SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING
March 1, 1973

A special meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held March 1, 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. Charles Hammer, Chief of Police and Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Clerk were also present.

Mayor Garber opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to approve the Second Reading to accept the low bid by Myers Ford Company, Inc. of $3,446.00 for a new 1973 Police Car.

Mr. McGahey read a letter of resignation from Cornelis Hart as a patrolman for the Elkton Police Department effective March 1, 1973.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to accept Mr. Cornelis Hart's resignation.

Mr. Leet reported on the prices for filling, grading and leveling at the dump. It was the feeling of the Sanitation Committee that we could not get any better prices and that they had talked with Monger Brothers, the lowest bidder, and they had agreed to contract for the job or do it on time and machine basis, whichever is cheaper. Mr. Leet said some of these bids had been submitted with the idea of doing the work now but these bids would not stand after their busy season begins.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the First Reading to accept the low bid by Monger Brothers Contractors to do the dump work at $9,152.80.

Mayor Garber was requested to write a letter to the State Highway Department stating our intent in regards to the bank of dirt screening the dump.

Mr. Leet reported that since discontinuing garbage pickup for people living outside of town, he has been receiving numerous complaints. He felt this should not have been done in the beginning. The Sanitation Committee feels that garbage should only be collected from town residents and unless there was some objection by other members of the council, the committee would continue on this basis. There were no objections.

Mr. Leet reported that there has already been some expense on the garbage truck and that it is Mr. Herring's and others in the Garbage Departments opinion that the truck is in bad shape and will not hold up under the increased load. Mr. Herring is getting prices from several other dealers. This matter was tabled until further information is obtained.

Mr. Dean brought to the council's attention that Mrs. John Fridley and Mrs. Arthur Shifflett both of Fourth Street are having some parking problems between them. Both ladies operate Beauty Shops and want parking restricted for their use. Mr. Dean stated he was not sure what the solution should be but that Mr. Herring had suggested asking the ladies to try to settle the problem among themselves. This matter was turned over to the Street Committee.

Mr. Dean reported that Mr. Herbert L. Baugher had been to see him in regards to the parking on Wirt Avenue. For several years the Town has had a lease with The Elkton Improvement Company for lots 6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13, and 14, Block 14, Section 1 on Wirt Avenue for parking at a cost of $65.00 annually. A mistake was made by the Town when putting gravel on the lots and the gravel was placed on Mr. Baugher's lots rather than the ones we have been leasing. Mr. Baugher feels he should be receiving the money for leasing the lots. The Street Committee was asked to study this and have recommendations for the next meeting.

Mr. Herbert L. Baugher also wanted to know what kind of agreement, if any, the Town has on the water lines through the old Gable's Property which he now owns. Mayor Garber and several of the veteran councilmen said they were sure there was an agreement with the Methodist Conference when they owned the land. Mayor Garber said he would check with Mr. Bill Wharton to see if he would have a copy of this agreement.

Mr. Dean reported that West Rockingham Street is being heavily congested with out of town parkers and felt something is going to have to be done about this situation. This problem was turned over to the Street Committee to have recommendations for the next meeting.

Mr. Welty Hensley was present to represent the Farmers & Merchants Bank in regards to the sidewalk in front of their property.

Mayor Garber read a letter from Mr. Todd, President of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, in which he stated that Mr. Hensley and Mr. Liskey had informed him that it was a policy of the Town to share one-half of the cost of constructing new sidewalks. He stated that he had now been informed that the Town of Elkton is only willing to remove the old sidewalk and is not willing to share in any other expense. He felt that the $3,100.00 figure from J. S. Mathers to construct the sidewalk is excessive and the bank is now contacting other contractors as to the price of the sidewalk construction and Mr. Todd stated that he feels that because of the Town's policy concerning the construction of sidewalks the Town should share one-half of the cost.

Mr. Hensley stated that when the sidewalk matter first came up, he talked with Mr. Davis and Mr. Liskey and it was agreed on a 50-50 basis. Mr. Liskey had felt the town forces could put the walk in at an approximate cost of $1,200.00. He stated that he has since talked to J. S. Mathers about their bid and they may be able to reduce their figure and he also talked to another contractor who could do the job for $1,500.00. It was figured it would take another $600.00 to remove the old sidewalk. No action was taken but the council felt they could possibly go along with $2,100.00 total cost but this would be the maximum they could consider.

The council agreed to listen to Mr. L. P. Hale, Mr. Randall Holland, Mr. James King and Mr. George Williams in regards to their problem with the church they are building on the ocrner of Fairfax and Sixth. Mr. Herring has stopped them working on the church as it is not laid off according to the sketch on the Building Permit. The council was in sympathy with Mr. Hale and his group but explained that they do not have the power to help them. Mr. Davis explained he felt Mr. Hale had three choices, get Mr. Herring to change his mind, apply for a new building permit or appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Dean asked the council to be considering the problem of water running off of North Street on to other people's property. Mr. Dean stated that patch work is not going to help but that this is going to require pipe to carry the water off.

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