The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held November 10, 1967 at 8:00 P.M. with the Mayor, Welty H. Hensley presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. I. L. Flory 111, Mr. E. F. Garber, Mr. J. N. McAllister, Mr. W. H. McGahey, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. The Town Attorney, Marvin C. Hillsman, Jr., and Chief of Police, Thomas R. Stevens were present. The Town Superintendent, David C. Liskey, was absent.

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

Mayor Hensley read the following bids for the electrical work for the fire hall:

Dayton Electric Service-Base Proposal 7,798.00 Alternate No. 1-Deduct $300.00 Bid Bond-Deduct 78.00

Electrical Contracting Corp.-Base Proposal 7,435.00 Alternate No. 1-Deduct $229.00 Bid Bond-Deduct 74.00

Harrisonburg Electric Supply Co., Inc.-Base Proposal 7,890.00 Alternate No. 1-Deduct $250.00 Bid Bond-Deduct 100.00

Park View Electrical & Appliance, Inc.-Base Proposal 9,406.87 Alternate No. 1-Add 377.00 Bid Bond-Deduct 96.87

Mr. John Fridley of Davis & McClintock was present for the readings. Mayor Hensley thanked those who were present in connection with the bids and stated that the contract would not be awarded until the council had discussed it thoroughly.

Mr. R. B. Hutton was present and asked if the figures were available on the cost of the new Municipal Parking Lot on Route 33 East. Mayor Hensley explained to Mr. Hutton that the figures were not compiled at this time but would be made available when completed.

Mr. C. H. Smith of the Town Planning Commission gave a report on the map which is prepared and the public hearing November 13, 1967.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. J. N. McAllister and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, October 13, 1967

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

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried to purchase five (5) Smith & Wesson revolvers for the Police Department at $51.24 each.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. J. N. McAllister and carried to hire Mr. Stafford Smith as a patrolman on a 90 day probation period at a salary of $4,800.00 a year.

Mr. McGahey announced that Mr. Stevens will be working full time for the town in about a week.

Reports from the citizens in town indicate they seem satisfied with the Police Dept. It was also reported that two dispatchers have been hired recently.

The bill for the annual audit was presented and it was decided to hold the bill for approval until the Special Council Meeting Friday, November 17, 1967 at 8:00 P.M.

Mr. Thompson reported that Mr. Norman V. Fitzwater, Mr. A. H. Louderback and Mr. Charles Shuler had been requested to appraise the Stonewall Memorial Park and submitted the following appraisal signed by the three: "We have appraised the Stonewall Memorial Park which consists of approximately 22 acres of land and feel that a fair market value of this property would be $10,000.00 excluding the scout hut."

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to accept the appraisal of Stonewall Memorial Park as presented.

Mr. Thompson presented the following quote from Mr. Carl Schumacker of The Valley Banner for printing the supplements for our Town Code:

Town Ordinance Changes-100 copies.
Punched 5 holes, printed on 50lb. offset book paper
Reprint page with copy change that will fit same space-$7.50
Reprint page with copy change requiring rearrangement of entire page-maximum $10.00. Printing back of page requiring no copy change-$6.50.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried to have Mr. Schumacker of the Valley Banner print 50 copies of the ordinance change for supplements to our Town Code.

Mr. Thompson announced that hed had received a booklet of proposed rules for the control of air pollution in Virginia which are under study prior to consideration for adoption by the State Air Pollution Control Board. The State Board will meet November 21, 1967 to consider these rules. It is proposed to advertise the rules, as revised during this meeting, for Public Hearing about 1968. The town is asked to review the rules & forward comments and recommendations by November 16. Also the town was asked to comment as to how they will be affected in regards to local refuse disposal practices if restrictions are placed on open burning.

It was suggested that the two hour parking signs on the lot across from the library be removed and parking on Rockingham Street be limited to one side. These suggested were turned over to Mr. McGahey and his committee for further study and recommendations.

There was a discussion on the removal of the hedge between the land on which the Municipal Building is located and Mr. Tim Haden's land adjoining it. It was decided to trim the hedge back and see how the new growth will look.

A Southwest Conference for City Parks and Recreations will be held in Harrisonburg, November 10, 1967. Mr. A. R. Thompson was asked to attend this conference for the town.

It was brought to the council's attention that the playground equipment in Stonewall Memorial Park was in bad need of repairs.

Mr. Flory reported that someone had leased Mrs. W. E. Kite's farm and thought water would be furnished. Mr. H. A. Workman reported that this had been settled by a previous council and water was furnished for domestic purposes only and those leasing the Kite property would have to purchase water.

Mr. McAllister reported that the new Municipal Parking lot is being used quite frequently.

There was a discussion on sealing the ashphalt paved streets for the winter. The Street Committee was asked to check into this matter.

Mr. J. N. McAllister moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the second reading on the paving of A Street from Warren to Ashby by Painter and Mundy.

Mayor Hensley announced that the agreement with Higgs & Shumate, Consultant Engineers, had been executed.

Mayor Hensley reported that a letter has been written to the Highway Department asking that A Street be included in our total mileage allotment for Highway Maintenance.

The Town Attorney, Mr. Hillsman, presented a written report to each councilman and Mayor for the year ending August 31, 1967.

The council agreed to continue withholding payment to Newman Building & Material Corp.

Mayor Hensley reported that the recommendations from the auditors had been received and it was decided to hold these until the special meeting November 17, 1967 as the auditors will be at this special meeting to discuss and review the audit report.

Mr. H. A. Workman reported to the council that he felt the wiring of the fire hall could be done much cheaper. He stated that he did not feel the bids were too far off but felt that all the wiring called for in the plans was not necessary. It was decided to wait until the special meeting before making a decision on the wiring.

It was suggested to invite the estimator for Electrical Contracting Corporation, the low bidder and Mr. Suter of Davis & McClintock, who drew up the wiring plans to attend this special meeting.

The plans for Christmas Decorations were held over for discussion at the special meeting.

Mr. Workman reported that many people were complaining because they are unable to get a taxi when they need one in town. Mayor Hensley stated that the Chief of Police, Mr. Stevens, had already been in contact with Mr. Hillsman, the Town Attorney, in regards to revising the Taxi rules and regulations.

A discussion on the new Municipal Parking Lot was held. Mr. R. B. Hutton revoiced a complaint that he did not feel tax payers money should be used to place a parking lot our of town for outsiders to receive the benefit. He stated he was not opposed to a Municipal Parking Lot but felt it should be in town. The council informed Mr. Hutton that they had tried to find a suitable lot for this purpose but could not, but felt for no more money than was involved, that the lot would be a help to the businesses in town.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Differed Business:

Property for Town Dump
Changing name of Spotswood Ave.
Jr. O.U.A.M.-House Trailer
2-Way Radios-Maintenance Dept.
Terrace Ave.-Black top
Electrical Wiring-Fire Hall
Auditor's Recommendations & Bill
Removal of 2 hr. parking on lot across from Library
One side parking-Rockingham Street
Sealing of ashphalt paved streets for winter
Christmas Decorations

APPROVED: Walter H. Hensley
Mayor

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