REGULAR MEETING
October 10, 1969

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held October 10, 1969 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the Mayor, Welty H. Hensley presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. I. L. Flory III, Mr. E. F. Garber, Mr. Rodney G. Harman, Mr. E. O. Karow, Mr. Alan R. Thompson and Mr. Harold A. Workman. Mr. Marvin C. Hillsman, Jr., Town Attorney, Mr. David C. Liskey, Town Superintendent and Mr. Lyle E. Williams, Chief of Police were present. Visitors present were Mr. Berkley Brooks, Mr. Douglas Cochran, Miss Loretta Dean, Mr. L. P. Hale, Mr. Michael Hammel, Mr. Randall Holland and Miss Vickie Mundy.

Mayor Hensley welcomed Miss Dean, Miss Mundy and Mr. Hammel who were present on behalf of the S.C.A. of Elkton High School. Mr. Michael Hammel will be the regular representative from the S.C.A. to attend the council meetings.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting September 12, 1969.

The audit report was presented and reviewed. Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory III and carried to accept the audit report.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to charge off the 1965 Taxes in the amount of $968.55 and to record the real estate portion of the taxes at the Court House in Harrisonburg.

Mr. E. F. Garber presented a letter of resignation from Mrs. Francis B. Nicholas effective October 24, 1969. Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory III and carried to accept Mrs. Nicholas' resignation.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory III and carried that the Finance Committee be empowered to hire a clerk typist at $1.75 an hour.

Mr. R. G. Harman reported that he had met with Mr. Liskey in regards to the complaints due to burning at the dump. He stated that the possibility of an incinerator had been discussed but this would be quite expensive. There was also discussion on land fill. The question was raised as to the possibility of working something out between the county and the towns. Mr. Harman stated that he felt there could be no immediate solution to our problem due to the expense.

Mr. I. L. Flory III reported that the town had received a copy of a letter to Mr. Ned Higgs from Mr. E. H. Bartsch, Regional Engineer for the State Department of Health stating that they require complete plans and specifications for the collection system and force main as well as the plans for the pumping station which have been previously submitted. They also require information concerning the design population of the pumping station as well as the expected population density of the area served. The preliminary report which was provided by Mr. Liskey was not sufficient to act in lieu of detailed plans and specifications. They also pointed out that the construction of the additions on the sewerage system on North Avenue is in violation of the law unless plans and specifications are submitted and approved by the State Health Department and the Water Control Board. Mr. Flory stated that it would cost at least another $1000.00 to have Higgs and Shumate prepare the plans and specifications on the collection lines and force main and did not know what Mr. Ewing would charge to do the job. Mr. H. A. Workman suggested that the town present the cut sheets and specifications for the pumping station and tell the State that we see no necessity for specifications on gravity feed. He also suggested that if it become necessary we send Mr. Liskey and Mr. Flory to Richmond.

Mr. I. L. Flory III moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to brick the pumping station.

Mr. Flory reported that he had discussed the deed with the Jr. O.U.A.M. and there is a possibility the deed has been surveyed wrong and that is what is holding up the closing of the transaction.

Mr. E. O. Karow reported on a letter received from the Director of the Division of Corrections in regard to the check made on the Town of Elkton Lockup on September 17, 1969 and suggested that the town place security screens on the windows in the lockup. He also reported that all of the police officers, Mr. Harman and himself were taking police courses at Blue Ridge College.

Mr. Karow and the council complimented Mr. Cochran of the Daily News Record on the article he wrote on the police department.

Mr. Liskey reported that Moore Brothers had asked for a Sewer Connection and that this would be at the outside rate of $300.00 per connection. He also reported that the Baptist Church wanted a Sewer Connection and that their water for the parsonage would feed through the present meter at the Church. The sewer would require an outside sewer connection, the outside minimum rates per quarter. Mr. Liskey stated that he had called a man from Roanoke to work on the loader and did not know as yet what it was going to cost to repair the loader.

Mr. A. R. Thompson stated that the only matter he had pending was the $1000.00 balance on Painter and Mundy's bill. The council decided to hold this bill and negoiate further with Painter and Mundy.

Mr. Hillsman was asked to be working on introducing a bill to enable the town to change the charter in regards to meeting nights.

Mr. H. A. Workman reported that we would use the same Christmas Decorations this year but would start in January on decorations for next year. There was discussion on the possibility of renting decorations and maybe the merchants joining with the town in a joint effort to improve our Christmas lighting.

Those attending the Virginia Municipal League in Williamsburg in September reported on the convention and all felt it to be one of the best conventions they had attended.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to reduce the price of car license to half price after October 1st. each year.

Mr. H. A. Workman reported on the Virginia Highway Conference. He stated that he had presented the desires of the town to have Route 340 curbed and guttered from the intersection of Spotswood Avenue and Route 340 to the intersection of Route 340 and Route 33 which would do away with the open drains presently located in this area. Mr. Workman stated that it would be necessary for Mayor Hensley to send a letter through the proper channels in regards to this request.

Mayor Hensley reported that he had talked with Frank Evans of the Highway Department and that the state will probably give old Route 33 to the town after new Route 33 is completed. Mayor Hensley told Mr. Evans that the town would be glad to receive old Route 33 after the state has repaired and black topped it.

Mayor Hensley reported that there would be a joint meeting with the Shenandoah Council October 21, 1969 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers to discuss cable T.V.

As there was no further business, Mr. I. L. Flory III moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to adjourn.

MAYOR: Welty H. Hensley
Welty H. Hensley, Mayor

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