REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 1974

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held May 13, 1974 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the Mayor, Edward F. Garber presiding. The following council members were present: R. E. Davis, R. R. Dean, H. A. Leet, W. H. McGahey, A. R. Thompson and H. A. Workman. Mr. Homer Ageon and Mr. William Herring, Acting Superintendents, Mr. W. E. Ayers, Town Manager, Mr. Noah Helsley, Town Sergeant, Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Clerk and 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. R. R. Dean and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting April 8, 1974.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting April 25, 1974.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the Finance Report for April 1974.

Mr. R. E. Davis reported that he had checked with a nearby community in regards to engineering fees and they had received at least five prices on the project they were engaged in but the firms will not bid. He stated that since his committee could not agree on what to do in regards to the proposal by Arthur Beard Engineers, Inc. he would like the council to discuss the proposal.

Mr. Leet questioned Mr. Ayers on how sure the town could be on getting some government funds on the sewer portion of the proposal. Mr. Ayers stated that it would seem to be pretty sure but you could not say definitely that the town would receive funds.

Mr. Robert Lough suggested contacting the firm that did our sewer plant but it was felt they were no longer in business. Mr. Thompson felt it would be a good idea to get some other prices. Mr. Dean stated that Mr. Ayers knew of some of the work done by Arthur Beard Engineers, Inc. and had recommended them. He did not feel the town would find too much difference in prices from other firms.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean to approve the First Reading to hire Arthur Beard Engineers, Inc. to develop a Comprehensive Plan for the water and wastewater systems for Elkton and the surrounding area at a cost not to exceed $14,000.00. ($9,000.00 Sewer - $5,000.00 Water)

The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	-	aye	McGahey	-	aye
Dean	-	aye	Thompson	-	aye
Leet	-	aye	Workman	-	aye

Mayor Garber reported that an error was made on the T.V. Franchise when published. A copy of an earlier ordinance was given to the printer and not the ordinance which was accepted by council. Skyline Cablevision bid on the franchise as presented in the paper and cannot accept the portions of Section 4 which reads as follows: First Part: "The Company shall also provide two additional channels for closed circuit transmission. By one such channel the Company shall provide pertinent time, temperature and weather information." and Second Part: "The other closed circuit channel shall be used as a public service channel and with regard to the use of this channel the Company shall furnish a tape recorder and a movie camera.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet to change the portions of Section 4 of the T.V. Franchise to read as follows and to change the name of the Company from Skyline Cablevision to Bauce Cable Associates: First Part: "The Company shall also provide an additional channel for closed circuit transmission of pertinent time, temperature and weather information" and delete the Second Part.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	-	aye	McGahey	-	aye
Dean	-	aye	Thompson	-	aye
Leet	-	aye	Workman	-	nay

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey to approve the First Reading of the Budget for July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975 a summary of which is printed below:

Expected Revenue	$452,901.00
Sinking Funds	- 30,900.00
	$422,001.00
Expected Expenditures	420,936.00
Surplus	$ 1,065.00
EXPENDITURES PER DEPARTMENT	
General Government	$ 69,132.00
Electric	155,550.00
Water	31,006.00
Sewer	40,530.00
Garbage	19,584.00
Streets	39,451.00
Public Safety	65,683.00
	$420,936.00

The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	- aye	McGahey	- aye
Dean	- aye	Thompson	- aye
Leet	- aye	Workman	- aye

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman to approve the First Reading of the Revenue Sharing Budget for July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975 which is printed below:

Expected Revenue	$ 15,302.00
Expenditures:	
General Govt. - Equipment	9,000.00
Garbage - Dump (Capital)	2,000.00
Dump - Operational Exp.	388.00
Public Safety - Fire Co. Gasoline	1,200.00
Recreation	2,714.00
	$ 15,302.00

The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	- aye	McGahey	- aye
Dean	- aye	Thompson	- aye
Leet	- aye	Workman	- aye

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet to appropriate $1,000.00 to the Recreation Department to replace the $1,000.00 dropped from the budget at the first of the year.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	- aye	McGahey	- aye
Dean	- aye	Thompson	- aye
Leet	- aye	Workman	- aye

Mr. Brooks ask what the County contributes toward recreation and suggested the council go before the Board of Supervisors in regards to this question.

A request by Mr. Ashby Lam was presented asking for water and sewer connections to three additional lots on Sixth Street.

Mr. R. E. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to grant Mr. Ashby Lam water and sewer connections to three additional lots on Sixth Street subject to the same agreement as was given on the six apartment complex.

Mr. Thompson reported that the auditors will be in to audit the books July 1, 1974.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey to set the tax rate at $0.75 on each $100.00 of assessed value for Real Estate and Presonal Property Tax.

Mr. R. R. Dean stated that he would like to see the rate raised to $1.25 rather than having to increase the electric rate so much as Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes can be deducted from your income tax.

Mr. Thompson withdrew his motion and Mr. McGahey his second.

Mr. R. R Dean moved to increase the tax rate on Real Estate and Personal Property to $1.25 on each $100.00 of assessed value.

Mr. Ditman Flory, Mr. Charles Dean, Mr. Robert Lough, Mr. Ward Suiter and Mr. Harold Workman all spoke in opposition to raising the tax rate.

Mr. Dean's motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson to set the tax rate for Real Estate and Personal Property Tax at $0.75 on each $100.00 of assessed value.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	-	aye	McGahey	-	aye
Dean	-	abstained	Thompson	-	aye
Leet	-	aye	Workman	-	aye

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to have RNB do the tax tickets.

A Public Hearing and Special Meeting was set for Wednesday, May 29, 1974 at 7:30 P.M.

Mr. McGahey presented a request by the Fire Department for permission from the council to have Bingo in town.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried unanamiously to give the Elkton Volunteer Fire Department permission to have Bingo in town.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet to approve the Second Reading to employ James C. Wilkins & Associates, Inc. to procede immediately to make an Annexation Feasibility Study for the Town of Elkton at a cost of $4,750.00.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	-	aye	McGahey	-	aye
Dean	-	aye	Thompson	-	aye
Leet	-	aye	Workman	-	aye

Mayor Garber reported that in regards to a request by C. B. Hamm to renew his Business License for 1974 for a Rest Home, no action can be taken at this time as he has not received any information as yet from the County Inspector.

Mr. Leet reported that Mr. B. W. Gooden ask that he inform the council that the Elkton Planning Commission has met with the County Planning Commission and that they will have their meeting and then go before the Board of Supervisors.

The question was raised as to whether the council still wants to annex even if we cannot serve the area with electricity. The council's answer was yes.

Mayor Garber reported that he had been contacted by VEPCO and they do not intend to give up their area. The Town Attorney was asked to check into this situation.

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

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

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