REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
January 8, 1973

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held January 8, 1973 at 8:00 P.M. 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. W. H. McGahey, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. Homer Ageon and Mr. William Herring, Acting Superintendents, Mr. Charles W. Hammer, Chief of Police, Mr. Marvin Hillsman, Town Attorney and Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Clerk were also present.

Mr. Alan Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting December 11, 1972.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting December 18, 1972.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean and carried to approve the Finance Report for the month of December.

Mr. Herring reported that the tires for the front end loader have been taken care of. Three of the tires could be recapped at a cost of $198.27 each and it was necessary to purchase one new tire at $502.30.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to approve the Second Reading to appropriate the maximum of $2100.00 for tires for the front end loader.

There was a discussion on the recommendations by the auditors. The matter of increasing utility deposits was turned over to the Electric, Water & Sewer Committee to study and have recommendations for the next meeting.

After a discussion on a purchase order system and buying gasoline and oil in bulk, the following committee was appointed to study these and make recommendations:

Alan R. Thompson, Chairman
R. E. Davis
R. R. Dean
H. A. Workman

There was a discussion on Building Permits. Two applications for building permits, one from Norris V. Shifflett and one from B. W. Gooden were presented to the council. Mr. Herring stated he did not wish to act on building permits.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve a building permit for Norris V. Shifflett on Roland Avenue.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to approve a building permit for B. W. Gooden on Morgan Avenue.

Mr. Thompson reported that the Christmas Bonuses have been paid to the employees but there should be a motion on the books to cover these.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the Christmas Bonuses and the two turkeys, one which went to Mr. Frey and one to George Collier.

Mr. Thompson reported that the town has received two checks on the Revenue Sharing totaling $19,159.00. It was decided to put this money on Certificate of Deposit for 60 days and then deposit it in a separate account with Mr. Alan R. Thompson as a co-signer on this account.

Mr. H. A. Leet reported that his committee plans to have a meeting this month to discuss the dump, county landfill and other matters pertaining to this committee.

Mr. Leet reported that the water in Memorial Park is frozen and there is a lot of skating activities in progress. He also reported that the activity at Community Hall has increased since ping pong tables have been placed there.

Mr. R. R. Dean reported that he had talked with Rev. Floyd of the Methodist Church and he had said the church would have no objections to making "B" Street one way during school hours only. No action was taken.

There was a discussion on renewing the permits for the two "Welcome to Elkton" signs. As the sign now located on the Kite property cannot be seen, it was decided to renew the permit for the sign located on the L. E. Miller property and to ask permission to relocate the sign on the Kite property.

Mr. Dean reported that he had talked to Mr. Herring about the list of water problems which had been given to Mr. Liskey and Mr. Herring had said he would get to them as soon as possible.

Mr. Herring presented a request by Mr. Ziegler, Principal of the Elementary School, asking the town to put gravel on each side of Henry Avenue from "B" Street to "A" so people can park there. This matter was turned over to the Street Committee.

Mr. Herring asked if the town wanted to continue their agreement with the State Highway Department for the Town to clean the snow on Old Route 33 from Elkton High School to the bypass West of Town. The Council decided to continue this agreement.

Mr. Herring reported that it had been necessary to hire a front end loader for 21 hours at $16.00 an hour to put out the first fire at the dump and that there had been another fire this morning. The council suggested putting up "No Trespassing Signs". No further action was taken but the Garbage Committee said they would discuss this in their Committee Meeting.

Mr. Workman reported that the proposed VEPCO increase is still under negotiations.

Mr. R. E. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the Second Reading of $850.00 to remove the storm drain between "C" & "D" which is emptying into the sewage system.

Mr. Davis reported that further studies are being made in regards to a settling tank at the well. This tank and the sewage problem on the lower end of Town will be discussed at their Committee Meeting this month and recommendations presented at the next meeting.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to increase Allen Kibler's salary $200.00 a year effective January 1, 1973.

Mr. McGahey reported on a Federal Aid Program which is available to communities and suggested the town try to obtain aid in putting in a dual frequency communications systems.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to apply for the Federal Aid of 75% for a complete communications system - Dual Frequency at a cost to the Town of $1249.00.

A letter from R. P. Mason, Jail Superintendent, State Department of Welfare and Institutions was read stating the Town Lockup was inspected and the conditions of cleanliness and sanitation was good.

A letter from Lawrence D. Gentry was read in which he stated that the State Highway Department has agreed to accept the streets of the Liberty Heights Subdivision into the State Secondary Road System. The State Highway Department has requested signed permits from all utility owners in the subdivision. Mr. Gentry asked the town to please fill out the proper permit and send it to him as soon as possible. The council did not know what type of permit Mr. Gentry was requesting and ask Mrs. Leap to check into this.

A letter from Mr. C. J. Taylor, Mayor of Town of Perisburg, Va. in regards to the towns under 3500 trying to get their Highway Maintenance increased. He reported that if the towns hope to have this increased they are going to need the support of the State Highway Department and a meeting is being arranged to meet with the Highway Department to present figures to show that there is a need for this increase. He enclosed a suggested expense breakdown to be used as a guideline and ask the town to prepare detailed figures for the last three fiscal years showing the amount of money actually spent for the support of secondary road maintenance, send a copy to Mr. Taylor and be prepared to bring our copy to Richmond for the meeting with the State Highway Department.

A letter from Elizabeth Grigg, Secretary of the State Board of Housing was read informing the Town of a public hearing in the auditorium of the State Highway Department, Richmond, Va. at 10:00 A.M. on January 29, 1973 for the

purpose of adopting BOCA Code (Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc.) with amendments as the Statewide Building Code. All parties are invited to attend and make presentations to the Board.

Mr. Herring reported that there is a trap door on Terrace Avenue used to get under the Elkton Restaurant building and is in bad need of repairs. The council told Mr. Herring it would be Mr. Levinson's responsibility to have this repaired.

Telephone bills for Mr. Liskey were presented and discussed. The Treasurer was instructed to pay these bills and have the service disconnected.

Mr. Leet stated he felt the council was going to have to assure Mr. Ageon and Mr. Herring that something is being done to relieve the Superintendent situation. It was decided that each councilmen turn their suggestions over to Mr. Garber and he would call a meeting to act on these suggestions.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

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