REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
October 8, 1973

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held October 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. R. Dean, Mr. H. A. Leet, Mr. W. H. McGahey, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. Homer Ageon, Acting Superintendent and Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Clerk were also present.

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

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting September 10, 1973.

Mr. Norris Shifflett introduced Dr. Asa Talbot who is the new scout master in Elkton. They reported on the existing conditions at the Scout Hut and asked the council to appropriate funds to repair the hut. They suggested windows of an almost undestroyable material be installed in order to discourage more vandalism and cut future repair cost. They estimated the cost of repairs to be approximately $800.00.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to turn the matter of scout hut repairs over to the Finance Committee with the authority to do what they feel necessary within reason.

Mayor Garber reported that he had advertised the T.V. Franchise Ordinance but had not received any answers. The council decided to advertise the deadline and bid openings for the Nevermber 12, 1973 meeting.

Mayor Garber reported that he had talked with Mr. W. W. Wharton in regards to our needing an attorney and that Mr. Wharton was extremely upset that the council questioned the man he suggested and said he would not allow him to serve as an attorney for the town. Mr. Dean was asked to talk with Mr. Wharton to see if he might change his mind.

There was a review and discussion of the audit report.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to accept the audit report as presented.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to remove the 1968 and 1969 Taxes and record them on the Court House records.

Mr. H. A. Leet reported for Mr. R. E. Davis that they are still having some problems with getting an approval from the Health Department for the water filter. The health department requires detailed specifications and drawings by professional engineers and they are trying to get some help to get this done without excessive cost.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to appropriate funds for six water meters at $28.00 each.

Mr. Ageon reported for Mr. Herring who was absent that the flood projects are all complete and the sidewalk on the North side of Spotswood Avenue has been completed.

Mr. Ageon reported on a request from several citizens for 190 feet of sidewalk on East Rockingham Street. This was turned over to the Street Committee with a request for them to study the sidewalks in town and make recommendations as to which need repair and those which should be done first.

The council instructed the Treasurer to bill the garbage fees on the electric bills.

Mr. A. R. Thompson reported that extra funds will be needed in the Sanitary Sewer System Sinking Fund to meet the note payment when it comes due. This fund has not been receiving monthly allotments from the General Fund for over a year.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to appropriate $150.00 a month from the General Fund for the Sanitary Sewer System Sinking Fund for the next nine months.

The Treasurer was instructed to order 900 Plastic Auto Stickers for 1974 in the color of yellow.

Mr. Thompson reported that he had talked with Berlin Eye again and he has promised to put the larger down spouts on and he feels that will correct the problem of water leaking into the library.

There was a discussion on the request from Mr. Bennie Carr to allow the women in the Treasurer's Office to register eighteen year olds for the selective service board.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to allow the registering of eighteen year olds in the Treasurer's Office.

Mayor Garber reported that he had answered a letter from a serviceman in Texas who plans to retire in 1974 and wanted information on Elkton and the surrounding areas.

A letter from Mr. John E. Zigler, Principal Elkton Elementary School, was read thanking the town for the improvements made on B Street in front of the Elementary School.

Mayor Garber also reported on a letter from the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce, Inc. informing the town of their 10th. Annual Christmas Parade on December 1st. and asking if the town has a float or some feature they would like to enter.

Mayor Garber reported on a letter he received from Walter L. Hodges, Sr., Mayor of Bridgewater, Virginia, extending an invitation to Mayor Garber and his wife to attend the Bridgewater Town Council's Open House on Sunday, September 23rd. and picnic following the open house. Mayor Garber was unable to attend and sent his regrets.

A letter from James A. McDonough, Chairman, Local Committee, was read which informed the council that the Twenty-sixth Annual Highway Conference will be held at VMI in Lexington, Virginia on October 25th. and 26th. Those planning to attend were asked to notify Mrs. Leap so she could send in the reservation card.

As there was no further business, Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to adjourn.

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

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