The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held September 12, 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 111, Mr. E. F. Garber, Mr. Rodney G. Harman, Mr. Alan R. Thompson and Mr. Harold A. Workman. Mr. David C. Liskey, Town Superintendent and Mr. Lyle E. Williams, Chief of Police were present. Citizens present were Mrs. Neil Hillsman and Mr. Douglas Cockran of the Daily News-Record. Mr. E. O. Karow was absent.

Mr. Alan R. Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

Mayor Hensley reviewed some of the things which had been accomplished during the year and expressed his appreciation to the town employees, town council and the citizens for their fine cooperation during the year. Several of the major accomplishments were: 1. Two inch water line-South side Route 33. 2. New Chief of Police and new police cars. 3. Started North Avenue Sewer Project. 4. Christmas Party for Town Employees and their families.

Mrs. Neil Hillsman came before the council as a representative of the Blue Ridge Garden Club and presented a drawing of their plans to beautify the lot across from the Municipal Building at the intersection of Route 33 and Rockingham Street which is owned by the town. Mrs. Hillsman asked that the town give the Garden Club permission to plant these shurbs, as shown on their plans, to help prepare the land for the planting and assist in the planting and to share a portion of the cost which would be very small as many of the plants will be donated.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to accept the plan presented by the Blue Ridge Garden Club, to give them permission to plant the shurbs and trees and to help clean the area and plant the shurbs.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting July 31, 1969.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting August 14, 1969.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting August 21, 1969.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to approve the Finance Report for August.

Mr. Liskey reported that there had been some misunderstanding in regards to the lights at the Junior Order Park in regards to the town furnishing the current for the Little League. Mayor Hensley requested Mr. Workman, Mr. Harman and Mr. Liskey to arrange a meeting with Mr. Bobby Gooden, Mr. Whit Berry and Mr. Leroy Leap to correct this misunderstanding.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to contract Mr. George Collier to supervise the dump at a fixed rate of $75.00 per month from September 1, 1969 thru August 31, 1970.

Mayor Hensley reported that he had received numerous complaints in regards to the fumes from the town dump when the trash is burned. After much discussion, this matter was turned over to Mr. R. G. Harman and his committee to see if there is some way to eliminate this problem.

A letter from Mr. Tim W. Haden was presented in which he requested permission to erect a 25 ft. wide incline sidewalk on Rockingham Street 70 ft. west of the present incline sidewalk which is on the east side of his residence. He will need to make a parking area between his residence and his apartment house to park his vehicles as he sold the property on the west side of his furniture store on Spotswood Avenue to the Southland Corporation of Texas and was unable to reserve a right-of-way across the property to get to this proposed parking area.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to give Mr. Tim W. Haden permission to install a 25 ft. incline sidewalk driveway off of Rockingham Street at his own expense and under the supervision of the Town Superintendent.

Mr. H. A. Workman reported that he had been giving some consideration to placing meters on all the buildings, etc. used by the town in order to have a record of what is being consumed by each department and what is being sold to the citizens. There was also a discussion on the rates charged by VEPCO and filing with the F.P.C. to try to receive better rates.

Mr. H. A. Workman requested Mrs. Leap to place $5,000.00 from the Elkton Electric Fund on Certificate of Deposit.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to appoint Mr. Porter R. Graves as Judge at a salary of $1800.00.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to appoint Mr. Beverly Bowers as Substitute Judge.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to appoint Mr. R. K. Babington as a Warrant Justice.

Mr. Theodore R. Shifflett was employed as a patrolman at an annual salary of $4800.00.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to allow Mr. Douglas Cockran to accompany Mr. Williams during his shift of duty October 3rd as Mr. Cockran is gathering material for an article on police work. Mr. Cockran was asked to present a written statement releasing the town of liability.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to employ Mr. Marvin Hillsman as Town Attorney at an annual fee of $400.00.

Mr. Thompson reported that the last paving done by Painter & Mundy had run over the estimated cost $1,229.66. Mr. Thompson stated that Mr. Painter said they had found it necessary to increase the thickness at places thus raising the cost.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to approve payment of $229.66 to Painter & Mundy for extra work requested by the town in front of Dean's Hardware & Sporting Goods but to hold the $1000.00 until it can be discussed further with Mr. Painter.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to purchase six water meters.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried to contract for gasoline and service on all the town vehicles with Grimsley's Esso who was the low bidder from September 1969 to September 1970.

Mayor Hensley read a letter from the secretary of the S.C.A. of Elkton High School in which they stated that they were very much interested in opening the lines of communication between the town and the school and that they would like to have a Junior Town Councilman. The council instructed the clerk to write the S.C.A. secretary a letter inviting them to attend the next council meeting.

As there was no further business, Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to adjourn.

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

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