00 every 6 months was to decrease the $1,000.00 placed in the Elkton Electric System Fund as a sinking fund each month to $500.00 a month and place the other $500.00 a month in a fund to pay to the Fire Company every 6 months.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. J. N. McAllister and carried unanimously to place the new fire hall on the lot adjacent to the Municipal Building facing Spotswood Avenue.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried unanimously to approve the following First Reading on a new fire hall: The town will furnish the land and donate $3,000.00 every 6 months not to exceed $30,000.00 to the Elkton Fire Co. They will continue to furnish fuel oil, lights, water, telephones and gasoline but will eliminate the yearly donation until such time as the $30,000.00 is paid. The building when completed will become property of the town. The $30,000.00 will be financed by decreasing the $1,000.00 a month placed in the Elkton Electric System Fund as a sinking fund to $500.00 each month and placing the extra $500.00 a month in a fund to pay the obligation to the Fire Company.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried that the plans for the new fire hall be approved by the town council.

Mr. Simmerman, on behalf of the Fire Company, thanked the town for their interest and pledged help toward a new fire hall. Mr. George Crump also expressed his feelings that the town will be proud of the Fire Co.

Mr. Bert Fidler gave a report on the number of calls (emergency & fire) and on the donations from the town and county. (Copy Attached)

Mr. Lynnwood Shifflett came before the council in regards to his not being allowed to pick up taxi passengers inside the town limits while others without licenses did so. The matter was turned over to Mr. W. H. McGahey and Mr. Marvin Hillsman to check and give Mr. Shifflett an answer in writing.

The Rev. Thomas Johnson reported that they had a good turn out at the meeting of the Community League in regards to a Spring Clean Up and that Mr. Alan Thompson would present the League's requests in regards to this matter.

The Rev. Johnson also reported that the Community League plans to provide volunteer service to help the youth who need summer jobs find employment. He asked that a room be provided in the Municipal Building for this work. The council approved the request and asked Mr. David Liskey to take care of this matter.

Mr. E. F. Garber presented a proposal for financing the new sewer installation in the Washington, Fairfax, Spring and Marshall Avenue area. Mr. Garber suggested that funds amounting to approximately $13,000.00 which are available be used and that the remainder needed be borrowed to be paid off in about fifteen years. Mr. Garber pointed out that the bonds being paid off on the old Electric and Water System under the Town of Elkton, Inc. Sinking Fund would be completed this year and suggested that the $370.00 set aside each month in this sinking fund be used to retire the new debt.

The council decided to call a special meeting Thursday, April 27, 1967 at 8:00 P.M. and bids be obtained on the sewer project to be presented at this meeting.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to have Mr. Liskey obtain bids on the cost of labor, material & equipment for the new sewer project by April 27.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes as everyone present had copies of the minutes.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting March 10, 1967.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried to approve the second reading to black top North Avenue by Painter & Mundy for $8,969.60 and pave Lewis Ave. from Spotswood to "C" Street, "C" Street from Clark to North, Clark Ave. from "C" to North, Fifth St. from Marshall to Railroad and Fifth Street from railroad to South Corp. Limit (100#) at a total estimated price of $3,452.40.

Mrs. Leap was instructed to send a letter to Painter & Mundy accepting their bid on the paving of the streets.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to approve the Second Reading on the installation of the new water line to hook up the B & C Car Wash at $1,521.50.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the Second Reading to have all the Power Meters checked and to spot check the residential meters which would cost approximately $700.00.

Mr. I. L. Flory moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to approve the Second Reading to purchase a Roter Rooter from Tidewater Supply for $1,076.75.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to accept the Finance Report as it was printed.

Mr. Liskey reported that the "Welcome to Elkton" signs needed painting. He reported he had received a price from Hensley's Sign Service at $55.00 a sign. Mr. Liskey was asked to get another price from some other sign painting company and award the job to the lowest bidder.

Mr. Liskey presented a request by Mr. Jeddie Hensley to place several signs in the town limits. The council asked Mr. Liskey to have Mr. Jeddie Hensley present exact location, type of sign and for whom it is to advertise and present this at the next meeting.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried to buy a dehumidifier for the Municipal Building.

Mr. Liskey reported he had received a request from Mr. Garland Davis who operates Dr. W. H. Nicholson's farm to purchase town water for the farm. This water to be transported by truck. Mr. I. L. Flory 111 was asked to check into the matter of selling town water to water trucks.

Mr. Liskey and Mr. Sager were instructed to review the men in their departments and to present their proposals in regards to raises to Mr. E. F. Garber to be considered for next year's budget.

Mr. David Liskey and Mr. H. A. Workman attended the Municipal Electric Power Association meeting at Manassas and Mr. Workman gave a report on the meeting.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to write a letter to our congressmen stating that the council is opposed to any legislation that would abolish the Federal Power Commission or limit its powers.

Mr. Workman reported that Mr. David Liskey was elected Vice President of the Municipal Electric Power Association for the coming year.

Mr. Workman reported that Manassas had changed their electric system and that approximately 15 used transformers were available for us to buy at about ½ price and they would be guaranteed.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to appropriate a $2,000.00 Capital Outlay for the transformers.

Mr. J. N. McAllister reported that the street paving had been completed and looked very good.

Mr. A. R. Thompson reported that Mr. Charles Shuler had mentioned the problem of parking in front of the post office. It was suggested that the police could patrol during the busy hours or possibly if the mail box was moved into the parking lot it might eliminate the problem.

Mr. Thompson reported that the Community League had set the dates of May 22 thru the 27th as the week for their clean-up compaign. The League asked that the town contribute $30.00 to be used for prizes and that a dump truck and several town men be available to haul trash the 27th.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried to donate the $30.00 for prizes and furnish the dump truck and men as the Community League requested.

Mr. Thompson also stated he had not found any organization as yet to take charge of the sale of garbage cans.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried to give permission to Mr. McGahey and Mr. Sager to attend the State Crime Clinic in Norfolk, April 21 and 22 and to pay their expenses.

Mr. E. F. Garber reported that he had checked into the funds available to towns from the National Park for recreation and found that we do not qualify as it would require a full time recreation program and directors. Most of these funds are used to acquire land.

The council again considered the bill of $70.00 from Mr. R. J. Lough for the use of his water pump from May 1964 to August 1965. The council felt that as a ruling had been given finding it contrary to the town code, their decision would have to remain the same as the previous councils.

Mayor Hensley presented a letter from Mr. Victor Bert tendering his resignation from the Town Planning Commission. Mr. Bert agreed to remain in the capacity of consultant to the Commission for an indefinite period depending upon his health.

Mayor Hensley reported that suggestion had been made that the town use windshield stickers rather than town tags. This suggestion was turned over to Mr. E. F. Garber to look into.

The annual convention of the Virginia Municipal League will be held September 17, 18 and 19 in Norfolk, Virginia at "The Golden Triangle". The council decided to write now for reservations for 6 rooms as they could be cancelled if not needed.

Mr. E. F. Garber and Mr. A. R. Thompson were asked to work with the Community League to see what can be done to help improve the recreation in our town.

Mayor Hensley suggested that a meeting of all the town councils of towns our size be arranged to have a general discussion on the problems and their solutions which arise in small towns.

Mayor Hensley reported that sites and plans for a new dump were being checked.

The council decided to obtain prices on Citizen Band Radio's and bring them back to the next meeting.

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Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried to purchase a new bookkeeping system to be put into operation September 1, 1967.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Deffered Business

Second Reading-New Fire Hall
Sewer Contract
Signs-Bids to repaint "Welcome to Elkton" signs
Requests to place signs-Hensley Sign Service
Water-Selling water to water trucks
Proposals from Mr. Liskey & Mr. Sager on raises
Second Reading-$2,000.00 Capital Outlay for Transformers
Sale of Garbage cans
Change to windshield stickers
Recreation Program
Meeting with other Town Councils
Prices on C. B. Sets
Second reading on bookkeeping system

APPROVED: Wirty H. Hensley
Mayor

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