The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held May 12, 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.

Copies of the proposed contract with Monger Brothers for the new Sewer Project in the Fairfax Ave. area were presented to the council for their approval.

Mr. Liskey presented prices on the pipe for the sewer project. Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to buy John Mansfield transite pipe from the A. C. Pipe Co., Chester, Virginia in 13 foot joints at $1.88 per foot for 10" pipe and $1.32 per foot for 8" pipe.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to close out the Town of Elkton Inc. Sinking Fund by no later than September 1st and place the balance in this account in the Sanitary Sewer System Sinking Fund Account to be used on the Fairfax Avenue Sewer Project.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to take the Certificates of Deposits on the Town of Elkton Inc. in the amount of $9931.66 when they become due and put them in the Sanitary Sewer System Sinking Fund to be used for the Fairfax Avenue Sewer Project.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to borrown $50,000 from the Virginia National Bank at 3 3/4% interest in 10 $5,000 notes, payable annually. The interest will be paid semiannually. The money will be borrowed as it is needed on the sewer project.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to stop depositing $370 each month in the Town of Elkton Inc. Sinking Fund and to deposit $1100 in the Sanitary Sewer System Sinking Fund instead of $600, the extra $500 to go toward retiring the debt on the new sewer project. This change is to take place immediately.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried to negotiate the contract with Monger Brothers for the new sewer line in the Fairfax Avenue Area.

Mr. J. N. McAllister moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried to approve the Second Reading for the additional appropriation of $954.63 for the paving of the alley on North Street by Painter & Mundy.

Mr. J. N. McAllister moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to approve the Second Reading of $1874.80 for the street work on Summit & Sixth Streets.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the Second Reading on $65,000 appropriated for the sewer project in the Fairfax Avenue Area.

Mr. R. J. Lough came before the council in regards to the $70.00 for the use of his water pump from May 1964 to August 1965. Mr. Lough stated that he felt this to be a fair request and just debt. Mr. Liskey stated that Mr. Lough had been asked by him to loan the pump to the Town and had been most generous, he felt, in doing so. Mr. Liskey also stated that if this debt was not taken care of, it would create a hardship on his department for it would involve his taking equipment out of town to be repaired if we are going to abide by the ordinance as it is stated that no one on the council can do business for a profit with the Town. Mr. Lough offered to sell the Town his pump for $250.00 and buy it back for $140.00 but this offer was declined. Mr. Garber again read the letter which had been received ruling this payment as being contrary to the Town code. After musch discussion, Mr. Lough stated that all he was interested in was being paid the $70.00 which he felt was due him and if they did not wish to pay this he could charge rent for the sign which the Town has on his property at a rate of $25.00 a year and he could go back for 3 years.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to have Mr. Lough submit a bill in the amount of $75.00 for 3 years rent on the sign the Town has on his property and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. T. L. Johnson came before the council asking that the installation of a telephone on the second floor for the Youth Employment Service be approved.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the telephone installation for Y.E.S.

Mr. Lewis Workman came before the council in regards to the need for straightening the street in front of his house. He stated he had requested this be done before the paving was done. Mr. Liskey reported it would have involved more money to have straightened the road and that the street is on Town right-of-way. Mr. Hensley asked that Mr. McAllister and Mr. Liskey check this street.

Mr. Loring Cook came before the council asking that Madison Avenue east of Route 340 be closed. The council asked that Mr. Cook obtain a letter from the W. E. Kite Estate stating that they would not oppose the closing of this street and the council would then consider the matter.

The second reading on the fire company building was brought on the floor. Mayor Hensley stated that whatever decision the council made, let's live with it. Mr. E. F. Garber stated that after being with Mr. Fitzwater his suggestion was that the Town borrow the $30,000 in 5 $6,000 notes, as they could borrow it at 3 3/4% interest while the Fire Company could not. This money would be turned over to the Fire Company and they would be responsible for the interest. He suggested reducing the deposit to the Elkton Electric System of $1,000 per month to $500 and the extra $500 be placed in a fund to retire these notes.

Mr. H. A. Workman stated two plans which he felt should be considered. The first plan would be if the building be placed on the lot beside the Municipal Building that a Triple "A" building be built on which a second floor could be added if desired at a later date. The second plan would be to tear down the old Wyant building and build the type building purposed by the Fire Company on this location. This building could be built larger and the back could be used by the Maintenance Department for their equipment. Mr. Workman purposed that the $30,000 be financed through the Electric System.

Mayor Hensley asked how the Fire Company felt about the proposals. Mr. Simmerman speaking for the Fire Company said he felt that this was a decision for the council to make. All the Fire Company had asked for was additional space but if they had a choice they preferred the location beside the Municipal Building and that they felt the purposed building was quite adequate.

Mr. Liskey said he felt sure there would be room enough for the building downtown or that the buildings downtown could be remodeled.

Mayor Hensley asked each member of the council how they felt concerning this matter.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 stated that he felt it would be more economical to put the steel building on the property on Terrace Avenue rather than build a Triple "A" constructed building on the lot beside the Municipal Building.

Mr. Alan Thompson stated he would prefer the Terrace Avenue location.

Mr. McAllister stated he would accept the Fire Company's proposal for the building and the lot beside the Municipal Building.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber to build a steel building on the lot adjacent to the Municipla Building, facing North, brick according to Town Council specifications, plans to be approved by council and the building to be approximately 80' by 60'. The vote was recorded

as follows: In favor of the motion - E. F. Garber, J. N. McAllister and W. H. McGahey; Against the motion - I. L. Flory lll, Alan R. Thompson, and H. A. Workman.

The Rev. T. L. Johnson stated that speaking as a resident and tax payer in the Town he appreciated the time and effort spent on the part of the council deliberating and studying to find the best location. He personally felt that another location other than the lot near the Municipal Building would be more desirable.

Mr. Jack Davis stated that he felt the place for the new Fire Company building was on the lot next to the Municipal Building.

Mr. Lewis Workman stated that in Harrisonburg they are tearing out old buildings and placing all the Municipal Buildings in one section of Town and he felt that this was a move in the right direction.

Mayor Hensley read a letter from R. J. Lough, Mayor of the Town, dated April 21, 1964, to Merck & Co. Inc., attention of S. A. Lancaster. The letter stated some of the uses the Town would make of the property on which the Merck Club House was located if they could acquire it. The letter read as follows pertaining to the grounds. The ground area would be used for public recreational facilities. The present tennis court would be retained, and in the near future, we would hope to be in a position to add a Municipal Swimming Pool. After the reading of the letter, it was pointed out that the land was presented to the Town by Merck & Company with no strings attached to be used as the Town desired.

Mayor Hensley stated that he would prefer not to have to break the tie vote but felt since he did he would have to vote against the motion to have the Fire Company building on the lot next to the Municipal Building.

Mr. I. L. Flory lll moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to tear down the Wyant Building on Terrace Avenue and build the new purposed fire hall at this location. The vote was recorded as follows: In favor of the motion - I. L. Flory lll, J. N. McAllister, A. R. Thompson and H. A. Workman; Against the motion - E. F. Garber and W. H. McGahey.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried to approve the request by Jeddie Hensley for permits to erect two 4 x 10 signs, one for the Elkton Motel on the North side of Route 33 about 400 feet from the intersection of Route 33 and 340 and one for Dean Lumber Co. at the intersection of W. Rockingham Street and Route 33.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve Mr. Randall Holland's request for a building permit.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve post card bills for the new bookkeeping system.

Mr. Ralph B. Hutton came before the council in regards to raw sewerage still being placed in the river and he stated he intended to clear his name. He said the Town had at one time received a letter from the state in regards to this sewerage being run to the river and placing a deadline on the removal of this problem. He also stated that while serving on council that a Preliminary Survey had been run on sections of the Town not covered by sewerage and that the people on Fourth were promised to be the next in line for sewerage. Mr. Hutton said he had written Mr. Roadcap of the State Water Board to get confirmation that such a letter had been sent to the Town and that Mr. Roadcap would be in Elkton within the next week to meet with him to check into this raw sewerage.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory lll and carried to sell water to trucks at $1.00 per 1,000 gallons. The hook up to sell this water would be set up on a temporary basis and would be sold between the hours of 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Mr. Garber reported that the Town had received another statement in the amount of $714.07 from The Tidy Corporation for the use of the garbage truck they did not purchase. Council decided to let them continue to bill the Town as they did not feel they owed this bill and felt the Tidy Corp. was only contunuing to bill us in order to be able to take it off their taxes later.

Mr. E. F. Garber presented a request by Mr. Silas Toliver to recieve payment for his vacation rather than take the time off. The request was declined. It was pointed out that one of the auditors recommendations was that all employees take their vacations rather than receiving pay and working on through their vacation.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to donate $300.00 to the Summer Recreation Program.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 to approve the Second Reading to appropriate $30,000 to finance the Fire Company Building.

Mayor Hensley appointed the following committee to bring back plans at the next meeting for the Fire House: Mr. David Liskey, Mr. W. H. McGahey and Mr. A. R. Thompson.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to write a letter to the Planning Commission of the State Highway Department stating that the council would like to go on record as approving the overhead section and asking that they give serious consideration to the overhead construction at the intersection of Route 33 and 340.

Mr. Sager requested that better lighting be installed around the Elementary School and back of Flory's Bottling Company as those dark areas encourage vandalism. It was reported that this matter is already being checked.

Mr. A. R. Thompson reported on the progress of the Clean Up Campaign. The High School Cheer Leaders have agreed to sell the garbage cans and if any thing happens to prevent their selling them, the Boy Scouts will take over.

Mr. Liskey reported that Tidewater Supply will furnish the garbage cans at a lower price than Lowe's price whose was $2.08 each. He also said that it was going to mean enforcing the Garbage Ordinance once the cans go on sale. The council agreed that the ordinance should be enforced.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. J. N. McAllister and carried to purchase 500 garbage cans from Tidewater Supply at approximately $2.05 each.

Mr. Ziegler of the Elementary School has requested the Town to pick up their garbage every day from the cafeteria. This matter will be checked into.

Mayor Hensley reported that he had contacted Mr. Harnesberger in regards to land for the dump and that he does not want to sell. There is another location which may be available.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Deferred Business:

Elwood Comer-open alley behind his place of business
Christmas Lights
Changing Name of Spotswood Avenue
Meeting with other towns-June 30
2-Way Radios-Maintenance Dept.
Recreation Program
Windshield Stickers
Second Reading-Garbage Cans
Sewer-Fifth Street
Property for Town Dump
Second Reading-borrowm $50,000, Sewer
Mr. Lewis Workman-straighten street
Mr. Loring Cook-close Madison Avenue
Plans for New Fire House
Second Reading-Garbage Cans
Garbage-Elementary Cafeteria

May 12, 1967 Cont.

APPROVED: Wesley H. Hurley
Mayor

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