REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
November 12, 1973

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held November 12, 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 T. Herring, Acting Superintendents and Mrs. Norma R. Leap were also present.

Mayor Garber opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting October 8, 1973.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to approve the Finance Report for September and October.

Mr. George Hensley and Mr. C. J. Davis were present in regards to a street light which had been installed on Ashby Avenue. They felt there was enough light without this light being placed in the middle of the block. They found it to be very annoying by shinning in the windows at night. Mr. Hensley asked that the light be removed and Mr. Davis agreed, but felt if the council wouldn't remove the light they could at least put a smaller bulb in it. This matter was referred to the Electric Committee.

The question was asked if it wasn't a Town Policy to place street lights on corners only. Mr. Workman explained that he knew of no such policy and that the light in question on Ashby Avenue had been requested by two of the residents on that street.

Mrs. Berkley Brooks was present and commented that they would be happy to have the extra light in her area as it was quite dark.

Miss Sharon Workman, a representative from the Elkton Combined Schools S.C.A. was present in regards to the request she had made by letter to Mayor Garber for a sign to be placed on the road to the school with the name of the street on it. Mayor Garber told Miss Workman this would be taken up later in the meeting.

Mr. C. J. Davis stated that he felt there was a need for a heavier transformer on Ashby Avenue as his lights dim when the furnace comes on. Mr. Ageon said he had tested and that there is enough voltage there.

Mayor Garber reported that he had advertised for a bid opening at this meeting on the TV Franchise. The only bid came from Skyline Cablevision, Inc. The bid is as follows:

> Skyline Cablevision will pay to the Town of Elkton three (3%) per cent of the gross income per year as per Federal Communications Commission regulations of March 31, 1972. The installation charge for residents will be Ten ($10.00) Dollars and the Monthly rate will be Five ($5.00) Dollars. Additional installations will be Eight ($8.00) Dollars each and One ($1.00) Dollar more per month. Commercial rate (businesses selling television sets) will be Ten ($10.00) Dollars for installation and Eight ($8.00) Dollars per month. F.M. Installations will be Ten ($10.00) Dollars, with no additional monthly charge, if television installation is made.
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> Skyline Cablevision will construct a cable television system using equipment and techniques that are the latest in the state of the art. We will provide as many channels of television as the Federal Communications Commission will allow under its present regulations. All-band F.M. will also be offered.
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> Per your cable television ordinance printed in the Valley Banner of October 4, 1973, we wish to amend Section 6 (a), paragraph D to read "the company agrees to provide service to any person in the town limits within eighteen (18) months after the system has been energized, provided that such service is economically feasible.
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> Section 13: The company agrees to pay the Town of Elkton a rental of Three and 50/100 ($3.50) Dollars per pole per annum for the use of any utility poles by the company which are the property of the Town.

Section 11, paragraph F: The Federal Communications Commission cable television rules provide that cable television systems be constructed within five (5) years from the grant of the franchise at the rate of twenty (20%) per cent of the total plant per year. The company agrees to complete its cable television plant in Elkton within thirteen (13) months following receipt of the certificate of compliance from the Federal Communications Commission.

Section 14: The Federal Communications Commission prohibits the payment of any initial fees, sums, etc. to a municipality, from the recipient of a cable television franchise to serve that municipality.

The bid acceptance was deferred until the December meeting to allow the council to meet with the Skyline Cablevision, Inc. representatives and discuss several items.

Mr. Dean reported that he had talked with Mr. Wharton in regards to an attorney and he definately would not reconsider. It was reported that there is a man interested but he wants to talk with the council in regards to salary, etc.

Mr. Thompson reported that Mr. Eye has installed the new downspout on the Municipal Building but it will probably be necessary to put on some sealer before the painting is done in the library. Mr. Herring was asked to check into this.

Mr. Thompson reported that the repair work is being done on the Scout Hut. The windows will run approximately $250.00 and the bars will cost approximately $190.00. Some of the labor will be furnished by parents of the scouts.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the First Reading of $1550.00 for the audit bill from Bosserman, Alt, James & Stickley.

Mr. H. A. Leet reported that he had received from the county a proposed ordinance which would establish the landfill and the laws governing the use of the landfill. Also enclosed was a proposed contract for use between the county and the towns. No action is called for at this time.

Mr. Leet reported that there will be a decision to make as to whether we will want to pay on the total or net cost of the operation of the landfill, but a further study should be made before making any decision.

Mr. Leet reported that some complaints and some unusual cases have been brought out in the refuse collection fees. He wanted to know if the council wishes to act as a whole on these or if they want to leave it to the Public Health Committee. Mayor Garber stated that he felt the committee should meet and bring back recommendations for the council as a whole to decide.

Mr. Dean reported on a number of sidewalks which need repairs. The council suggested that the Street Committee meet to set up a priority list, obtain costs on each job and secure forms so the town will not have to borrow them and they will be available when needed.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to appropriate $500.00 to secure sidewalk forms. The choice of forms will be left to the discreation of the Street Committee.

Mr. Herring reported that he had advertised in the paper that garbage will be picked up on the streets until further notice. He also reported that he had received complaints that the men on the garbage truck are not cleaning up the trash. He stated that people are putting their trash out in plastic bags and dogs are tearing them open. He has instructed the men to get the biggest up but they do not have the time to do more.

Mr. Workman reported that he doesn't know exactly what will be needed in demand meters but there will be a man in here to run a check as soon as he has time available.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to hire E. Ray Nesselrodt as a full time patrolman effective November 1st.

The following bids were received on a 1974 Truck for the Maintenance Department.

Hensley Sales & Service, Inc.	$3663.90
Myers Ford Company, Inc.	$3582.00

(Over)

Mr. R. E. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to accept the low bid of $3,582.00 from Myers Ford Company, Inc.

Mayor Garber reported that the telephone contract and VEPCO contract had both been removed from the office and not returned so he had requested and received duplicates. These contracts may be reviewed in the office but must not be removed from the office.

Mayor Garber stated that due to the present energy crisis the town should cooperate fully with President Nixon's requests to help conserve energy.

Mayor Garber reported that he has received only two applications for the position of Town Manager, one woman and one man, neither of which have any engineering background. There will be an ad in the November edition of the League magazine.

Mayor Garber requested the Electric Committee to get busy on a rate study and call a committee meeting to act on some of the suggestions they have received.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to appropriate $500.00 toward purchasing demand meters.

The letter from Miss Workman requesting a sign be placed on the road to the Elkton Combined School which would read "Blue and Gold Drive - Home of the Mighty Elks" was discussed. This was turned over to Mr. Herring to look into and use his own judgement in the matter of erecting a sign.

Mayor Garber read a letter from C. W. Gibbs, Supt. of Jails Section, Dept. of Welfare and Institutions in which he commented on the recent inspection of the town lockup on October 30, 1973. No changes were noted to the building since the last inspection. The condition of cleanliness and sanitation was very good. He commended Chief Hammer and the members of his staff for the good job they are doing and adhering to the rules and regulations established by the Dept. of Welfare and Institutions.

Mayor Garber read a letter from Paul F. Cecchini, Dist. Engineer, Dept. of Highways in regards to the discussion they had at Natural Bridge concerning proposed construction on Route 340. He stated that in checking the records there does not appear to be any proposed project on the two block section of Route 340 in the Town of Elkton which crosses the creek but he felt sure the Highway Commission will certainly acknowledge and give consideration to a formal request from the Town that a project be set up on the section we discussed. The section of Route 340 on which was referred to as being surveyed as part of a long range program for further improvement on Route 340, he stated that they will certainly keep the Town advised upon request of highway projects that would affect the Town of Elkton and the surrounding area.

Mayor Garber reported that the Joint Meeting of the Towns of Rockingham County will be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building in Bridgewater, Va., Wednesday, November 14, 1973 at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Garber reported that he had talked with the people at the Bethel Christian Church and they indicated they would like to serve the meal for the Town Christmas Party and if turkey was served, could do so at the same price as last year.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to have our Town Christmas Party at the Bethel Christian Church on December 13, 1973 and that the meat be turkey.

Mr. R. E. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried that effective January 1, 1973 electric meters will be read at the end of each month, penalty to be effective the 20th. of the following month and cut off on the 25th.

Mr. H. A. Workman reported on several letters in regards to the Town of Elkton's request that Rt. 340 from the intersection of Rt. 340 and Old Rt. 33 be widened to the intersection of Rt. 340 and Spotswood Avenue. One of the letters was a copy of a letter from Mr. Hannah to Mr. J. T. Mills, Jr. asking that he have one of their key engineers get in touch with Mr. Workman on this request. The other letter was from Mr. J. T. Mills, Jr., to Mr. Workman telling him that Mr. W. E. Nelson, Jr., would be in Elkton to discuss the request with him. Since receiving the letters Mr. Osbourne has contacted Mr. Workman and set up a meeting for Tuesday, November 13th. Mr. Workman asked that Mayor Garber, Mr. Dean and Mr. Herring meet with the man from the Department of Highways also.

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