REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
October 16, 1972

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held October 16, 1972 in the Council Chambers with the Mayor, Edward F. Garber presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. R. E. Davis, Mr. R. R. Dean, Mr. H. A. Leet, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. Charles W. Hammer, Chief of Police, Mr. Marvin C. Hillsman, Jr., Town Attorney, Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Clerk and Mr. David C. Liskey, Town Superintendent were also present.

The following citizens were present in regards to their water and sewer problems: Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Meadows, Mrs. Rosa Walton, Mrs. Randall Holland, Mrs. George Williams, Mrs. Larry Horne, Mrs. Leroy Hitt, Mr. Harry Reid, Mr. Charlie Mowbray, Mr. Russell Morris, Mrs. Barbara Shifflett, Mr. Joe Haney, Mr. Garland Williams, Mrs. Virginia Hitt and Mr. Theodore Pence. Other interested citizens were Mrs. Anita Lambert, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Mr. Ed Jenkins, Mr. Donald Berry, Mr. Wayne Davis, Mr. Henry Morris, Mr. Leroy Kite and Mrs. Charles Hammer.

Mr. Workman reported that he and Mr. Liskey had been in contact with various sources from which aid may be available to help with the damages and that several agencies would be sending their engineers and co-ordinators into the area to look over the damages.

Mrs. Larry Horne expressed her appreciation to Mr. R. R. Dean for his help on the night of the high water.

Several of the citizens felt that their water problems had increased since new Route 33 had been built.

Mrs. Leroy Hitt presented a petition signed by approximately seventy citizens which read as follows:

> "The water situation on Washington Avenue could be cleared up without too much cost if the Town of Elkton would cooperate."

It was brought out that the town had furnished and installed some old obsolete pipe which they had on hand to some citizens in another area of town to help with their drainage problem. These citizens had assumed the responsibility and cost of having the ditch dug for the pipe. Mr. R. E. Davis suggested that this might be an answer in the area around Washington Avenue.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean to table the Television Franchise.

After some discussion, Mr. Workman and Mr. Dean withdrew the motion and reserved the right to bring this matter up at a later date.

Mr. Hensel Baker of Bosserman, Alt, James & Stickley was present to explain and answer any questions on the audit.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to accept the audit report.

Mr. Leet reported on the meeting October 11th. between the Board of Supervisors and the representatives of the seven towns in the County. Mr. Leet explained that the towns will be charged on a percentage based on the number of dwellings within the town and businesses and industries will be charged per volume of garbage. The towns will be billed and it was agreed that each town will bill the businesses and industries. There will be regulations set on what can be put in the dump and items that must be separated. It was estimated that our share of the cost will be approximately $3,500.00 for original Capital Expenses and $1,600.00 for Operation Expenses. Cost for Business and Industries will be over and above these charges.

There was some discussion in regards to it probably becoming necessary to put on a garbage collection fee to help offset the extra expenses.

It was reported that our permit for limited burning at the dump has been extended to November 1, 1972. The new County dump plans to be open by November 1st.

Mr. R. E. Davis commended the town employees for the long and hard hours which they worked to restore water to those customers whose water service was discontinued during the high water.

Mr. R. E. Davis reported that he and Mr. Liskey have been in contact with Sydnor Hydrodynamics, Inc. in regards to the filtering system for the well. Snydnor feels that they may be able to install a filtering system near the original price estimated by our engineers. The Water & Sewer Committee will look into this and have recommendations for the next meeting.

Mr. Liskey reported that Mrs. Ethel Wyant had asked him to speak for her at the meeting. She has had so much damage from water and sewer that she would like to move out and place a trailer on the lot. No action was taken.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to appropriate $500.00 to purchase small transformers.

Mr. Workman reported on the meeting he attended September 19th. in which the new proposed VEPCO rate increase was discussed and reported that the Fall Meeting of the Municipal Electric Association would be held in Charlottesville, October 19th.

Mr. Liskey presented a request by Mr. Randolph (Hobby) Robinson to name the alley beside his place of business "Ben Yehuda". This request was tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. R. E. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the First Reading of $2,869.60 for the cast iron pipe for the new water line which was installed after the flooding.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to approve the First Reading of $1,112.70 for pipe and headwall of concrete to replace the pipe which was washed out on the Orewash Road.

Mr. Liskey reported that the roof on the fire hall is leaking, and it was suggested that the contract should be checked to see if this would be covered in the contract.

Mr. Liskey presented a bid from J. S. Mathers, Inc. of $3,135.00 for the sidewalk in front of the new bank on Rockingham Street. The bid was rejected as it was felt the job could be done much cheaper.

Mr. R. R. Dean presented several problems which would come under his committee.

1. Water in alley behind Mr. and Mrs. Larry Horne. Mr. Dean felt this could be corrected by extending the ditch or enlarging the present ditch.
2. Mrs. George Hensley on Ashby Avenue - water. This may be corrected when the School Board and Town get together on the water in that area.
3. Water on Washington Avenue. Mr. Dean felt town should do something to correct this and not leave it to individuals.

Mr. Dean Presented a proposal from Mr. Ziegler, Principal of Elkton Elementary School, to change "B" Street to one way from Ashby to Terrace to help correct the traffic problem. This was turned over to the Street and Police Committee to check and bring suggestions back at the next meeting.

Mr. H. A. Leet reported that a ping pong tournament has been scheduled.

Mr. Leroy Kite presented a letter to the council asking permission to place a trailer park on the old Jarman property which he owns and is in within the corporate limits. This would require an ordinance change. This was referred to the Ordinance Committee to study and bring back to the next meeting.

Mr. Donald Berry came before the council requesting an ordinance change which would allow 15, 16 and 17 year olds to shoot pool. Mr. Berry has recently opened a game room and does not have alcoholic beverages on the property.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to amend Section 16-1 to read as follows:

<u>Sec. 16-1 Minors in public poolrooms or billiard rooms.</u>

No minor shall frequent, play in or loiter in any public poolroom or billiard room operated in conjunction with any

establishment licensed under the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Act;[3] nor shall any minor under fifteen years of age frequent, play in or loiter in any other public poolroom or billiard room; nor shall the proprietor of any public poolroom or billiard room or his agent permit any such minor to frequent, play in or loiter in any such place in violation of the foregoing provisions of this section.

Any such minor or any such proprietor or agent violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars or by imprisonment in jail not more than six months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

But nothing in this section shall apply to military or naval personnel in uniform in any poolroom or billiard room.

Mr. A. R. Thompson reported that the Finance Committee plans to review the Business License's.

Mayor Garber reported that the Rockingham League of Towns will meet here in the Council Chambers, November 8, 1972 at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Garber reported that there will be a meeting of the State Water Control Board in Richmond at 10:00 A.M. in regards to secondary treatment for sewer systems and the deadlines for each area. The Town of Elkton is scheduled to have theirs completed December 1977. The meeting will be October 17, 1972.

Mayor Garber reported on a letter he received from Harold Baumes, Executive Director of the Virginia Municipal League urging mayors and other appropriate officials to urge voters to vote "yes" on the amendment to the Constitution which changes the definition of a city which will be on the ballot November 7, 1972.

Mayor Garber read a letter from Gilbert W. Clifford & Associates, Inc. asking the Town to sign an "Assignment of Contract" letter which was mailed to the Town in July and has not been returned. The purpose of the Assignment letter is to acknowledge the new name of the firm Gilbert W. Clifford & Associates, Inc. following the partnership of Martin, Clifford & Associates having been dissolved on June 30, 1972 and assigning Contract No. 7010-8 between Martin, Clifford & Associates and the Town of Elkton to the firm of Gilbert W. Clifford & Associates, Inc.

Mayor Garber reported that the 25th. Annual Virginia Highway Conference will be held October 26th. and 27th. at VMI in Lexington, Va.

Mayor Garber read a letter from Paul A. Roth, President, Valley Enterprises, Inc. in which he was inquiring as to what steps they should follow in order to get a reduction in both town and county taxes on their Elkton Theatre property. Secondly he wanted to know what suggestions the town might have for using this property. Would the town be interested in acquiring it for use as offices, a meeting hall, recreation center, potential development for retail or manufacturing use, etc.? No action was taken on the letter.

Mayor Garber reported that the Daily News-Record had new names put on the name plates for the new councilman and chief of police.

As there was no further business, Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to adjourn.

MAYOR: Edward F. Garber
Edward F. Garber, Mayor

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