August 18, 1967

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held August 18, 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. and Town Superintendent, David C. Liskey were present.

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

Mayor Hensley reported to the citizens present that the council was well aware of the police situation and felt that things would take care of themselves in a matter of days, at which time the council would inform the public.

Mr. A. L. Bennett of Fairfax Avenue came before the council to express his appreciation for the sewer project which had just been completed in his area. He stated that he felt the job was completed exceptionally fast and he was well pleased. He also expressed his appreciation to Mr. Liskey for his helpfulness and cooperation. Mr. R. L. Sawns was also present with Mr. Bennett to express his appreciation.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting July 14, 1967 and the special meetings July 28 and July 31, 1967.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to approve the Finance Report for July.

Mr. J. N. McAllister moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to purchase a permit at $25.00 for one year from the State Highway Department to dig across their primary highways Route 33 and 340.

Mayor Hensley reported that he had received one set of "approved for right of way" plans from the Department of Highways for the town to review for the purpose of meeting with the Highway Department Thursday, August 24, 1967 at 10:45 A.M. for a utility field inspection.

Mr. A. R. Thompson reported on the sale of garbage cans and that he felt they would need to have another drive.

A letter from the Greenville Utility Commission asking for support from municipalities purchasing electric was read. The letter stated that this group felt by joining together they would have a better chance of improving the electric rates.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to have Mr. Workman answer the letter and to join with the Greenville Utility Commission to try to get our electric rates from V.E.P.C.O. reduced.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 reported that work has already begun on the Second Sewer Project in the Fourth Street area.

Mr. Flory stated that his committee recommended that where sewer is available and where Section 32:25 of the Town Code applies everyone be asked to connect to the sewer.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried that where sewer is available those who have not paid their connecting fee of $75.00 on or before October 1, 1967 must pay $200.00 for connecting to the sewer.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried that any citizen, where sewer is available, must be connected to the sewer by June 1, 1968.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried that those citizens who are already connected to the sewer will be billed for Sewer beginning October 1, 1967.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to authorize the beginning of work on the Sewer Project on Fifth Street from Fourth Street to M. Street.

Mr. Flory reported that he is continuing work on the town receiving some Federal help in the form of grants.

Mr. Garber reported that he had talked with the auditors, Basserman, Alt, James and Stickley to do the Town audit and to have the Audit Report ready by the October meeting.

Mr. J. N. McAllister moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to change to windshield stickers rather than the metal town tags.

Mayor Hensley reported that he had been informed that it is a state law that before the town budget can be passed, there must be a public hearing advertised seven days in advance of the meeting. This makes it necessary to wait until the September meeting to act on the budget.

Mayor Hensley, on behalf of himself and the council, thanked the Town Police Department, the Extra Help, the State Police and the County Sheriff's Department for their work over the Field Day weekend.

Mayor Hensley read a letter from the C. S. Mundy Quarries, Inc. expressing their appreciation for the fine cooperation which they received, especially the Town Manager and Police Chief, during the demolition of the Old Fire House.

Mayor Hensley reminded the council of the convention to be held in Norfolk at the Golden Triangel beginning September 17, 1967 and ending September 20, 1967.

Mayor Hensley reported that September 29, 1967 has been set as a tentative date for the County meeting of Mayors and Councilmen.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the Second Reading for $7,450.00 to complete the purchase of the Front End Loader.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. Alan R. Thompson and carried to approve the Second Reading to appropriate an additional $18,000.00 for the new Fire Hall and Maintenance Building.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. Alan R. Thompson and carried to go into Executive Session.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to approve the following wage rates effective September 1, 1967:

David Liskey	$135.00
Homer Ageon	2.75 hr.
George Collier	1.65 hr.
Larry Dean	1.40 hr.
William Herring	2.15 hr.
Floyd Shifflett	1.55 hr.
Zean Shifflett	1.40 hr.
Henry Thomas	1.75 hr.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. J. N. McAllister and carried to approve the following wage rates effective September 1, 1967:

Norma Leap	$370.00
Francis Berry	1.40 hr.
Silas Toliver	1.30 hr.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to employ Mr. Benjamin F. Lester, Jr. as Chief of Police effective September 1, 1967.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to amend Section 32:27 to read: Before a connection to the town sewer system is made within the town, the applicant therefor shall pay to the town treasurer a connection fee of $75.00, provided that payment is made not later than October 1, 1967 and the connection is accomplished not later than June 1, 1968. All connections which fail to comply with the foregoing will necessitate the payment of a fee of $200.00 by the applicant.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. Alan R. Thompson and carried that if the applicants being interviewed over the weekend meet with Mr. Lester's approval, Mr. W. H. McGahey be given authority to hire both.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to go back into the regular council session.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried that effective September 1, 1967 the Fire Company will purchase gasoline and service work from the Elkton Esso Station, the Town Maintenance Department from the Elkton Gulf Station and the Town Police Department from Dean's Texaco.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Deffered Business:

Budget
Jr. O.U.A.M.-House Trailer
Changing name of Spotswood Ave.
2-Way Radios-Maintenance Dept.
Property for Town Dump
Property Tax
Charge Offs
Highway Dept.-Consultant Engineers

APPROVED: Wesley H. Hurley
Mayor

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