REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
June 14, 1982

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held June 14, 1982 at 8:00 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor Maurice W. Lough presiding. The following council members were present: R. E. Davis, S. P. H. Flick, T. G. Hulings, L. C. Life and R. L. Snow. V. L. Cook Jr. was absent. Noah Helsley, Acting Chief, Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Dale Davenport, Attorney were also present.

Mayor Lough opened the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Bernice Pence of the game room in Elkton came before council in regards to a problem with bicycles in the middle of the sidewalk in front of her place of business. She has had a bicycle rack made and would like the town to set aside a place for the rack. This request was referred to the Public Safety Committee and the Police Department to work with Mrs. Pence to see what can be done about this problem.

Mrs. Shirley O'Byrne stated she would like to pay the council a compliment. She feels one of the things they can be proudest of is that we have one of the finest police departments we have ever had. The harmony is good between the police department and the people, young and old. The officers are courteous, polite, and friendly and she has heard nothing but good comments from the people of all ages. She stated that Mr. Helsley deserves the highest compliment. She thanked the council, Mrs. Life, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, the committee members, Mr. Helsley and the officers.

The minutes of the Public Hearing May 10, 1982, the Regular Meeting May 10, 1982, and the Public Hearing May 26, 1982 and the Special Meeting June 7, 1982 were approved as presented.

Mr. Monger reported that the sewer line between First Street and the sewer plant has been started but they have run into some difficulties with the tunneling. They may have to scrap the plan and go with another one. He should know something by tomorrow. The project on US 340 has been advertised so we will be spending quite a bit of money there and making quite a big mess in the next few weeks.

Councilman Hulings asked about the fence along the Little League Park. He questioned if the town took this fence down. Mr. Monger stated that there was a cable along the road there which the town took down. Mr. Monger reported that he was talking with Charlie Dean and he supposedly has gotten some fence to be put up in this area.

Councilwoman Life reported that she was hoping tonight to be able to recommend to council a person for Chief of Police. The committee has been conducting interviews and have narrowed the selection down to two. As Councilman Cook could not be present tonight and Councilman Snow and the Mayor were unable to be at the interviews Saturday, she feels she needs to discuss this further with her committee even though it will mean another special meeting.

Councilman S. P. H. Flick moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried to approve the Finance Reports for April and May.

Councilman S. P. H. Flick moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow to approve on Second Reading the following budget appropriations for 1982-83:

General Government	
Wages	$ 15,220.
Advertisement	150.
Auto Tags	600.
Meetings	1,000.
Utilities & Fuel	4,000.
Insurance	1,154.
Legal & Audit	843.
Miscellaneous	925.
Repairs - Equipment	200.
Repairs - Property	5,926.
Supplies & Equipment	1,000.
Telephone	575.

Office Equipment	500.
Payroll Taxes	1,237.
Retirement	812.
Sinking Fund	1,200.
Ordinances	500.
Zoning	100.
Planning	150.
	$ 36,092.

Public Safety	
Wages	$102,000.
Advertisement	150.
Meetings	1,000.
Utilities & Fuel	7,000.
Insurance	10,020.
Legal & Audit	843.
Miscellaneous	1,500.
Repairs - Equipment	3,000.
Repairs - Property	1,109.
Supplies and Equipment	1,500.
Telephone	1,150.
Office Equipment	1,000.
Payroll Taxes	8,093.
Retirement	5,325.
Jail Fees	200.
Vehicle Maintenance	6,000.
Uniforms	2,500.
Debt Service	3,700.
New Auto	5,000.
	$161,090.

Garbage	
Wages	$ 26,000.
Advertisement	75.
Meetings	1,000.
Utilities & Fuel	1,552.
Insurance	3,282.
Legal & Audit	843.
Miscellaneous	1,800.
Repairs - Equipment	500.
Repairs - Property	587.
Supplies & Equipment	3,000.
Telephone	75.
Office Equipment	400.
Payroll taxes	2,032.
Retirement	1,623.
Vehicles Maintenance	8,000.
Uniforms	400.
Landfill Operations	5,700.
Private Hauler	7,000.
Sinking Fund	3,000.
New Auto	600.
	$ 67,469.

Streets	
Wages	$ 23,000.
Advertisement	50.
Meetings	1,000.
Utilities & Fuel	14,000.
Insurance	3,106.
Legal & Audit	843.
Miscellaneous	1,500.
Repairs - Equipment	1,500.
Repairs - Property	586.
Supplies & Equipment	18,685.
Telephone	75.
Office Equipment	400.
Payroll Taxes	1,780.
Retirement	1,436.
Vehicle Maintenance	3,000.
Uniforms	400.
New Auto	600.
	$ 71,961.

Electric	
Wages	$ 38,200.
Advertisement	50.
Meetings	1,000.
Utilities	4,000.
Insurance	3,349
Legal & Audit	843.
Miscellaneous	5,700.
Repairs - Equipment	1,500.
Repairs - Property	587.
Supplies & Equipment	15,000.
Telephone	175.
Office Equipment	400.
Payroll Taxes	2,924.
Retirement	2,384.
Vehicle Maintenance	3,000.
Uniforms	400.
Electric Power Purchased	672.500.
Technical Services	600.
Sinking Fund	6,000.
New Auto	600.
	$759,212.

Water	
Wages	$ 30,500.
Advertisement	50.
Meetings	1,000.
Utilities & Fuel	11,200.
Insurance	3,266.
Legal & Audit	843.
Miscellaneous	1,000.
Repairs - Equipment	1,500.
Repairs - Property	837.
Supplies & Equipment	10,000.
Telephone	100.
Office Equipment	400.
Payroll Taxes	2,355.
Retirement	1,904.
Vehicles Maintenance	2,000.
Uniforms	400.
Technical Services	1,000.
Sinking Fund	6,000.
New Auto	600.
Royalties	2,500.
Debt Service	3,700.
	$ 81,155.

Sewer	
Wages	$ 40,000.
Advertisement	100.
Meetings	1,000.
Utilities & Fuel	20,000.
Insurance	5,444.
Legal & Audit	843.
Miscellaneous	1,000.
Repairs - Equipment	1,000.
Repairs - Property	737.
Supplies & Equipment	9,500.
Telephone	600.
Office Equipment	400.
Payroll Taxes	3,103.
Retirement	2,496.
Vehicle Maintenance	2,000.
Uniforms	400.
Technical Services	1,500.
Sinking Fund	6,260.
New Auto	600.
Debt Service	22,567.
	$119,550.

The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	- yea	Life	- yea
Flick	- yea	Snow	- yea
Hulings	- yea		

Councilman S. P. H. Flick moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life and carried to write off the 1976 and 1977 taxes and place the real estate taxes on file at the court house.

Councilman Flick stated that at the February 8th. meeting council approved the installation of our own gas tank and he would like to know where we stand at this time in regards to installing this tank. Mr. Monger stated that nothing has been done as yet, but he will start on it as soon as he finishes these other projects he has going.

Councilman S. P. H. Flick moved, seconded by Councilman R. E. Davis to approve on Second Reading the transfer of funds and additional appropriations in the 1981-82 Budget as presented at the special meeting June 7th and listed in the minutes of that meeting. The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	- yea	Life	- yea
Flick	- yea	Snow	- yea
Hulings	- yea		

Councilman S. P. H. Flick moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life to set the 1982 tax rate for Real Estate at $0.10 per each $100.00 of assessed value and for Personal Property at $0.75 per $100.00 of assessed value. The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	- yea	Life	- yea
Flick	- yea	Snow	- yea
Hulings	- yea		

Councilman Hulings reported that the scheduled May 29th. Vepco rate increase has been suspended by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission until September 1, 1982 so there will be no change in our electric rates at this time.

Councilman Hulings reported that the Elkton Planning Commission has had two actions. Councilman Hulings read the following letter from the Planning Commission regarding one of the actions:

> "On May 25, 1982 a special meeting was held by the Elkton Planning Commission for the purpose of subdividing a certain lot(s) on Wirt Avenue.
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> It is our recommendation to the Elkton Town Council that one-half (½) of lot 12 be divided into lot 10 and lot 10A and lot 11, Block 16, located on Wirt Avenue and the remaining one-half (½) of lot 12 be divided into lot 13 and 14, Block 16, located on Wirt Avenue."

Councilman Hulings pointed out that council does not need to take any action unless they disapprove of this action. If they disagree then the Planning Commission must be notified within three days. Council took no action against this request.

Councilman Hulings reported that the other action by the Planning Commission regarded the three pieces of property on which the council and Planning Commission had the joint public hearing. The changes requested are pertaining to the Elkton Land Use Plan. The first piece of property is the Garner Downey property bordered on the south by Spotswood Avenue, on the east by Lee Avenue, and on the north and west sides by an alley. Property is listed on Land Map of Rockingham County as Block 29, Section 3, lots 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27. (This zoning change was not requested by the owner.) The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the rezoning of this property for commercial use.

Councilman T. G. Hulings moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life and carried to approve the rezoning of the Garner Downey property as recommended by the Elkton Planning Commission.

The second piece of property is the Tim Haden property bordered on the north by Rockingham Street and on the south by old US 33. Property is listed on the Land Map of Rockingham County as an acreage parcel (Insert Section 131-B1). (This zoning change was requested by the owner). The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the rezoning of this property for commercial use.

Councilman T. G. Hulings moved, seconded by Councilman R. E. Davis to approve the rezoning of the Tim Haden property as recommended by the Elkton Planning Commission. Councilwoman Life stated that she would vote yea on this motion but she would like it placed in the minutes that when this was first rezoned she did not go along with redistricting because we were giving up town property, but as it has been done she sees no other way but to rezone it commercial. The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	- yea	Life	- yea
Flick	- yea	Snow	- yea
Hulings	- yea		

The third piece of property is the Randell Snow property at the intersection of US 340 and the entrances to Elkwood Subdivision and Shen-Elk Plaza. Property is listed on the Land Map of Rockingham County as Lots 1 and 2, Block 34, Section 3. (This zoning change has been requested by the owner). The Planning Commission voted, but not unanimously, to recommend the rezoning of this property for commercial use.

Councilman T. G. Hulings moved, seconded by Councilman S. P. H. Flick to approve the rezoning of the Randell Snow property as recommended by the Elkton Planning Commission.

Councilwoman Life gave several reasons why she felt this property should not be rezoned commercial. The safety hazard and traffic problems were her biggest objections. The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	- yea	Life	- nay
Flick	- yea	Snow	- abstain
Hulings	- yea		

Councilman Snow reported that the paving contractor should be moving in within the next week or so and Mr. Monger reported that he has received two bids on sidewalks and is waiting on another bid. The streets will be Virginia Avenue (if we get a sewer line across), one-half of Barkman, Chestnut, Davis, North Street (if we finish our water connections) and Shenandoah Avenue from Kite's Trailer Park to Spotswood Avenue. The sidewalk will be from Hill Avenue to the dry cleaners.

Councilman Davis reported that council had approved the leasing of the front portion of the old police station to Terry and Lisa Hensley but they have decided not to lease the building. He has someone else who is interested in the building and would not require any major renovations. The person is Carolyn Dean and she plans to have a beauty shop at this location.

Councilman R. E. Davis moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried to approve the following contract:

> "The TOWN OF ELKTON, VIRGINIA (herein known as the LESSOR), hereby enters into agreement with CAROLYN L. DEAN t/a The New Image Hair Styles for Men and Women (herein known as the LESSEE), to lease to Carolyn L. Dean the front portion of the town building located at 107 Terrace Avenue (formerly Elkton Police Department).
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> The amount of the rent to be $100.00 per month and is to be paid to the Town Treasurer by the 10th. of each month, beginning July 1982.

Be it further agreed that the cost of all utilities is the sole responsibility of the LESSEE.

The LESSEE is further guaranteed the right of first refusal regarding renewal of this contract at its expiration subject to review of terms and rates such as may be reasonable at that time.

The term of this contract shall begin July 1, 1982 and terminate June 30, 1983.

Mrs. Leap reported on the Newly Elected Officials Institute which will be held in Charlottesville, July 7-9 and asked those interested in attending to please notify her.

Mayor Lough reported that Mr. Harold A. Leet's term on the Board of Zoning Appeals has expired and he is willing to accept reappointment. Council will need to take action to recommend his reappointment. Mayor Lough recommended Mr. Leet for reappointment.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Harold A. Leet to the Elkton Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mayor Lough reported that Mr. G. W. Berry's term of office on the Elkton Planning Commission expires July 1, 1982. Mr. Berry has indicated he would like to serve for another four years and Mayor Lough recommended his reappointment.

Councilman S. P. H. Flick moved, seconded by Councilman T. G. Hulings to reappoint Mr. G. W. Berry to the Elkton Planning Commission. The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	- yea	Life	- yea
Flick	- yea	Snow	- yea
Hulings	- yea		

Mayor Lough presented the following statement:

"I am going to tell you of some of the things we have accomplished during the past year, and then I will tell you what we have started but not yet finished.

Some of the things we have accomplished are:

1. We have brought the size of the police force down to a manageable size without jeopardizing the town's safety.

2. We have completed the consolidation of the town's departments into one building and the preliminary reports are that things are working out well. A report should be forthcoming soon on the savings in fuel costs and increased efficiency of operations.

3. Due to a refund from Vepco with which 50% was returned to the people and 50% retained by the town, several projects have been started or completed and include:

a. Acquiring heavy equipment sorely needed by the town.
b. Starting improvements on the sewer lines on West Spotswood, and having money available to move the utility lines and pave sidewalks on the 340 project. All this done without going into debt because of the utilization of the Vepco refund.

We have three major studies underway at this time and sincerely hope they will be carried forward under the new council and administration. They are:

1. A revision of wage rates and salary limits for town employees.
2. A personnel manual update. This update has been made at my request by the State Personnel Department and is in the hands of the proper committee.

3. A preliminary revision of our town charter to comply with present State Laws and the Constitution is now in the hands of our Ordinance Committee. I sincerely hope work along these lines will continue.

In closing I want to thank all the members of the council who have worked so hard with me. It hasn't been easy, but no one told us it would be. But we have survived and I would like to paraphrase Mr. Winston Churchill in saying, seldom have so few done so much for so many. I want to thank all the town employees for their loyalty and to state that they have been and are a good crew. The town has a right to be very proud of them. And, finally, I want to thank the people of Elkton for their past support of me and to wish the town all the very best of everything.

God bless us all."

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

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