REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
March 14, 1977

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held March 14, 1977 at 8:00 P.M. with the Mayor, Maurice 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, Mr. H. W. Leap and Mr. R. J. Lough. Mr. Charles Hammer, Chief of Police, Mrs. Norma Leap,Clerk, Mr. Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Mr. Bruce Wiles, Attorney were also present.

Mayor Lough opened the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Gentry ask about plans for street lights in the Liberty Height's area.

Mr. Monger explained that the light behind Robert Duff would be moved to the corner of Chestnut and Virginia and two new lights would be installed, one at Davis and Virginia and the other at F and Chestnut.

Mr. Carroll Campbell was present and ask about why the town did not refund to their customers the $26,000.00 refunded from VEPCO. Mr. Leap stated he could give no further explanation than the one given at the last meeting. Mr. Flory statedhe felt the town to be justified in not refunding the money due to the obligations the town had and this refund prevented raising taxes or other services to take care of the obligations.

Mrs. Hazel Crider stated she felt the town should have informed the people.

Mrs. Ruth Brooks ask the council if the communities or Municipal Electric Association were doing anything to try to investigate this high electric fuel cost. Mr. Leap stated that they would be attending a Municipal Electric Association meeting in April and would find out something then.

Mr. H. D. Flory moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting February 14, 1977 as presented. As there were no corrections, the minutes were approved.

The Elkton Planning Commission met between meetings and Mr. Gooden stated that the Planning Commission unanimously recommends that the newly annexed area be zoned A-1 Residential.

Mr. B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Mr. H. D. Flory to approve the First Reading that the town zoning ordinance and map be modified to include the area annexed January 1, 1977 and to zone this area A-1 Residential.

Mr. Holt reported that the Public Safety department received bids on a new police car from Sheets Chevrolet, State Purchasing, Myers Ford and Highway Motors. Myers Ford had the lowest bid and an order has been entered with Myers Ford for the new car. The car should be in around April 1st.

Mr. Holt brought to the council's attention the condition of the flags on the triangle. It was reported that the Garden Club has contacted the V.F.W. and they are donating a new United States flag and the Ruritans are going to give a new State flag. There was a discussion regarding a contest to come up with a town flag to be used after the Bicentennial flag comes down. Mr. Robert Lough said we already have an official town flag.

Mr. Flory reported on an article he had read which he felt had merit. There is a movement on regarding sewer charges being included as a tax deductible item as this is really a form of tax. He felt this program should be endorsed and letters should be written to our Senators and Congressmen to endorse this program. The council had no objections to letters being sent and Mayor Lough told Mr. Flory he would be glad to countersign the letters.

Mr. Flory reported that he is on the Chambers' Highway Committee which presents suggestions to the State Highway Department for needed projects in the City of Harrisonburg and County of Rockingham. One of the five projects they have included in their plan is widening Route 340 from Dean Lumber Company North to Spotswood Avenue at the Elkton Dry Cleaners making it four lane. The committee would like the town's approval of their plan.

Mr. Robert Lough questioned the possibility of the town having to assume a portion of the cost if they put in curb and gutter. It was suggested that the council include a clause stating the town approves of the project but would not assume any of the cost of curb and gutter.

The council agreed to endorse the widening of Route 340 from Dean Lumber Company North to the Elkton Dry Cleaners but to insert a clause stating the town would not assume any cost regarding curb and gutter.

Mr. Henry Leap reported that the fuel adjustment cost is down this month. It is .02089 per kwh.

Mr. Randal Dean reported that the sidewalks are very bad in some areas and hopes council will give strong consideration to repairing some of the sidewalks this year. Mr. Monger stated he has a list of those needing work and they are listed according to priority.

Mr. C. E. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. H. W. Leap to approve the Second Reading on the Ordinance to Provide for the Disposition of Unclaimed Bicycles. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. C. E. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough to approve the Second Reading on the Ordinance Restricting the Keeping of Inoperative Motor Vehicles on Residential or Commercial Property and Providing for the Removal of Such Vehicles. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean and carried to accept the Finance Report for the month of February.

The following transfer of funds in the budget were approved:

Electric Department

From:	Transformers & Repairs	$ 500.00
	Meters	200.00
	Meter Testing & Repairs	500.00
	Cut Outs	400.00
	Lightening Resistors	150.00
	Metering Equipment	250.00
		$2000.00
To:	Supplies	$1565.40
	Insurance	434.60
		$2000.00

Water Department

From:	Supplies	$ 323.76
To:	Insurance	$ 323.76

Sewer Department

From:	3-8" Gate Valves	$ 600.00
To:	Insurance	$ 600.00

Garbage Department

From:	Truck Upkeep	$ 200.00
	Landfill Operations	118.83
	Misc.	200.00
		$ 518.83
To:	Insurance	$ 230.10
	Supplies	285.73
		$ 518.83

Street Department

From:	Snow Removal	$ 500.00
	Caution Light	500.00
	Misc.	300.00
		$1300.00
To:	Insurance	$ 305.77
	Supplies	994.23
		$1300.00

There was a discussion on a previous request from George Hensley regarding the water drainage problem in his area. Mr. Robert Lough reported that it will cost approximately $3000.00 to correct the problem. He suggested the town agree to do the project if the cost can be shared three ways, 1/3 from the town, 1/3 from the Elementary School and 1/3 from Mr. Hensley.

Mr. Flory pointed out that the school had refused to accept any obligation last year. He ask if the town intends to help the school as they requested on the sidewalks. Mr. Flory felt we should not help with the sidewalks if they refuse to help with the drainage.

Mr. H. D. Flory moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough for the town to obligate itself to correct the drainage problem in the George Hensley area provided Mr. Hensley will obligate himself for $1000.00. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	H. Leap	- abstain
D. Flory	- yea	R. Lough	- yea

Mrs. Leap was instructed to go ahead and pay the $2000.00 to Rockingham County due for the planning services completed in the fiscal year 1975-76.

Mr. Wiles reported that there are certain amendments to the engineering agreements for the Wastewater Treatment Plant which need to be made before we can receive any Step II funds from EPA. Mr. Holt suggested and council agreed to leave this to Mr. Flory and Mr. Wiles and if they feel any further council action is needed a special meeting can be called.

Mayor Lough had the amended agreement from Michie Company and had made copies for each councilman. After a review of the agreement each councilman was in favor of signing the contract.

Mayor Lough reported on a letter from the Board of Zoning Appeals stating that Mr. H. O. Baugher's term expired as of March 1, 1977 and recommending Mr. Roy E. Davis to fill the vacancy.

Mayor Lough stated he had tried to contact Mr. Davis but had not been able to do so. The last time he had talked with Mr. Davis he had indicated he was not interested in taking any more jobs. The Mayor suggested the council consider Mr. Harold Leet for the vacancy.

Mr. H. D. Flory moved, seconded by Mr. B. B. Holt that the council recommend Mr. Harold A. Leet to replace Mr. Baugher on the Board of Zoning Appeals. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mayor Lough had a letter from the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation regarding the moving of 14 ft. wide modular and mobile homes. This was turned over to the Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Lough reported that there will be a DJPC Meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Court House in Harrisonburg, Virginia for the purpose of collecting the anticipated needs for federal funding from each area.

As there was no further business, Mr. R. J. Lough moved to adjourn.

MAYOR: Maurice W. Lough, Mayor

RECORDER: Norma R. Leap, Clerk

SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING
March 29, 1977

A special meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held March 29, 1977 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the Mayor, Maurice W. Lough presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. C. E. Dean, Mr. R. R. Dean, Mr. H. D. Flory, Mr. H. W. Leap, and Mr. R. J. Lough. Mr. Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Mr. Bruce Wiles, Attorney were also present.

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

Mayor Lough turned the meeting over to Mr. Flory.

Mr. Flory explained why the town has not received our Phase I money from EPA. He had received a letter from EPA stating that funds cannot be released until amendments to the consulting engineering agreement has been made incorporating Appendix C-1 and to construction contracts incorporating Appendix C-2, as required in the Special Conditions for Subagreements 1 (a) of the Grant Agreement.

Mr. H. D. Flory moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough that the town go with arbitration method of settling disputes which might arise between the Town of Elkton and their engineer's Arthur Beard Associates. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	-	yea	H. Leap	-	yea
R. Dean	-	yea	R. Lough	-	yea
D. Flory	-	yea			

Mr. H. D. Flory moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough that Mayor Lough sign immediately the Amendment To Engineering Agreement dated December 29, 1975, Amendment No. 1 between the Town of Elkton and Arthur Beard Associates. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	-	yea	H. Leap	-	yea
R. Dean	-	yea	R. Lough	-	yea
D. Flory	-	yea			

Mayor Lough reminded the councilmen of the retirement reception for Silas Toliver Wednesday, March 30, 1977 at 3:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

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

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

RECORDER: Charles E. Dean
Charles E. Dean, Acting Clerk