REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
July 9, 1973

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held July 9, 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. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. W. H. McGahey and Mr. Roy E. Davis were absent. Mr. Homer Ageon and Mr. William Herring, Acting Superintendents, Mr. Noah Helsley, Town Sergeant, Mr. Marvin Hillsman, Town Attorney and Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Clerk were also present.

Mayor Garber 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 June 11, 1973.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting June 12, 1973.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to approve the Finance Report for the month of June.

Mr. R. B. Hutton was present to see what action the council was going to take on the proposed garbage collection fee. He suggested the town pass on the 13% increase from VEPCO to their customers to keep from losing the approximate $1000.00 a month resulting from the increased rate to the town.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the Second Reading to appropriate $15,500.00 from the Revenue Sharing Account to pay for the new garbage truck.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean and carried to approve the Second Reading to appropriate $13,261.00 to have Elkton Paving Company pave the streets as contracted and listed in the minutes of May 14, 1973.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the Second Reading to appropriate $5,100.00 from the Revenue Sharing Account to purchase a Wayne Chipper from Shaffer Equipment Company.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the Second Reading to appropriate $3,480.00 from the Revenue Sharing Account to pay our share of the capital outlay expenditures on the county landfill.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to approve the Second Reading to appropriate $820.75 to pay our share of the Operational Cost of the County Landfill from December 1, 1972 thru May 31, 1973.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the Second Reading to appropriate $3,947.48 from the Revenue Sharing Account to eliminate the surface water on North Avenue.

No action was taken on the proposed garbage collection fee as two of the councilmen were absent.

Mayor Garber reported on a letter he received from George Wylie, General Manager of the Harrisonburg Trans Video, in which they ask that their letter be accepted as a formal application for a franchise to provide cable antenna television to the Town of Elkton and asked to be informed of the date of the next council meeting so they could have a representative present. Mayor Garber contacted them but they couldn't have anyone present at this meeting and requested their business be carried over to the August meeting.

Mr. A. R. Thompson reported that the town had received another revenue sharing check in the amount of $4,503.00 and will be deposited in the Revenue Sharing Account.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to set the tax rate for real estate and personal property at $.75 on each $100.00 of assessed value for the coming year.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to have the tax tickets prepared by R.N.B.

Mr. Thompson reported he is working on the budget.

Mr. H. A. Leet reported that an unofficial estimate to drain memorial park was $16,000.00. He did not feel the town could undertake this project at this time, and the council tabled the matter.

Mr. R. R. Dean reported that the North Avenue water situation was being looked into and asked for suggestions and help on the project.

Mr. W. T. Herring reported that he had replaced the fire hydrant on Shenandoah Avenue as it had been damaged by a vehicle and he would need to purchase a new hydrant for stock. Mr. Herring contacted a hydrant dealer and they will cost $240.91 each and will take 33 weeks to get them.

Mr. Herring requested permission to order 6 new water meters at $38.00 each and 6 cans of sewer cleaner at $28.00 a can. The council told Mr. Herring these could be taken care of on purchase orders without council action.

Mr. Herring also reported that the Continental Telephone Company would like the town to move the fire hydrant on the eastern corner of Rockingham Street and Stuart Avenue and will be willing to go 50-50 on moving it. Mr. Herring felt it would be to the town's advantage to move this hydrant 225 ft. east to get it off the street. It would be necessary to replace this with a new hydrant as the old one does not work and suggested also putting in another new hydrant on the northern corner of W. Rockingham Street and Stuart Avenue at the Post Office.

Mr. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean and carried to appropriate $490.00 to purchase two new fire hydrants for stock.

The decision to move the fire hydrant requested by the telephone company on a 50-50 basis was left to the Street Committee.

Mr. Herring reported that he will be on vacation next week and Mr. Ageon reported he will be on vacation beginning August 10, 1973 for two weeks. Mr. Workman is arranging for a standby while Mr. Ageon is on vacation.

Mr. Buddy Price was to be at this council meeting but couldn't make it due to a prior committment.

Mayor Garber had received a letter in regards to Mr. Robert Loughs request to the county to put in a trailer park on his land adjacent to the town. The county wants to know if the Town will furnish Mr. Lough water and sewer, would this be compatible to town zoning laws and is the land subject to flooding.

Mr. Lough was also present to ask the town if they wanted to furnish him services. He felt a good trailer park would benefit the town. He also would like to know if the present four inch sewer line coming to his property at this location on Spotswood Trail could be increased to a six inch line at the owners expense.

This matter was tabled and turned over to the water and sewer committee to study.

As of September 1, 1973 it will be necessary for the town to have a qualified inspector to inspect buildings, etc. Mr. Moyers has informed Mayor Garber that the county is going to hire a man and the towns, for a fee, may use his services if they like. The council felt they would need a firm price before making any committments. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Mayor Garber turned a Survey of Training Needs in Public Personnel Area Form from V.P.I. over to Mrs. Leap to complete and return.

Mayor Garber also placed a copy of a 1973 survey of needs for Municipal wastewater treatment facilities with Mrs. Leap to keep on file in the office.

A letter from the Department of Welfare and Institutions was read in regards to the routine inspection of our jail. They stated that the conditions of cleanliness and sanitation was very good.

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

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

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