REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
March 14, 1983

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held March 14, 1983 at 9:30 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: V. L. Cook Jr., R. E. Davis, T. G. Hulings and R. L. Snow. Councilmen S. P. H. Flick and B. B. Holt were absent. Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent, and Dale Davenport, Attorney were also present.

Hazel Crider of Elkwood Subdivision was present and presented a letter signed by twenty-one Elkwood residents asking the council to address the following issues:

(1) WATER PRESSURE - There is not enough pressure to the homes on top of the hill and the fire hydrant water does not provide ample water pressure to fight a fire.

(2) STREET LIGHTS - Need more lights. We appreciate the lights but ask that the light be directed to shine on the streets instead of in the woods and the yards of the surrounding area.

(3) HILLSIDE AVENUE - This roadway is in need of resurfacing.

(4) Removal of materials and miscellaneous equipment.

Mayor Dean stated that the Streets and Sidewalk Committee would look into the materials stored there, the construction equipment left there and the street needing resurfacing. The problem with the wording of the deed has been straightened out and we should be able to correct the water problem. Additional street lights have not been discussed but the committee will look into this. Council will respond to the requests at the next council meeting.

Mr. Kenneth Whittington of 100 Mapleleaf Lane in the Elkwood Subdivision came before council regarding a problem he is having with surface water. He presented pictures for council to review. Street water is coming down from Hillside Avenue, down Sweetgum Street to Mapleleaf and damming up on Mapleleaf approximately 100 feet from the corner. This water is pooling and coming across the road into his front yard. It has washed away approximately two to three loads of topsoil and cut a huge ditch. He asked council to look into this problem and give him an answer as to what they can do to correct this. Mayor Dean stated that the Street Committee will check into this and get back with him.

Mr. George Williams of Washington Avenue stated he still has a water problem but in talking with Mr. Monger it seems they will be able to start on this when the weather breaks.

Councilman V. L. Cook Jr. moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting February 17, 1983.

Mr. Monger reported that he has a quote on a 1981 model garbage truck. It is a demonstrator with 10,000 miles on it. It sells for $67,500.00. They will allow us a $7,500.00 discount and a trade-in of $10,500.00. The cost to the town would be $49,500.00. He had not planned to buy a truck at this time but this offer has come up and it looks like a good buy. They have a rental-purchase plan and would probably bring the truck up for us to try out. Council asked Mr. Monger to have them bring the truck in for us to look over and try out.

Mr. Monger reported that we do have a Deed of Easement concerning our water line and the Easement for our sewer line seems to be okay but we have not been notified as yet to their acceptance. The sewer line will be contracted but Mr. Monger is not sure at this time how they will go on the water line.

Councilman R. E. Davis moved, seconded by Councilman V. L. Cook Jr. and carried to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Councilman R. E. Davis moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried to go from Executive Session back into Regular Session.

Councilman R. E. Davis moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow to hire Jeffrey Nadeau as Chief of Police at a salary of $14,500.00, a one year probationary period and his residence to be within the corporate limits as soon as convenient. His employment will be effective no later than April 18, 1983. The vote was recorded as follows:

Cook	-	yea	Hulings	-	yea
Davis	-	yea	Snow	-	yea

The Finance Report for February was approved as presented.

Mrs. Leap reported that they are working on the budget.

Councilman Hulings reviewed the proposed contract with Vepco for street lights in Elkwood. The rates will be retroactive to July 1, 1982.

Councilman T. G. Hulings moved, seconded by Councilman V. L. Cook Jr. and carried to accept the contract with Vepco.

Councilman Hulings reported that he has a letter from the Volunteer Fire Company regarding the donation of electricity for their carnival and he will need to get with Mr. Berry to discuss this.

Councilman Hulings reported that we are still in the process of talking with the School Board about our electric service to the schools.

Councilman Snow asked for clarification regarding the discussion at the last meeting on the paying of recreation instructors from the money left in this year's budget for the Public Service Coordinator. Council decided the Recreation Commission should present a bill each month for the cost of instructors for the month and they will be reimbursed for these costs, not to exceed the budgeted amount, up through this budget period.

Mayor Dean asked if John Berry could clean the Community Hall at least once a month and Mr. Monger stated he thought this could be worked out. Mr. Monger stated he feels if the hall is going to be rented out for just $5.00 a month the people renting it should be responsible for leaving it clean.

Mayor Dean reported that we have received a Vepco refund of $1,950.86. This adjustment covers the period of September 2, 1982 through November 30, 1982. We did not raise our rates to our customers until November and this is not quite half of what we gave back to the customers by not raising their rates September 2nd.

Dale Davenport briefly explained the Legislative Action Call which was received from the Virginia Municipal League. The 1983 Virginia General Assembly has mandated through a last minute amendment to S.B. 226 that all counties, cities and towns MUST FOLLOW the exact provisions of the 1982 Public Procurement Act when acquiring PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. This means that any alternative policy adopted by a locality for professional services will be VOID; and that towns under 3,500 will also have to use the professional service provisions even though they are now totally exempt from this section of the 1982 Act. The bill has

an emergency clause. Thus the provisions of the bill would take effect immediately upon signature of the Governor. The VML is asking Governor Robb to request an amendment to S.B. 226 to delete this new mandate and is asking localities also to send a letter or call the Governor to support their request.

Mayor Dean reported that the Virginia Municipal League has scheduled two town meetings. The first will be held on March 30, 1983 in Williamsburg at the Fort Magruder on Route 60 just east of Williamsburg. The second meeting will be held on April 20, 1983 in Roanoke at the Hotel Roanoke. Both meetings will begin with registration at 10:00 and adjourn at 3:30 P.M. Those wishing to attend should notify Mrs. Leap.

Mrs. Leap reported she will be attending a Clerk's Meeting April 14, 15, and 16 in Manassas, Virginia.

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