REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
March 8, 1976

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held Monday, March 8, 1976 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 and Mr. W. H. McGahey. Mr. W. P. Suiter was absent. Mr. Fred Cloonan, Jr., Patrolman, Mrs. Norma Leap, Clerk, Mr. Gerald Monger, Superintendent, and Mr. R. Bruce Wiles, Town Attorney were also present.

Mr. C. E. Dean opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting February 9, 1976 as presented.

Mr. Bob Sterrett, Executive Vice President of the Rockingham-Harrisonburg Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Ernest James, Manager of the Virginia Employment Commission, Mr. Jack Castle and Mr. Russ Atwood were present regarding a new project the Chamber of Commerce and Virginia Employment Commission are sponsoring.

Mr. Sterrett expressed appreciation to Mayor Flory for the valuable service he has contributed while serving on the committee for the Public Service Employment Program. He then explained the Youth Employment Service Project they are beginning for the purpose of bringing together youth between the ages of 16 and 22 needing employment and employers who will use them. They are asking support from each community in helping find employers and an appropriation of $50.00 for funds to get the program started.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to appropriate $50.00 for the YES Program.

Mayor Flory recognized Mrs. Linda Life, Mr. Maurice Lough and Mr. Bill Holt, candidates for the town election.

The fossil fuel cost for the month of March is $9.49 a thousand kwh.

Mayor Flory reported that it would be necessary to renegotiate the engineering contract with Arthur Beard Engineers and to amend it to read as required by EPA in order to be in line for payment of the $19,650.00 grant.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough to approve the amendment of the Arthur Beard engineering agreement in an amount not to exceed $2,000.00.

AMENDMENT TO ENGINEERING AGREEMENT
DATED JUNE 19, 1975

AMENDMENT NO. 1

This AMENDMENT made the 8th. day of March, 1976 by and between the TOWN OF ELKTON, VIRGINIA, hereinafter referred to as the OWNER, and ARTHUR BEARD ENGINEERS, hereinafter referred to as the ENGINEER.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the OWNER and the ENGINEER on June 9, 1975, entered into an AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES concerning preparation of a sewer evaluation report by the ENGINEER.

WHEREAS, the parties thereto now wish to amend the AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES to delete in their entirety SECTION II - PERIOD OF SERVICE and SECTION III - PAYMENTS TO THE ENGINEER and replace them with the following sections.

SECTION II - PERIOD OF SERVICE

The ENGINEER shall submit the report to the OWNER for subsequent submission to the appropriate State and Federal regulatory agencies no later than 60 days after receipt of all necessary field data gathered by the field sewer inspection contractor and TOWN employees. The ENGINEER will thereafter coordinate all additional efforts required until approval is obtained.

SECTION III - PAYMENTS TO THE ENGINEER

For services described in this Agreement under the previous paragraphs the OWNER shall pay the ENGINEER a lump sum of $2,000. Payment shall be made as follows:

- $1,000 upon presentation of an invoice 30 days after initiation of report.

- $1,000 upon delivery of the report to the OWNER for submittal to the regulatory agencies.

Except as modified by this AMENDMENT, the June 9, 1975 AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES is reaffirmed by the parties.

This AGREEMENT shall be in full force and effect only when it has been approved by the Town Council of the Town of Elkton, Virginia, and when executed by the duly authorized Town officials.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this AGREEMENT on March 8, 1976.

The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. Lough reported that the work at the police station has been completed and looks very nice. He stated that the $4000.00 set up in the budget for repairs to town property has been used and that the carpenter will have to be used for repairs requiring very little materials for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried that no future remodeling projects not specifically budgeted be instigated until set plans and cost have been presented to council for approval.

Mr. Charles Dean gave each councilman a copy of a purposed ordinance to impose taxes or assessments upon abutting property owners for the construction, replacement, or enlargement of storm water sewers, which had been prepared by Mr. Wiles, to study and discuss at the next meeting.

Mr. Randal Dean reported that he had discussed the sidewalk at the elementary school with Mr. Ziegler and he was talking in terms of replacing the whole sidewalk and hopes to get it in the next budget. Gerald Monger presented the following quotes on prices.

366 x 6 ft.	$3,051.08	(½ = $1,525.54)
366 w 2 ft. addition	$2,025.41	(½ = $1,012.70)

The school wants the town to share one-half the cost. This will have to be considered in next years budget.

Mr. Leet reported that the original plans when connecting water to Elkwood Subdivision was to cap each line going into each lot. After further study, Mr. Gerald Monger suggested the town go ahead and put the valves in at the same time as it would be more economical and would eliminate shutting off service to large areas at a time. The cost would be approximately $640.00.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough to approve the First Reading to appropriate $650.00 to buy cut-off valves to install at each property line in the Elkwood Subdivision. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. Leet reported that Mr. Gerald Monger has drawn up a Manual for Construction of Water and Sewer Lines. After it has been approved by the State, it will be presented to council.

Mr. Lough asked if anything had been settled regarding the connecting fees for property in Elkwood and when we would be receiving the money. Mayor Flory reported they are delaying until we can give them a date when they will have water. No date can be given until we receive approval from the State.

Mayor Flory reported that he had discussed the triangle area downtown, on which the telephone booth is setting, with the owner, Mr. John Hostettler, and he is willing to rent thirty-three feet of the property to the town. Mayor Flory reminded the council this is the area the Garden Club had been interested in helping beautify with the town's help. He felt this would be a good place for flags to be erected. The telephone booth will be moved to another location.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to rent thirty-three feet of property from Mr. John Hostettler for various organizations to beautify at a rate of $1.00 per year for five years and an additional five years at a rate not to exceed $2.00 per year. There will be no charge to the organizations.

Mayor Flory reported that he had visited the Shenandoah Valley Travel Agency in New Market and picked up some samples of brochures from several communities listing points of historical interest in their communities. He felt it would be a benefit to the town to place a brochure at the agency. This would be a good project for some organization to undertake or the town might be interested in helping fund the project.

A tenative date of March 18, 1976 at 7:30 P.M. has been set for a Special Meeting.

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

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

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