SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING
April 25, 1974

A special meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held April 25, 1974 at 7:30 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. W. H. McGahey, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. R. E. Davis was absent. Mr. W. E. Ayers, Town Manager, Mr. Homer Ageon and Mr. William Herring, Acting Superintendents and Mrs. Norma Leap, Clerk were also present.

Mayor Garber opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Robert N. Greathead of James C. Wilkins & Associates, Inc. was present and presented their proposal for an Annexation Feasibility Study for the Town of Elkton. Mr. Greathead reported that he had met with Mr. Gooden, Chairman of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Leet asked if this would include any mapping other than the area map showing the proposed annexation area. Mr. Greathead stated it would not and suggested the town invest in topo's.

Mr. B. W. Gooden, Chairman of the Elkton Planning Commission, reported on the Planning Commissions suggestions regarding annexation.

Mr. Gooden ask for Mr. Ayers qualifications. Mr. Ayers stated that he is a Civil Engineer. Mr. Gooden reported that it was the feeling of the Commission that the Town has recently hired an engineer and he should be able to make the proposed study. As to the suggested Town Map showing accurate contours, the Commission felt these were necessary but suggested getting other quotes and give further study.

Mr. Leet asked Mr. Ayers if he would have the time to make the study. Mr. Ayers stated he had neither the time or staff.

A report was given on the proposed development North of town. The subdivision will put in their own water and sewer lines even if annexed and would turn these lines over to the town at no cost. They feel there is little chance of the subdivision growing so fast as to cause problems.

Mr. Gooden stated that the Commission felt guidelines should be set up regarding the subdivision and possible limits set on hookups per year to guard against too rapid a growth. He ask that the council give the Planning Commission the authority to followup on the annexation of the Elk Wood Subdivision before any action is taken by the County Planning Commission and suggested steps be taken to settle with VEPCO on the electric before the development begins. He pointed out that the Planning Commission had not forgotten the people requesting annexation in the other areas but certain procedures must be followed and that there must be 51% of the people in the area wanting annexation to procede without too many problems.

After much discussion, Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey to approve the First 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:

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

Mr. Arthur Beard of Arthur Beard Engineers, Inc. was present to discuss their proposal on the Development of Comprehensive Plan for Water and Wastewater Systems for the town.

After discussing the proposal it was decided to postpone any decision until the next regular meeting as all councilmen were not present and this would give the council time to review the budget and the money available for studies.

The following report was given in regards to the curb in front of the Downey building and Elkton Restaurant:

Cost of curb	$586.00
Drain under curb	$321.00

Dr. Downey will pay for the full cost of the curb but ask the town to pay for the drain.

Mr. Dean stated he felt the town should assume part of the curb cost as this is their problem as well as Dr. Downey's.

Mr. R. R. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to give Dr. Downey permission to put in the proposed curb and the town will pay half of the cost.

The drain was left to the Town Manager's discretion.

Budget suggestion sheets were distributed to each councilman for study.

Mr. Ayers reported that the State Highway Department would like a letter in regards to their proposals on the two blocks of Route 340 from the Intersection of Old 33 and Route 340 to Spotswood Avenue.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried unanimously to bring before the council the subject of the two blocks on Route 340.

Mr. Maurice Lough questioned this action due to the absence of Mr. Davis.

The clerk contacted Mr. Davis by telephone and he was in full agreement and waived notice in regards to bringing before the council the subject of the two blocks on Route 340 and the Recommendations of the Planning Commission.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried unanamiously to allow Mr. Gooden to bring up recommendations from the Elkton Planning Commission on annexation.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean and carried unanamiously to allow Mr. Ayers to write a letter to the State Highway Department stating that the town agrees with their proposal to widen the two blocks on Route 340 from Spotswood Avenue to the Intersection with Old Route 33.

Mr. Gooden stated that it is the recommendation of the Elkton Planning Commission to annex the area North of town on which the Elk Wood Subdivision will locate and that either the Commission or Council procede with the necessary steps.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman to authorize the Elkton Planning Commission to go before the County Planning Commission to request annexation of the Elk Wood Subdivision. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

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