The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held February 14, 1969 at 8:00 p.m. with the Mayor Welty H. Hensley presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. I. L. Flory, lll, Mr. E. F. Garber, Mr. R. G. Harman, Mr. E. O. Karow, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. Marvin C. Hillsman, Jr., Town Attorney, Mr. David C. Liskey, Town Superintendent and Mr. Thomas R. Stevens, Chief of Police were present.

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

Mr. D. Latham Mims of the Daily News Record was present to present name plates to the council in token of appreciation for the important work that is done by these public officials.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting January 10, 1969 with two corrections: in paragraph 12 where it reads 4 drive in lieu of 2 drive, it should be 4 door in lieu of 2 door and in the last paragraph the word gas be changed to gasoline.

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

Mr. I. L. Flory, lll reported that the surveys of the North Avenue sewer are not completed but should be ready by next week. He also reported that the water situation is getting worse and that Mr. Liskey has been asked to talk with Mr. Simmerman about possible solutions.

Mr. Randall Holland came before the council to request permission to cut down two trees which he believes to be on Town property on Sixth and Washington Avenue and to level the bank. The council gave Mr. Holland permission to do this.

Mr. E. F. Garber reported that he had spoken with Mr. Fitzwater in regards to the financing of the North Avenue Sewer Project and that it can be worked by borrowing the money and paying interest until the well is paid and then pick up the retiring of the notes after this.

There was some discussion on security for the employees and retirement plans. Also, Mr. Workman reported that several insurance companies are still making studies on hospitalization plans for the town and will submit their plans as soon as they are finished. He also stated he had an annalist working on this insurance problem for the town. After all the plans and information has been submitted it will be narrowed down to the best plans for the town.

Mr. Liskey reported that Mr. Carl Brill had asked about the fence in front of the Municipal Building again and that if the council ever decided to remove it, he would like to have the first chance at purchasing it.

Mr. Liskey reported that the Municipal Electric Power Association of Virginia convention will be held at Belle Meade in April. The banquet will be April 3, 1969 at 6:30 p.m. and the council is invited to attend the banquet and the meetings.

There was a discussion on a parking problem at Hillman's Elkton Restaurant and the Valley Banner. Mr. Liskey and Mr. Stevens were asked to contact Mr. Levinson and come up with the best solution to the problem.

Mr. Liskey reported that the Rockingham Construction Company has completed the relocating of the electric lines on the Route 33 Project and that the surplus material which is removed must be auctioned and should be done as soon as possible. Mayor Hensley said he would meet with Mr. Liskey the first of the week and take care of the arrangements for the auction.

Mayor Hensley reported that we had received our first check from the Highway Department for administration and Supervisory Cost on the Route 33 Project.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory, lll and carried to place this money in a separate account until the Route 33 Project is closed and then the money can be transferred to other accounts.

Mr. Thompson reported that there is no street sign on Roland Avenue. Mr. Liskey stated that they have the sign but just had not gotten around to replacing it. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Liskey were asked to check the streets and give a report to the council on the streets needing repairs.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory, III and carried to approve the Second Reading to pay $773.58 to Monger Brothers Contractors for repairing the Front End Loader.

Mr. Harman reported that work is still being done toward the playground equipment and when final plans are formulated they will be presented to the council.

Mr. Harman reported that some of the citizens are upset over the trash collection and also about the alleys being torn up by heavy trucks. He suggested possibly passing an ordinance to keep trucks out of the alleys from September to May or maybe having garbage pick up on the streets all year around. After some discussion on these problems, it was suggested that Mr. Harman's committee and Mr. Liskey discuss these situations and possible solutions.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the Second Reading to purchase two 1969 Plymouth PK 21 Police Cars, 4 door in lieu of 2 door, for March 29, 1969 delivery at a price of $4,163.76 and to advertise the two present police cars for sealed bids for a bid opening March 14, 1969.

Mayor Welty Hensley read a letter from the Chief of Police, Thomas R. Stevens requesting the council to accept his resignation effective the 28th day of February, 1969 and stating that he had enjoyed excellent cooperation from the members of the Town Council and other Department heads and wanted to take this opportunity to express his appreciation to all of these persons.

Mayor Hensley announced that the town would be accepting applications for this position.

Mayor Hensley reported that we no longer have a disorderly conduct ordinance as they have been declared unconstitutuonal. Mr. Hillsman was asked to check into this and prepare an ordinance to cover this change.

Mr. H. A. Workman asked that the council make a special effort to attend the meeting at the Belle Meade of the Municipal Electric Power Association of Virginia. The Harrisonburg Electric Commission is the host this year. He stated that membership in this organization has meant much to the town and that we would realize many advantages in the future from this association.

Mr. Workman reported that the Route 33 Project is completed except for the removal of several poles on which the Harrisonburg Telephone Company still have their lines mounted. He stated that due to this relocation, our lines have been upgraded and this should help us in the future in regards to annexation.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory, III and carried to approve the Second Reading to appropriate $2,679.75 for transformers purchased from Manassas.

Mr. I. L. Flory III moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried to accept the following proposal by Higgs & Shumate:

This office proposes to conduct the following work:

1. Field stake the sewer lines without connection wyes.
2. Provide 5 sets of cut sheets on sewer lines.
3. Design and prepare Construction Plans of pump station and furnish 5 sets of plans.
4. Field stake force main where necessary.
5. Attend necessary meetings with Town of Elkton Personnel.

The estimated fee for the above work is $2,200.00. Payment will be made monthly for all work conducted, at our standard fees.

Work in connection with Specifications, Contracts, Field Supervision, obtaining approvals or easements, and obtaining Bids is excluded from the above estimate but these services are available if requested.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to donate $105.75 to the Society of the Fine Arts for the purchase of new band uniforms for the Proud Elks Marching Band.

Mayor Hensley read the following letter from the Board of Zoning Appeals:

Dear Mayor Hensley:

For the record and for your information, The Board of Zoning Appeals for the Town of Elkton held its annual meeting on Monday, January 13, 1969 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

The following business was conducted:

1. Mr. G. B. Henry was elected Chairman.
2. Mr. W. R. Horne was elected Secretary.
3. The Board received attested copies of Mr. Flick's and Mr. Horne's appointment to the Board and will be filed as usual in the office file in the office of the Town Treasurer.
4. The Board of Zoning Appeals did not hear any appeals during the year 1968.
5. Mr. C. Z. Hisey's term expires on 3/1/69, therefore, Council will have to recommend a name (s) to the Circuit Court to fill this pending vacancy. The Court shall also be notified by separate letter of the pending vacancy.
6. The Board also would like to go on record as recommending Mr. C. Z. Hisey to be reappointed to the Board.
7. The $10.00 annual reimbursement to each member of the Board has not been paid for the year 1968.

Complete minutes of this meeting will be recorded and filed as usual in the official file in the office of the Town Treasurer.

Sincerely,

G. B. Henry, Chairman
Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory, III and carried to recommend Mr. C. Z. Hisey to be reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory, III and carried to pay $10.00 to each member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the annual reimbursement for the year 1968.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to leave the decision as to repairing the old calculator and adding machine or purchasing or leasing a new calculator and adding machine to the Finance Committee and Mrs. Leap.

Mayor Hensley reported that he had met that afternoon with Mr. Lanny Hiday of the Micanopy Group Companies (Cable T.V.), Alachua, Florida who is interested in placing cable T.V. in our area. They discussed a franchise and what would be included in the franchise. Mayor Hensley reported that this was only a preliminary study and nothing definite.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Deferred Business

Water-Trailer
Raising Speed Limit-25 M.P.H. Zone
Parking Problem-Post Office
Playground Equipment-Memorial Park
New Hospitalization Program
Closing of alley at Cook Burger
Telephone Coverage Police Dept. from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
North Ave. Sewer Project
Water-Sand Problem
Street Repairs
Ordinances to replace Disorderly Conduct Ordinance
Garbage Collection-alleys
2nd Reading-Proposal Higgs & Shumate

Over Please

MAYOR: Welty H. Hensley
Welty H. Hensley

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