REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
January 10, 1977

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held January 10, 1977 at 8:00 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. 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.

Mr. Randal Dean opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Will Marshall of the Daily News-Record introduced himself to council.

Mr. Marshall Graham who had requested to be on the agenda did not come to the meeting.

Mr. Holt reported that he had forgotten to bring the minutes of the Public Hearing which he had taken but that they contained mostly who was present and the purpose of the hearing. Mr. Holt will give a copy to Mrs. Leap to record.

Mr. H. D. Flory moved to approve the minutes of the December 13, 1976 meeting as presented. There were no objections.

Mr. Holt read a letter from Dr. Asa Talbot thanking the council for the donation to Scout Troop 46 for their trip to New York.

Mr. Holt reported that the Planning Commission has received a letter of resignation from Mrs. Jerrie Brown. Mr. Holt stated that he had no suggestions at this time for a replacement and ask council to consider this and bring in their suggestions at the next meeting.

Mr. B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough and carried that Mr. Gerald Monger, Town Superintendent, be made a full voting member of the Planning Commission as he is now a resident of the town.

Mr. Holt pointed out that the council needs to appoint an agent as outlined in the new Subdivision Ordinance. Council had been in agreement at the last meeting to appoint the Planning Commission as agent after the ordinance had been changed to place the final approval with the council.

Mr. Holt presented a letter which he had drafted, subject to council approval, for Mayor Lough to send to the Chairman of the Planning Commission regarding the council designating the Planning Commission as the agency to act as "agent" as outlined in the subdivision ordinance.

Mayor Lough reported that he has written letters to the Mayor's of all the county town's and will follow up with a telephone call to each regarding the County Hearing on the Land-Use Plan and Policy Statement. The Mayor had a letter from Wayne Miller, Chairman of the Rockingham County Municipal League, to the Board of Supervisors, stating that on Wednesday, November 10th. the membership moved to strongly oppose creation of a growth center in the McGaheysville, Keezletown, Penn Laird, Massanutten, Montevideo area.

Mr. Henry Leap reported that some other things have come up that should be included when setting up rates for underground entrance, so they will put off any action until the next meeting.

Mr. Leap reported on a letter from VEPCO which stated the fuel adjustment portion of our electric bill will show a significant increase for the next several months. The main reason for the increase is that nuclear generation decreased in the months of October, November and December causing a corresponding increase in the use of higher cost fossil fuel generation and several units were out for scheduled maintenance. Mr. Leap had given each councilman a copy of the letter.

Mr. Flory reported that he and Mr. Monger had met with Mr. Terry Radigan of the Community Development Assistance Group on Thursday and have filed the grant request with HUD.

Mr. Flory reported that EPA has approved the Step II request in the amount of $53,920.00 for the plant design.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. B. B. Holt and carried to approve the Finance Report as presented.

It was reported that the Police Department has eight bicycles, all of which have been there for over a year and not been claimed. Mr. Wiles was ask to check into the procedure of selling the bicycles and if it would be legal. Mr. Robert Lough suggested that the town sell the 3/4 ton truck at the same time.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean and carried that the 3/4 ton truck be sold at auction along with the eight bicycles, if legal.

Mr. Robert Lough presented the Maintenance Service Contract for the NCR machine. The cost is $1,875.00 for the year. Mr. Lough pointed out that this is a considerable increase in cost and suggested we not renew the contract.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. W. Leap and carried to cancel the NCR Service Contract.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. D. Flory to approve the First Reading to pay $792.50 to Mr. Richard J. DiRienzo for his services as an expert witness in the annexation suit. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. D. Flory to approve the First Reading to pay Arthur Beard Engineers $686.83 for services concerning Elkton's recent annexation hearing December 7, 8, and 9, 1976. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. D. Flory to approve the payment of $140.50 to E. L. Foerster, Sr. for services concerning the annexation hearing. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. H. D. Flory to approve the First Reading to approve payment to R. Bruce Wiles in the amount of $5,542.81 for his fees and cost and Mr. Roger Ritchie's fees and cost in the annexation suit. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. Robert Lough reported that the town has received $311.00 in Antirecession Funds under Title II of the Public Works Employment Act of 1976. Mr. Lough suggested that this money be used to purchase supplies and materials to be used by the public service employees in the maintenance of the town property. The council was in agreement with Mr. Lough's suggestion.

Mr. Robert Lough presented some recommendations from Mr. Bill Holleran regarding residency requirements for police officers and replacement for Page 4 in the Personnel Program.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean and carried that Page 4 as presented be adopted to replace Page 4 in the Personnel Program.

Mr. Wiles questioned if the council had taken any official action regarding the appointing of an agent as set forth in the subdivision ordinance.

Mr. B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough and carried to designate the Elkton Planning Commission to act as "agent" as outlined in the Town Subdivision Ordinance and authorized the Mayor to write a letter to the Planning Commission notifying them of this action.

Mayor Lough stated he would like to go on record as commending the three departments in town for the beautiful job they did during the adverse conditions

during the holidays and thank them for their cooperation.

Mayor Lough reminded council that we would host the Rockingham County Municipal League the second Wednesday in February. The council was ask to let Mrs. Leap know if they plan to attend by February 4th.

Mr. Monger invited the Council, Treasurer and Attorney to attend the annual supper of the Elkton Fire Company January 21, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. at the Elkton Elementary School.

As there was no further business, Mr. B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough and carried to adjourn.

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

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