REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
April 9, 1973

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held April 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. 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 Hammer, Chief of Police, Mr. Marvin Hillsman, Town Attorney and Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Clerk were also present.

Mr. R. R. Dean opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting March 12, 1973.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting March 29, 1973 as corrected.

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

Mr. Hammer presented a letter of resignation from Officer Kibler effective April 15, 1973.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to accept Allen J. Kibler's resignation effective April 15, 1973.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to increase Chief Hammer's salary $300.00 a year as agreed in terms of employment.

Mr. McGahey asked what is being done about those who have not paid their Business License. Mr. Workman suggested that no action be taken until after the Finance Committee meets next week and they will have suggestions as to what action to take after their meeting.

Mr. R. E. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to appropriate a maximum of $300.00 to cover a water line which was exposed during the high water with cement.

Mr. Workman reported that he attended a Municipal Electric Association Meeting in Bristol last week and it was a very good meeting. He plans to mimeograph a report of the meeting for each councilmen.

Mr. Ageon and Mr. Herring both reported that the town needs to purchase a chipper as it was proving too expensive to haul all the brush to the county landfill. Mr. Herring gave a report on the following quotes he had received:

Shaffer Equipment	$4,575.00	(This price good thru Dec. only, do not have current price.)
Tidy Corporation	$4,100.00	
	$4,350.00	
	$4,650.00	(The difference in price is due to size timber each will take care of)

This matter was deferred until the next meeting and Mr. Herring was asked to check to see if any of the dealers will give demonstrations.

Mr. Dean reported that the Tastee Freez would like to extend the sidewalk on Spotswood Avenue to the corner of Stuart Avenue. He stated that he and Mr. Workman had indicated that the town would probably go 50-50 on the sidewalk but had asked for an estimated cost before they could make a final committment.

There was some discussion on the present ordinance covering sidewalks.

Mr. Dean reported that Mr. H. L. Baugher does not wish to allow the town to place a sign on his property so the town will have to look for another location to place the new "Welcome to Elkton" sign.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to approve the Second Reading to accept the bid from Truxmore Industries, Inc. for $15,500.00 for the International Harvester 27 cu. yd. Truxmore Pakker.

Mr. Leet reported that Monger Brothers are well along on covering the dump but he does not know the final cost of this project as yet.

Mr. Leet reported that the Recreation Commission had held the planned Ping Pong tournament and approximately sixty people participated.

Mr. Thompson reported that the money for covering the dump by Monger Brothers will be paid out of the General Fund. The Finance Committee will discuss paying for the new garbage truck at their committee meeting next week.

Mr. Thompson reported that he did not have another bid on controlling the pigeons as yet.

Mr. Thompson reported that the town had received another revenue sharing check in the amount of $4,502.00.

Mr. Dean had a letter from Mr. J. G. Ripley, State Urban Engineer of the Department of Highways informing the town that the 1973 General Assembly had amended Section 33.1-80 of the 1970 Code of Virginia to establish a fixed rate of $1,600 per mile per year for maintenance to towns under 3,500 population that maintain their streets effective April 1, 1973. Towns receiving funds will be required to make quarterly reports accounting for all expenditures and certifing that none of the money received has been expended for other than the maintenance, improvement, construction or reconstruction of the streets in such town and it will be necessary that sufficient reocrds be kept for an audit of these expenditures. A supply of forms for the quarterly reports were also received.

Mayor Garber reported on a special letter he had received from the Virginia Municipal League with information on the Distribution of ABC Funds, Conference on Public Transportation, Water Quality Standards, etc. which will be placed on file in the Treasurer's Office for those interested in reading the entire report.

Mayor Garber reported on a letter from Mr. John E. Zigler, Principal, Elkton Elementary School in which Mr. Zigler expressed his concern about some conditions that exist which require council action and approval. To fully explain these existing conditions and need for change, Mr. Zigler asked to meet with the council or appropriate committee and stated that he felt the committee should observe the condition in normal operation. The matters he wishes to discuss are: traffic flow and pattern, parking and widening of sidewalks. This matter was turned over to the Public Safety and Street Committees.

A letter from W. J. Osborne, Resident Engineer, Department of Highways was read in which Mr. Osborne advised that the Department has no objections to the removal of the earth dike adjacent to Route 33 in the Town of Elkton as the need for screening no longer exists due to the closing of the town dump. The approval is conditioned on the fact that the area be properly graded, top-soiled, seeded, revegetated and reclaimed.

A letter from E. W. Davis, Fire Chief, Elkton Volunteer Fire Company, was read informing the town that a preliminary fire inspection was made February 26, 1973 at 101 M. Street and Mr. Charles Hawkins was informed of the discrepancies which were found. On March 28, 1973 the same building was re-inspected and found all items pointed out and listed in the letter had been corrected.

Mayor Garber reported on a letter received from Mr. Robert S. Gay, Rates Manager, VEPCO in regards to sending a copy of their monthly memorandum which will advise of the fossil fuel adjustment factor to be applied to bills of their resale customers. They plan to begin this practice after they receive an order from the Federal Power Commission.

Mayor Garber reported on a letter received from the Virginia Municipal League in which they stated their plans to publish a report of dog control provisions in Virginia Municipalities and asked that the questions listed on an attached sheet be answered and returned to the League. Mayor Garber completed the questions and returned them to the League.

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

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

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