SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING
July 1, 1976

A special meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held July 1, 1976 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the Mayor M. W. Lough presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. C. E. Dean, Mr. R. R. Dean, Mr. H. D. Flory, Mr. B. B. Holt, and Mr. R. J. Lough. Mr. Charles Hammer, Chief of Police, Mrs. Norma Leap, Clerk and Mr. Gerald Monger, Town Superintendent were also present.

Mayor Lough opened the meeting with prayer.

Mayor Lough introduced each councilman and department head.

Mayor Lough announced with regret the resignation of Mr. Ward P. Suiter as councilman as he will be moving out of town within the next month or two. A new councilman will be appointed at the next meeting.

Mayor Lough addressed the council and citizens expressing his views, opinions and hopes for the future.

Mayor Lough presented his suggestions for the Standing Committees, a Special Committee on Federal and State Funds and President Pro-Tempore. He ask council if they had any nominations.

Mr. Bill Holt stated he had discussed with Mr. Charles Dean the fact of his being President Pro Tempore and that even though he felt Mr. Dean to be highly qualified, his job and other duties require him to be unavailable the majority of the time. He placed Mr. Ditman Flory's name for consideration as he would be available and certainly qualified just recently leaving the Mayor's position.

Mr. Flory asked why Mr. Robert Lough was not put on the Public Safety Committee. Mayor Lough explained that the greatest responsibility the Mayor of a small town has is enforcement of law and order. He can avoid this responsibility or let the council partly control. As he plans to be working closely with this committee, he felt it better not to have his brother on the committee. Mr. Holt stated he had no objections either way and Mr. Robert Lough pointed out that the committee is made up of men with no prior knowledge of past events.

Mr. B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean to accept the following Standing Committees as recommended by the Mayor:

Public Safety

Bill B. Holt, Chairman
Charles E. Dean, Vice Chairman
Randal R. Dean

Public Health, Ordinances and Recreation

Charles E. Dean, Chairman
Randal R. Dean, Vice Chairman
_____ (To be the councilman appointed)

Streets & Sidewalks

Randal R. Dean, Chairman
_____ (To be the councilman appointed)
Charles E. Dean

Water and Sewer

H. Ditman Flory, Chairman
Bill B. Holt, Vice Chairman
Robert J. Lough

Electric

_____ (To be the councilman appointed)
Robert J. Lough, Vice Chairman
H. Ditman Flory

Finance

Robert J. Lough, Chairman
Charles E. Dean, Vice Chairman
Randal R. Dean

The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	R. Lough	- nay
D. Flory	- nay		

Mayor Lough appointed the following special committee

Federal and States Fund

H. Ditman Flory, Chairman
Bill B. Holt, Vice Chairman
Randal R. Dean

Mayor Lough explained why he felt Mr. Charles Dean should be appointed President Pro Tempore. With Mr. Robert Lough being his brother, he felt it would not be right to appoint him. Mr. Bill Holt was new to council. Mr. Randal Dean has a tremendous amount of responsibilities with his business and other areas. Mr. Ditman Flory had chosen not to run for Mayor due to business pressures and Mayor Lough also pointed out that the transition from Mayor to Councilman was not going to be easy. Mr. Charles Dean tends to think along the same lines as he himself does, he has the same tenure of office as Mr. Flory, he is a Christian family man and best represents the things Mayor Lough represents.

Mr. B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean to appoint Mr. H. Ditman Flory as President Pro Tempore of the Town Council to act in the absence of the Mayor. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	R. Lough	- yea
D. Flory	- yea		

Mr. B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Mr. H. D. Flory and carried to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors voicing our concern over their releasing Mr. Russel Rabby, pointing out the impact this action will have upon Elkton's planning efforts and urging the Board of Supervisors in the strongest possible way to reconsider its decision and continue Mr. Rabby's services in the light of Elkton's interest.

Mayor Lough ask Mr. Holt to construct the letter.

Mr. B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough to go into Executive Session to discuss an urgent personnel matter. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	R. Lough	- yea
D. Flory	- yea		

Mr. C. E. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. B. B. Holt and carried to go from Executive back into Regular Session.

As there was no further business, Mr. H. D. Flory moved to adjourn.

MAYOR: Maurice W. Lough
Maurice W. Lough, Mayor

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