REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
November 4, 1974

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held Monday, November 4, 1974 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the Mayor, H. Ditman Flory presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. C. E. Dean, Mr. R. R. Dean, Mr. H. A. Leet, Mr. R. J. Lough, Mr. W. H. McGahey and Mr. W. P. Suiter. Mr. Homer Ageon, Co-Superintendent, Mr. Charles Hammer, Chief of Police, Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Town Clerk and Mr. R. Bruce Wiles, Town Attorney were also present.

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

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting October 14, 1974.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting October 15, 1974.

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting October 24, 1974.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting October 28, 1974.

Dr. Asa Talbot was present in regards to a request he had made at an earlier meeting for funds to repair the roof at the scout hut. He had found the needed materials at a lower price of approximately $300.00. This matter was set aside to be brought up under the proper committee.

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey to purchase electrical supplies at a cost of $274.92 from Piedmont Electric Supply Corp. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	R. Lough	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	W. McGahey	- yea
H. Leet	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea

Mr. Suiter reported that they are making some progress on the demand meters. A representative of Westinghouse Corporation has been in Elkton and there will be some quotes coming in soon.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet to appropriate an amount not to exceed $300.00 to buy the necessary material to replace the roof at the scout hut. This is to be paid from the General Fund and not taken from the Recreation Fund. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	R. Lough	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	W. McGahey	- yea
H. Leet	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter to approve the Second Reading to accept Mr. W. E. Ayers' resignation effective October 25, 1974 and to grant him one months severance pay plus any vacation due him. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	R. Lough	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	W. McGahey	- yea
H. Leet	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet to approve the Second Reading to approve an expenditure not to exceed $3,000.00 for surveying the town to determine the elevation of approximately sixty manholes (which covers twenty thousand feet of lineal sewer service) and the reservoir and that several bids be obtained. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	R. Lough	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	W. McGahey	- yea
H. Leet	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea

Mr. Lough reported he had talked with Mr. Shifflett, Auditor for the City of Harrisonburg, and he strongly advised the town to take a maintenance contract on the NCR Machine. The contract would cost $1,400.00 per year. This includes all labor, replacement parts and emergency service. Service calls at present

are $18.50 per hour. NCR would guarantee renewal of the contract at the same fee for a period of five years.

Mayor Flory suggested Mr. Wiles look over the contract and then get with Mrs. Leap and Mr. Lough and bring up at the next meeting.

Mr. Lough suggested the council have the First Reading as they would have time before the Second Reading to review the contract.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet to approve the First Reading to enter into a service contract with NCR at an annual amount not to exceed $1,400.00; said contract subject to Town Attorney's approval.

C. Dean	- yea	R. Lough	- yea
R. Dean	- nay	W. McGahey	- yea
H. Leet	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea

Mr. R. R. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey to approve the purchase of 2 front end loader batteries at a cost of $112.52. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	R. Lough	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	W. McGahey	- yea
H. Leet	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea

Mr. R. R. Dean suggested that the council give Ernest Shifflett permission to locate another vehicle for snow removal in case our new plow doesn't arrive in time.

Mr. R. R. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter to approve the additional cost of $345.00 on the new snow plow due to a price increase. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	R. Lough	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	W. McGahey	- yea
H. Leet	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea

Mr. R. R. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried unanimously to give Ernest Shifflett permission if an emergency arises, to hire another vehicle for snow removal purposes if ours has not arrived.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean to purchase sewer compound at a cost of $278.25. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	R. Lough	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	W. McGahey	- yea
H. Leet	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter to purchase chlorine and hyprochlorite solution for the sewer plant and well at a cost of $156.00. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	R. Lough	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	W. McGahey	- yea
H. Leet	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough to purchase 12 water meter rings and covers and 18 joints of galvanized water pipe at a maximum cost of $350.00. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	R. Lough	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	W. McGahey	- yea
H. Leet	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough to purchase 200 feet of 4 inch sewer pipe and 6 Maxdale rings and covers for manholes at a cost not to exceed $350.00. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	R. Lough	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	W. McGahey	- yea
H. Leet	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea

Mr. Lough ask if a Second Reading on the pay scale for the police patrolmen was necessary and Mr. Wiles said this would not require a Second Reading.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey to approve the Second Reading to pay $1,785.00 to Bosserman, Alt, James & Stickley for auditing the town's books. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	-	yea	R. Lough	-	yea
R. Dean	-	yea	W. McGahey	-	yea
H. Leet	-	yea	W. Suiter	-	yea

The council was ask to consider giving Department Heads or Foremen authority to purchase up to $25.00 without having to go through the purchasing agent.

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved to allow any Foreman or Department Head to purchase material up to a maximum of $25.00 per job. After some further discussion, Mr. Suiter withdrew his motion.

The Finance Committee was asked to study this proposal and bring back an amendment to the Purchase Order Procedures at the next meeting.

Mayor Flory stated that the contract to lease the land on Terrace Avenue from the Norfolk and Western Railroad is ready to sign. Mayor Flory pointed out that most of this land is in front of his place of business and although the contract was negotiated before he became Mayor, he feels there might be a conflict of interest involved. He therefore felt he must refuse to sign the contract.

After some further discussion, Mr. Wiles stated he felt the President Pro Tempore could sign the contract.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried unanimously that since it appears to be a conflict of interest between Mayor Flory and the signing of the railroad contract, the President Pro Tempore, W. H. McGahey, sign the agreement.

Mr. Lough stated he would like to discuss personnel.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough and carried unanimously to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel of the Town of Elkton.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried to go from Executive Session back into Regular Session.

Mr. Suiter reported that the Public Safety Committee had checked the overhead doors at the Fire Hall and feels something needs to be done to replace these doors. The Finance Chairman was ask to get competitive prices on new doors.

Mr. Suiter reported that it has been the usual practice for the town to absorb the cost of the current used by the Fire Company at their annual carnivals. These charges have not been written off for the years 1973 and 1974. The amounts are $59.00 for 1973 and $86.60 for 1974.

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey that the 1973 charges of $59.00 and the 1974 charges of $86.60 for current for the firemen's carnival be absorbed by the town. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	-	yea	R. Lough	-	yea
R. Dean	-	yea	W. McGahey	-	yea
H. Leet	-	yea	W. Suiter	-	yea

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

MAYOR: H. Ditman Flory Mayor
H. Ditman Flory, Mayor

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