Joint Public Hearing
January 21, 2008

A Joint Public Hearing of the Elkton Town Council and the Elkton Planning Commission was held to receive comments regarding the Flood Ordinance. The Public Hearing was held at 6:15 P.M. on January 21, 2008, in the Elkton Area Community Center. Mayor Wayne E. Printz presided. The following Council members and Commission members were present:

PRESENT
M. Dearing
M. Isom
D. Kite
M. O'Neill
S. Sigafoose (arrived at 6:20)

ABSENT
T. Pence

PRESENT
D. Talbot
H. Armbruster
M. Dixon
C. Morrison

ABSENT
J. Reed
T. Pence (Council Representative)

Town Attorney Lauri A. N. Sigler, Town Superintendent/Zoning Administrator Marty Shifflett, Treasurer Clairen Sipe, EACC Administrator Allison Morris, EACC Secretary Dianne Johnson and Clerk of Council Denise R. Monger were also present.

Mayor Printz noted the hearing had been properly advertised.

Town Attorney Sigler noted the hearing scheduled for 6:15 p.m. was pertaining to the Flood Ordinance.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Town Attorney Sigler stated the flood maps would change as of February 6, 2008. She stated that the Town had to adopt and receive approval of its floodplain management measures from the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. She noted recent changes to the 44 Code Federal Regulation, Section 60.3(D) of the National Flood Insurance Program in which the Town needed to adopt certain measures to remain in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program. If the Town did not comply it would be suspended and become ineligible for some flood insurance through the federal program. She noted the importance to the Town to stay in compliance.

Mary Hutton, 515 Chestnut Avenue, Elkton, stated she had reviewed documentation pertaining to the hearing. She stated permission would need to be obtained from several government agencies in order to build in a floodplain area in Town. She noted her happiness at not being asked to serve on the Planning Commission or Board of Zoning Appeals due to the revised code granting those boards power to hire an engineer or qualified person/agency to assist in evaluating a proposed project planned in floodplain areas. She noted that only the Town Council would be paying for those types of expenses and would find serving on those boards a difficulty.

Mrs. Hutton stated at a prior Council meeting she had queried Town Attorney Sigler regarding the basis for repealing and reenacting the particular code section. She

noted the same reasons as stated above were given. She noted that FEMA was requiring that action to be taken and briefly reminded everyone of "New Orleans."

Mrs. Hutton stated that the Town was not required to be audited by the Auditor of Public Accounts from the state due to a low population. She noted her disappointment that the Town's Code Book had to include various federal and state regulations due to FEMA requirements when the Town does not qualify for auditing from the state.

Mayor Printz called for additional comments. No other comments were made.

As there was no additional business, Mayor Printz adjourned the meeting.

Mayor: _____
Wayne E. Printz

Recorder: _____
Denise R. Monger, Clerk