REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
October 10, 1977

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held October 10, 1977 at 8:00 P.M. with the Mayor, Maurice W. Lough presiding. The following councilmen 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 Lawhorne, Lieutenant, Mrs. Norma Leap, Clerk, Mr. Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Mr. R. Bruce Wiles, Attorney were also present.

Mr. R. R. Dean opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. H. W. Leap moved, seconded by Mr. B. B. Holt and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting September 12, 1977 and the special meeting September 23, 1977 as presented.

Mr. Holt gave the Mayor and each councilman a copy of the Preliminary Elkton Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission will review this plan and present their recommendations to the council.

Mr. Holt reported that he has received some complaints from the organizations regarding them being billed for police services during various functions they have had. Mr. Holt ask if council wished to make any exceptions or changes. Council was in agreement that this should be continued, but that the Public Safety Department should make sure a representative from each organization is notified about this procedure. This does not mean notification must be given year after year.

Mr. Holt reported that the Public Safety Department would like to post the tennis court area after a certain hour, preferably 11:00 P.M. Mr. Charles Dean reported that the Recreation Commission had come up with suggestions along this same line but had not contacted the Police Department as yet. These two groups were ask to work together to solve the problem created at the tennis court area.

Mr. Holt reported that at the Municipal League meeting in Timberville they had discussed Professional Liability Insurance for the Mayor and Council. There is a Philadelphia firm which offers the same coverage as we are now getting at a much lower premium. While at the Virginia Municipal League Convention, Mr. Holt had ask the VML staff to check on this firm. They have done so and found the firm has a good rating. Mr. Lough stated he had some information on the cost from R. Loring Cover Insurance Agency for our Professional Liability Policy this year and some suggestions which he would present when he gave his reports.

Mr. Ditman Flory reported that he had been ask to remind council of the Open House at the Fire Company, Sunday, October 16, 1977, beginning at 1:30 P.M. and to urge them to attend.

Mr. Henry Leap ask if any arrangements have been made to house the new fire truck. Mr. Holt stated he has talked with the Fire Chief and assured him they are doing the best they can and the vehicle will be housed when it gets here.

Mr. Henry Leap reported that Vepco's rates to the town will increase on November 28, 1977. The intentions are to increase our customers only what Vepco increases the town. Mrs. Norma Leap was instructed to hold up on cutting the new tapes for the NCR machine until the new electric rates are set.

Mr. Henry Leap reported that he had been approached by some citizens stating they did not know where to go with complaints against town employees or councilmen. They had suggested some type of complaint form for this purpose. After some discussion, the suggestion was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Mr. Henry Leap reported that the Fuel Adjustment Rate will be $0.01411 per kwh for October.

Mr. Randal Dean suggested the town request the State Highway Department to make a survey at the intersection of Route 340 and Old Route 33. Mr. Monger stated he thinks they just made a study but will check into it to see.

Mr. Robert Lough suggested the town stop allowing "right hand turns on red" on Spotswood Avenue going East and turning South at the intersection of Route 340.

He felt this might help some with the traffic problem at the intersection of Rockingham Street and Route 340. The council authorized the Police Department to do this.

Mr. Charles Dean reported that the Ordinance Committee is working on charter changes and will have them ready for the November meeting.

Mr. Robert Lough ask if Mr. Charles Dean's committee has come up with anything on Mr. Hostetler's complaint regarding the Small Business refuse charges. Mr. Dean stated they have not decided anything as yet.

Mr. Flory suggested, and council agreed, that the Mayor should request the State Highway Department to make another survey at the intersection of Spotswood Trail (Business 33) and Route 340 for a stop light. Mr. Robert Lough suggested the Police Department prepare a list of accidents at this intersection to be sent along with the request.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. B. B. Holt and carried to approve the Finance Report for the months July, August and September.

Mr. Robert Lough reported that our Professional Liability coverage from R. Loring Cover Insurance Agency is due October 20, 1977 and has increased from $1,224.00 to $1,836.00. The price from the company from Philadelphia, the firm Mr. Holt was reporting on, was around $600.00.

Mr. H. D. Flory moved, seconded by Mr. B. B. Holt and carried to authorize Mr. Robert Lough to investigate Professional Liability Insurance with this new firm and report back to council with prices, quotations and coverage.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean and carried to approve the audit report and payment thereof.

Mr. Holt was ask to check into the increase of $18.00 per month on the telephone bill for the Fire Company.

Mr. H. D. Flory moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean to approve the Second Reading to amend Section 32-28 as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 32-28 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ELKTON, VIRGINIA: CONNECTION CHARGES OUTSIDE THE TOWN

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ELKTON, VIRGINIA, THAT SECTION 32-28 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ELKTON, VIRGINIA, BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 32-28. Connection charges outside the town.

The applicant for a connection to the town sewer system shall pay to the town treasurer a fee of $600.00 and install at his expense the connecting line to existing available Elkton sewer lines. The installation must meet town requirements and becomes town property when connected to town lines.

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 reported he had been invited to tour the new addition at Merck & Co. on October 25, 1977.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR: M W Lough
Maurice W. Lough, Mayor

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