REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
April 9, 1979

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held April 9, 1979 at 8:00 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor, Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: R. R. Dean, S. P. H. Flick, H. D. Flory, B. B. Holt, L. C. Life and C. A. Schumacher. Charles Lawhorne, Chief of Police, Norma R. Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent and R. Bruce Wiles, Attorney were also present.

Councilman Randal Dean opened the meeting with prayer.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman S. P. H. Flick and carried to approve the minutes as presented of the March 12, 1979 regular meeting.

Mr. Monger reported that John Berry, who is working on the Ceta Program as a Laborer has received a card to report to the Employment Office. They probably have found him a job and if the town wants to keep John we will have to put him on our payroll. It would cost the town approximately $1368.00 through the end of this fiscal year.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life to employ John Berry at $2.90 per hour as custodian through the end of the fiscal year effective whenever John is removed from the Ceta Program. The vote was recorded as follows:

R. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
S. Flick	- yea	L. Life	- yea
D. Flory	- yea	C. Schumacher	- abstain

Councilman Holt reported that the Planning Commission met again, and met with the County Planner. They expect to meet on April 24th. to approve the Comprehensive Plan and make a recommendation to the council. They had hoped to have a joint public hearing with the council prior to the next regular meeting of council but because of the advertising requirements this is not possible.

Councilman Flory stated that laying politics aside he hopes the Seventh District is fortunate enough to obtain another servant who will be able to fill the shoes of Bonnie Paul, our delegate. She has helped our community and done a fine job; not as a politician, but as a good servant. Councilman Holt seconded this statement.

Councilwoman Life stated she felt the county has lost a good servant in George Kemper.

Councilman Flory stated that he has nothing to report on the update on the sewerage treatment plant. He has signed another paper establishing the fact that there are no industries that will be using our sewerage treatment plant here in Elkton. A report has been received that the State Water Control Board gave a notice of hearing on grant and priorities list and Elkton is still number 117. You can move up quite fast on this list as soon as you are ready to go.

Councilman Flory reported he did not know very much on the ShenElk Shopping Center. Mr. Monger reported that plans have been received and the job has been bid, but have heard nothing from the developers. The Mayor reported that the last they had heard from the developers was that they were 99% sure of the project but would be back in touch when they were 100% sure.

Councilman Schumacher reported that the fuel adjustment rate was up in March. He also reported that our town electrician, Homer Ageon, had a heart attack and is recovering in the hospital. Mr. Monger had contacted Mr. Bill Comer to standby and help us out. Avery Whitfield will also help if necessary.

Councilman Flick reported that the drainage problem on Chestnut Street has been done at a cost of roughly $500.00. The work on the "C" Street contract has been started and the grading is essentially complete. The paving should not take long depending on the weather conditions. Hot mix is now available and hopefully street repair, and many of the pothole repairs, should get under way in the near future. This, of course, depends on the weather also.

Councilman Flick read a letter from the Elkton Limestone and Paving Company. The letter stated that they were not informed last year or at any time of any

bids being taken by the Town of Elkton for street work and were therefore unable to bid on the work. They would like to be on the town's mailing list for any type of construction work in the future. They would like to place a bid on our present street work also. Councilman Flick felt it would be out of the question for them to bid on the present work as the accepted bid had already been published. He had sent them a letter assuring them they would be notified of any future work by the town. Council concurred with Councilman Flick's action on this matter.

Councilman Flick stated he had asked Mr. Monger to notify the Elkton Limestone and Paving Company by certified mail and return receipt in the future so this will not happen again. Council was in agreement that Mr. Monger had made every effort to notify this company in the past but felt this would eliminate any future problems.

Councilwoman Life reported that her committee had met and worked on an ordinance which they are not ready to bring before council at this time. Mr. Monger reported there have been a few complaints on the commercial garbage. They have followed the truck and two of those complaining did not have the garbage out when the trucks went by. The Litter Poster Contest is progressing. It will run from April 16th. through the 30th. in the Elementary and Intermediate schools. Mr. Norris Shifflett of the Corner 5 and 10 will display the winning posters. They hope to have the litter signs up by May 10th. Town Clean-Up Week is May 14th. through the 19th. Councilwoman Life asked for volunteers to help judge the poster contest. Councilwoman Life stated she could not really report on the town signs. She had called Mr. Monger and he is pursuing this. Mr. Monger stated he is supposed totalk with Mr. Longley on this matter tonight after the meeting.

Councilman Holt stated he did not understand how this sign project was moving around council as he thought the Street and Sidewalk Committee was in charge of the project. After some discussion by council, Councilman Flick was asked to see that the sign project was carried through.

Councilwoman Life reported on the proposed development of Memorial Park. The development will be set up in two phases. They hope to receive matching federal funding on the project. Packets will be made available to council. There was a dinner meeting sponsored by the Farmers & Merchants Bank and the Virginia National Bank at which representatives from the various organizations were present and the program was presented to them. The plan outline is as follows:

<u>Plan Outline</u>

I. Obtain community support.
   A. Club and organization awareness and support.
   B. Obtain Town Council acceptance and support of the plan.
   C. Organize a Community Park Committee.
   D. Obtain state funding approval.
      1. Hire professional person to:
         a. Prepare detailed plans.
         b. Present program to state and federal officials.
         C. Assist in contractural agreements to initiate and complete phase construction, etc.
   E. Solicit funds.
      1. Business and manufacturing.
      2. Clubs and organizations.
      3. Individual subscriptions.

   F. Formulate operation and maintenance plans.

II. Complete Phase I.

III. Complete Phase II.

Another meeting has been set for April 26, 1979 at 7:00 P.M. at the V.F.W. Hall to see how much support they have gained. The participation required from the Town Council would be in the matter of funding. The funding would have to be secured through the name of the Town Council. The Commission would, of course, be sure they have community backing and funding before going ahead with the project, but the Council would have to stand behind the matching funds.

Councilman R. R. Dean moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life to approve on Second Reading the purchase of two twenty-five foot lots from Dr. Downey at a cost of $4,000.00 each. We will pay 25% down when the deeds are signed and the balance in one year at 9½% interest. The vote was recorded as follows:

R. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
S. Flick	- yea	L. Life	- yea
D. Flory	- yea	C. Schumacher	- yea

The Finance Report for March was approved as presented.

Councilman Dean reported we had received the 1978 Franchise Fee from Commonwealth Cablevision in the amount of $597.26.

The Personnel Committee and Finance Committee met on the Personnel Manual and new rates.

Councilman R. R. Dean moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to approve on First Reading the schedule of rates as presented to be incorporated into the town Personnel Manual. The vote was recorded as follows:

R. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
S. Flick	- yea	L. Life	- yea
D. Flory	- yea	C. Schumacher	- yea

Councilman Dean reported that he had received a request that the town office stay open a few hours extra to make it convenient for people to get town stickers.

Councilman R. R. Dean moved, seconded by Councilman H. D. Flory to extend the deadline on town stickers until midnight April 17th. to display town stickers. The vote was recorded as follows:

R. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
S. Flick	- yea	L. Life	- yea
D. Flory	- yea	C. Schumacher	- yea

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to keep the town office open until 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 17th., to give the citizens extra time to purchase their town stickers. The vote was recorded as follows:

R. Dean	- nay	B. Holt	- yea
S. Flick	- yea	L. Life	- yea
D. Flory	- nay	C. Schumacher	- abstain

Mr. Wiles reported that he has received a letter from the attorneys that are involved with the suit involving the Virginia National Bank bankshares tax. They have indicated that, hoping the legislature will solve the problem next year, they did not intend to press for a resolution in court this year. They will pay their 1979 tax under protest this year.

A letter from William R. Madren, Secreatary of the Elkton Board of Zoning Appeals, was read. Mr. Madren tendered his resignation from the Board and stated he had enjoyed his two terms on the Board. The Board suggested the council consider the appointment of Mr. Barry Ream to fill this vacancy. No council action was taken at this time.

Mr. Monger had received four bids on painting the outside of the town municipal building. The paint will be furnished by the town. The bids were:

Billy Hilbert, General Contractor	$1475.00
Sheets Painting & Guttering	1250.00
William H. Rodeffer Jr., Contractor	935.00
Black Brothers Painting	3765.00

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life to accept the low bid of $935.00 to paint the exterior of the municipal building by William H. Rodeffer with oil base paint. The vote was recorded as follows:

R. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
S. Flick	- yea	L. Life	- yea
D. Flory	- yea	C. Schumacher	- yea

There was some discussion regarding the painting of the interior of the fire

hall. Councilman Randal Dean was asked to check into this request by the Fire Company.

Mr. Monger reported we are losing another CETA employee, David Frey, Friday April 13th. The Finance Committee had discussed this and recommends hiring Mr. Frey to fill out the remainder of the fiscal year. Councilman R. R. Dean moved that Mr. Frey be hired through the present fiscal year at $4.00 per hour.

Councilman H. D. Flory moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Councilman H. D. Flory moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to go from Executive Session back into Regular Session.

Councilman Randal Dean rescinded his motion to hire Mr. Frey until the town finds out what will happen to the CETA funds.

Councilman R. R. Dean moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried that the Personnel Committee, along with the Mayor, get together to decide on the employment status of Mr. Frey after finding out the status of the CETA Program.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR: Charles E. Dean
Charles E. Dean, Mayor

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