



Town Council: Ricky Taylor, Sam Welch, Jan Welch, Henry Nicholson, Brad York, Mark Layne

Mayor: Frank Russell II

Regular

March 11, 2024

Parksley Volunteer Fire Company

Available via Audio

Roll Call

Councilmembers: Mark Layne, Henry Nicholson (arrived at 7:45), Brad York, Richard Taylor

Absent: Jan Welch, Sam Welch, Chief B.K. Greer

Clerk Lauren Lewis

Call to Order and Invocation

Mayor Russell called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Councilman Layne leads the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Layne made a motion to enter executive session at 6:34 for financial reasons and asked Clerk Lewis and Mr. Adam James of Taylor Bank to remain for the session. Seconded by Councilman York.

- a. Ayes- R. Taylor, M. Layne, B. York
- b. Absent-J. Welch, S. Welch, H. Nicholson

WHEREAS, the Parksley Town Council has convened an Executive Session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS Section 2.2-3711(A) of the code of Virginia requires a certification by this Town Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

Shorely Unexpected!



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parksley Town Council hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law were discussed in the Executive Session to which this certification resolution applies, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the Executive Session were heard, discussed or considered by the Town Council.

Councilman York made a motion to re-enter regular session at 6:55 and certify the executive session in accordance with Section 2.2-3711(A) of the VA Code. Seconded by Councilman Layne. No action was taken.

- a. Ayes- R. Taylor, M. Layne, B. York
- b. Absent-J. Welch, S. Welch, H. Nicholson

Guests:

Karon Eichelberger: 24255 Adelaide St.- Mrs. Eichelberger reminded everyone about Eastern Shore Railway Museum's Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, March 30, 2024 beginning at 10 am. Volunteers are needed to help fill Easter egg's on Saturday March 23rd at 4 p.m. and candy donations are requested.

Mr. Ron Wolff: Rail Trails, Executive Director- Mr. Wolff gave a presentation of the current state of the Rails to Trails program. He drafted a Resolution of Support for the town to consider and agree to if they so wish.

Consideration and approval of the February 2024 meeting minutes:

Councilman Layne made a motion to accept the minutes as they were in printed form. Seconded by Councilman York.

- a. Ayes- R. Taylor, M. Layne, B. York
- b. Absent-J. Welch, S. Welch, H. Nicholson

Consideration and approval of the February 2024 bills:

Councilman York made a motion to approve the February 2024 bills. Seconded by Councilman Layne.

- a. Ayes- R. Taylor, M. Layne, B. York
- b. Absent-J. Welch, S. Welch, H. Nicholson

Department Reports:

Councilman Taylor- Nothing to report.



Councilman Welch- Absent.

Councilwoman Welch- Absent.

Councilman Nicholson- Councilman Nicholson made a motion we give Parksley Volunteer Fire Company \$30,000 out of the town's ARPA funds to help them renovate the banquet hall. Seconded by Councilman Taylor.

- a. Amendment to motion- Councilman Nicholson amended the motion- To allocate \$30,000 to Parksley Volunteer Fire Company out of the ARPA funds if the money is available, no later than June 1st, 2024. Seconded by Councilman Taylor.
 - i. Ayes- Nicholson, Taylor, York
 - ii. Abstain- Layne
 - iii. Absent- J. Welch, S. Welch

Councilman York- Councilman York asked if our trash pickup day with Davis had or was going to change from the current Monday schedule. Clerk Lewis stated it was not. Councilman York asked if ANEC had completed the request submitted in January regarding non-operational lights. Clerk Lewis stated they had not. Councilman York reminded everyone of the town-wide yard sale set for Saturday, April 27, 2024.

Councilman Layne- Councilman Layne stated he believe the town needs a town manager. Councilman Layne would like to speak at the upcoming work session about the town raising water and sewage rates. Councilman Layne asked about blight ordinances sent to businesses. Clerk Lewis stated she would look into who had received them and will report back to council at the work session.

Chief Greer- Absent.

Clerk Lewis- Clerk Lewis stated a request had been made regarding the price of the dumpsters at the maintenance yard, which are no longer used by the town. Councilman Nicholson stated four of them are in "good shape" and three to four of them are in "mediocre" shape. Councilman York made a motion to sell all of the aforementioned dumpsters for a total of \$500. Seconded by Councilman Layne.

- a. Ayes- R. Taylor, M. Layne, B. York, H. Nicholson
- b. Absent-J. Welch, S. Welch,

Councilman Layne made a motion to sign the Resolution presented by Mr. Wolff for the Rail Trails program. Seconded by Councilman Taylor.

- a. Ayes- R. Taylor, M. Layne, B. York, H. Nicholson
- b. Absent-J. Welch, S. Welch,

Resolution of Support: Town of Parksley: Eastern Shore of Virginia Rail Trail



WHEREAS 49.1 miles of the former Eastern Shore Railroad, which lies between the Town of Cape Charles in Northampton County and the Town of Hallwood in Accomack County, has been abandoned and preserved by Canonie Atlantic, Co. through the practice of railbanking, a method approved by the National Trails Act; and

WHEREAS the Eastern Shore Rail Trail Foundation was established in 2023 to advocate for the creation of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Rail Trail along the historic railroad corridor right-of-way; and

WHEREAS the Eastern Shore of Virginia Rail Trail will serve as a regional connector providing safe access to communities in Northampton and Accomack County; and

WHEREAS the implementation of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Rail Trail will contribute to safer roadways, provide transportation alternatives to access shopping, schools, churches, and community amenities, promote outdoor recreation and healthy living, and encourage economic growth and development in the Town of Parksley and surrounding areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Parksley hereby supports the development of the portion of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Rail Trail within Parksley as well as the remaining portion within Northampton and Accomack Counties and approves the submissions of applications to various funding sources for the construction of the regional 49.1-mile multi-use shared path along the preserved railroad corridor right-of-way.

ADOPTED this the 11th day of March, 2024.

Councilman Layne made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:22 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Taylor.

- a. Ayes- R. Taylor, M. Layne, B. York, H. Nicholson
- b. Absent-J. Welch, S. Welch,



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Mayor 04/08/2024

X *Lauren Lewis*

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Clerk 04/08/2024