

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Front Royal, Virginia was held on November 24, 2014, in the Warren County Government Center's Board Meeting Room. Mayor Darr led Council and those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and a Moment of Silence. The roll was called at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Timothy W. Darr
Vice Mayor N. Shae Parker
Councilman Daryl L. Funk
Councilman Bret W. Hrbek
Councilman Thomas H. Sayre
Councilman Eugene R. Tewalt
Councilman Hollis L. Tharpe
Town Attorney Douglas W. Napier
Clerk of Council Jennifer E. Berry, CMC

ABSENT: Town Manager Steven M. Burke, P.E.

(The above listed members represent the full body of Council as authorized in the Town Charter.)

Vice Mayor Parker moved, seconded by Councilman Tewalt that Council approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes of September 22, and the Special Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2014 as presented.

Vote: Yes – Funk, Hrbek, Parker, Tewalt, Tharpe and Sayre

No – N/A

Abstain – N/A

Absent – N/A

(Mayor Darr did not vote as there was no tie to require his vote)

RECEIPT OF PETITIONS OR CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PUBLIC

Paula Wayland, of 429 Belair Avenue, read the following into the record:

On October 29th I had to contact our town police department due to an issue with one of my children. Outlined here is the accounting of how things went; hereinafter known as stages. Due to this being an ongoing investigation by the Virginia State Police I can't give you names of the minors involved just the issues at hand.

Stage 1: On October 29th the town pd was dispatched to our residence on Belair Avenue for an older gentlemen having contacted my daughter who is 14 thru a phone messenger application propositioning her for phone sex in lieu of payment. I contacted the Warren County High School as well for them to be aware of the issue since we had no idea at the time who this gentlemen was or where he was. I asked the school to make sure my daughter was not allowed out at any time without an adult with her. I also made sure they were aware she was not to leave with any one.

Officer Keller arrived shortly after my speaking with the school and took a statement from us and viewed the conversation this gentlemen had with my daughter. He said they would investigate and he would be back in touch with me. I asked Officer Keller if they could trace the ip address and see where he was he then told me that

was a possibility; I then asked if a female investigator could go online and pretend to be younger and try to get him to talk to them and that was met with we have no budget for that. I told him I wanted this looked into and this man charged. He then proceeded to tell me this was not a crime show on tv and it wouldn't be solved in an hour. He then told me he would be in touch.

Stage 2: The same afternoon Officer Keller and another officer came back to the house and asked to speak with my daughter and she gave him the names of some of her friends that were mutual friends with this gentlemen. He said they would be in touch with the other girls and see if this gentlemen had responded to any of them in the same manner. Which it turned out including my daughter he did this to 3 underage females.

Stage 3: I spoke with Hollis Tharpe and questioned him on budgeting issues and he clarified for me that was one issue the town council fully backed was the police department's budget and told me to contact the Chief and ask him if this was something the town pd needed to have added as a new line item into their budget. So from there I contacted the Chief and had to leave a message for him.

Stage 4: I finally was able to speak with Chief Shiflett and Sargent Nicewarner regarding the budget and if they had the resources available to them to handle a situation of this magnitude and they assured me they had what they needed in place. That this was a miss-communication with the officer and they would look into it. They were supposed to be taking this matter to the Commonwealth Attorney shortly and would be in touch.

Stage 5: I spoke with one of the other girl's mother that this gentlemen contacted and she said Officer Keller after meeting with her daughter wrote down the conversation this gentlemen had with her and told her to delete it from her phone. Last time I checked this is STILL AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION and he should not have told her to delete the evidence from her phone.

Stage 6: I contacted the Florida police department for Orlando and spoke with a Sargent Edwards and explained the situation to her and emailed her what evidence I had and she stated she would be back in touch with me.

Stage 7: I was contacted back by Officer Keller and he said the Commonwealth Attorney Michael Fleming would not prosecute this gentlemen because he had not broken any laws. I was then told it would be forwarded to their internet department for further investigation. I was then told they would be in touch. I contacted the town pd and left messages for Chief Shiflett and/or Sargent Nicewarner to contact

me back. After waiting a couple of days I tried calling again only to be told by the dispatcher I needed to contact the Commonwealth Attorney's Office.

Stage 8: I contacted the Commonwealth Attorney's Office only to leave several unreturned messages for several days. Finally on November 7th I finally spoke to Michael Fleming whom Officer Keller spoke with and he told me this gentlemen did not break any laws and that the law has not yet caught up with technology and that I needed to contact my local legislator. After getting his name (Mark Berg) I proceeded to email our legislator. My daughter missed her last football game at the high school because I felt it was not safe to allow her to go because no one at this point had been able to tell me where this gentlemen was or what access he had to my daughter or her friends.

Stage 9: On Saturday the 8th I contacted our local state police unit in Culpepper va and was rewarded with an immediate return call from Trooper Pam Neff. Within an hour and a half of emailing her the ip address she assured me this man was not local to our area. She then called me 2 hours later to tell me that after speaking with one of the other mothers her daughter was told to delete the conversation from her phone and they didn't have a copy of that conversation to go on. Well luckily her daughter sent a copy of it to my daughter who saved it and I was able to send it to Trooper Neff. She then asked permission for them to proceed on this matter because THEY took this seriously. I gave them the go ahead and she said that her supervisor would be contacting me at the beginning of the week to set up a meeting with my daughter regarding this matter.

That afternoon I received a return email from Mark Berg's assistant and was rewarded with an immediate appointment with his office on the 12th of November.

Stage 10: I received a phone call from Sgt Edwards in FL and she stated that they could not find this gentlemen locally in Orlando and they would be widening their searching area. She is in charge of Florida's ICAC SVU Unit.

Stage 11: After 3 days one being a holiday I received a phone call from Special Agent Morris with the VSP and we went over what had transpired and he said this matter would be looked into and this gentlemen would be brought to Va to stand trial when they had the evidence they needed. Unlike Warren County Rockingham County would prosecute this case.

Stage 12: My husband and I went and met with Mark Berg and his assistant and after reviewing everything and reading the statue the conclusion was that yes this gentlemen did in fact break the law. They are right now working on a new bill to

introduce so nothing like this ever happens again. Mark Berg stated he would have a meeting with our Commonwealth Attorney and get this matter resolved.

Now my question to the Town Council is why did I have to go to such great lengths to get something done on this matter and why do we pay taxes for officer training if our officers are not trained on proper protocol to handle evidence. Why is our Commonwealth Attorney's Office trying to interpret the law instead of enforcing it?

Also if this matter was turned over to the town pd's internet department why have I not heard from them at this point? What other matters like this has fallen thru the cracks with our town pd. If we can't trust our local officers to do their jobs who can we trust.

I should not have had to be the one to contact Florida, I should not have had to contact VSP, but when you insult my intelligence and not take my concerns seriously I will do what has to be done to protect not only my daughter but others as well.

Phil Sayre, of 835 Shenandoah Shores, noted that he wanted to clarify that from October 3-5th he was at a school function for the majority of the time. He noted that on Saturday the 4th of October he met his dad, Thomas Sayre, briefly about 1 p.m. and they gathered lunch. Mr. Sayre stated that about 1:25 p.m. his father drove him to Wal-Mart for supplies and then between 3-3:30 he was driven back to Main Street and he did not see him again the rest of the weekend. Mr. Sayre stated that he hopes that information clarifies the rumors that are floating around.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR, COUNCIL & STAFF

Reporting for Town Manager Steve Burke, Kim Gilkey Breeden, Finance Director::

- Reported the holiday refuse days for the upcoming Thanksgiving;
- Stated that Commonwealth Drive would have storm drain work for the next two weeks;
- Noted that the time capsule placement would be held on December 8th;
- Reminded citizens that taxes were due by December 5th;
- Announced that the Christmas parade would be held on December 6th

Marshall Jones, Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute Advisor:

- Kathleen Q. Johnson was now part of their team, and he stated that they had a new Deputy Director as well;
- Noted that they no longer go by the name "The Remount";
- Stated that their Core mission was regarding endangered species, breeding and research;
- Announced that they work with zoos, universities and agencies in the United States, and as far as Thailand;
- Stated that they were working on breeding and research on the black footed ferret, which was initially thought to be extinct;
- Noted that they are part of the global tiger population;

- Announced that they continue their work with the N.E.O.N. project, which was working towards the best science and data sharing in the country;
- Commented that they would have 20-30 staff members that would need housing in the area, and they expect that increasingly that number may grow;
- Reported that he wished that they were open to the public and they hope for more transparency in the future, as currently they were open only one weekend a year to the public;
- Stated that at times they do host public lectures available to the community; and
- Noted that they were partnering with George Mason University and they have several programs, including an undergraduate program with an intensive conservation curriculum here in Front Royal.

Councilman Hrbek thanked Mr. Jones for the report. He noted that he had fond childhood memories looking for the zebra that used to be at the organization. He asked about the number of undergraduates currently; Mr. Jones stated that there were 25. In response to Mr. Hrbek's questions, Mr. Jones noted that there were ideas that had been discussed and they do have 24-hour camps for families, where they can spend the night. He added that they dreamed to be open on the weekends and could be a great area tourist attraction for the community.

Councilman Hrbek stated that the Smithsonian Conservation was a hidden treasure here in the community and he would be encouraged to hear of any expansion. Councilman Tewalt noted that several years ago, there had been discussion of James Madison being present. Mr. Jones stated that they were open to partnering with other universities, though nothing was currently in the works.

Mayor Darr thanked him for coming and he noted that the Town appreciates the contributions by both the Smithsonian and George Mason University.

Councilman Sayre noted that they would like to discuss the food and parking expenses listed on VML. He listed specific amounts for various amounts for travel for each Councilman that attended. He stated that he had the express permission to attend the exhibit booths from Mary Jo Fields of VML. Mr. Sayre noted that he met with various vendors and went to every exhibit booths and that he received a lot of education.

Councilman Sayre listed many vendor names and categories, stating that it was very educational. He read the affidavit from Pennoni Associates representatives on file with the Clerk's office. He noted that his son spoke earlier in the evening noting his location during a portion of the weekend.

Vice Mayor Parker stated that he has taken his responsibility of being entrusted with the finances and the welfare of the Town quite seriously. He noted that the Town had taken steps to eliminate the meals and shirts that were being provided to members of Council, which were frivolous expenses. He noted that Mr. Sayre unofficially attended the conference for less than one day and then submitted his expenses for reimbursement to the Town.

Vice Mayor Parker noted that whether Mr. Sayre was there in an official or unofficial capacity, the reimbursement was paid without any questions and this brings this to the point where Council is now – the inquiry into the reimbursement and the lack of oversight. Mr. Parker noted that

Council needs to examine their ethics policies. He stated that unfortunately no one is able to make a determination on this matter, though on the surface the issue has some glaring problems. Vice Mayor Parker stated that the complaint to look into the reimbursement was in no way vindictive. He noted that he would request that future reimbursements be reviewed and approved by the majority of Council.

Councilman Sayre noted that he spoke with the Town Manager and the Clerk of Council prior to the travel to VML He stated that Vice Mayor Parker had another meal later in the evening being billed to the Town.

Mayor Darr stated that he and other members of Council attended the Salvation Army Kettle Kick Off recently.

Mayor Darr noted that he received a phone call from K-Mart Corporation regarding the resolution that the sent recently. He stated that they thanked the Town Council for sending the resolution and noted that it was a tough decision and added that they could not offer any solution at this time.

Mayor Darr asked if there were any other proposals for additions or deletions to the agenda.

Councilman Funk moved, seconded by Councilman Tharpe, that Council remove Item 7C – Habitat for Humanity Curb & Gutter until the next regular Council meeting.

Vote: Yes – Funk, Hrbek, Parker, Tewalt, Tharpe and Sayre

No – N/A

Abstain – N/A

Absent – N/A

(Mayor Darr did not vote as there was no tie to require his vote)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

~~A. COUNCIL APPROVAL – Budget Amendment for Purchase and Installation of Monitors in Government Center Board Room~~

B. COUNCIL APPROVAL – Donation of Old Christmas Wreaths to FRIBA

~~C. COUNCIL APPROVAL – Waiver of Curb, Gutter, and Apron for Habitat for Humanity~~

D. COUNCIL APPROVAL – Resolution to Endorse Expansion of Tourism Program

Vice Mayor Parker moved, seconded by Councilman Tharpe that Council approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Councilman Tewalt asked that Council discuss Item 7A – Government Center Monitors separately, rather than on Consent.

Vote: Yes – Funk, Hrbek, Parker, Tewalt, Tharpe and Sayre

No – N/A

Abstain – N/A

Absent – N/A

(Mayor Darr did not vote as there was no tie to require his vote)

(Items B & D)

COUNCIL APPROVAL – Budget Amendment for Purchase and Installation of Monitors in Government Center Board Room

SUMMARY: The Town has received a request from Warren County to cost share the installation of monitors in the Warren County Government Center Board Room to enhance visibility when the overflow room is used. The total cost of this project is \$4,811.45 of which the Town is responsible for half (\$2,405.73) of the amount. Council is requested to consider approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$2,000, as \$405.73 will be from the Information Technology Budget.

Councilman Tharpe moved, seconded by Councilman Funk that Council approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$2,000 to cost share with Warren County for the purchase and installation of monitors at a total cost of \$4,811.45 to be placed in the Warren County Government Center Board Room. He further moved that the remaining \$405.73 be from the Information Technology Budget.

Councilman Tewalt noted that unless it is for emergency uses, he is not in favor of removing funds from the General Fund. He stated that it was not a safety issue or an emergency. Councilman Sayre stated that he shared the concerns of Mr. Tewalt.

Councilman Funk noted that it was an important step to working with Warren County and it was a matter of viewing the information and there were some issues that should not wait for the next budget cycle.

Vice Mayor Parker noted that he agreed with Mr. Tewalt; however, he noted that the Town and County have a Fair Funding Formula and this project was not following said formula. He stated that he could only recall once or twice that the extended area in the conference room was used in the last year.

In response to Councilman Sayre's question, Mrs. Breeden noted that the funding was in General Fund Reserves.

Councilman Tharpe stated that the number of people being served was not the issue, but rather if just one person was assisted, then it was worth the expense to the citizens of the Town of Front Royal.

Councilman Tewalt noted that taking money out of the General Fund was not a priority, as this was a want, rather than a need. He stated that he can recall only one person present at the budget presentation that would need to see the screen.

Vote: Yes – Funk, Sayre and Tharpe
No – Hrbek, Parker and Tewalt
Abstain – N/A
Absent – N/A

Mayor Darr stated that he wished there was an amendment to the motion stating that the reimbursement would come from the IT budget. He added that that being said he would support the motion as he saw the need for the proposal as submitted by the County of Warren.

Vote: Yes – Mayor Darr, to break the tie

(By Roll Call; Motion Carried)

COUNCIL APPROVAL – Resolution to Establish 2014 Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Summary: Council is requested to approve a Resolution to establish the 2014 Holiday Home Decorating Contest sponsored by the Town on the Town's Facebook Page with awards to the top three votes as presented.

Vice Mayor Parker moved, seconded by Councilman Tewalt that Council approve a Resolution to establish the 2014 Holiday Home Decorating Contest as presented.

Mrs. Breeden noted that the voting would be on the Town's Facebook page and tallied through the Town's IT Department.

Vote: Yes – Funk, Hrbek, Parker, Sayre, Tharpe and Tewalt
No – N/A
Abstain – N/A
Absent – N/A
(Mayor Darr did not vote as there was no tie to require his vote)
(By Roll Call)

COUNCIL APPROVAL – Town Manager Contract/Vacation Time

Summary: Council is requested to approve the purchase back of forty hours of vacation time from the Town Manager per his contract for employment, said funds to be provided from salaries in the Town Manager budget.

Councilman Sayre moved, seconded by Councilman Tharpe that Council approve the purchase back of forty hours of vacation time from the Town Manager per his contract for employment, said funds to be provided from salaries in the Town Manager budget.

Councilman Tharpe noted that half will be given back to the employees.

Councilman Sayre noted that he would add \$100 of his personal funds as a stated motion.

Vote: Yes – Funk, Hrbek, Parker, Sayre, Tharpe and Tewalt
No – N/A
Abstain – N/A
Absent – N/A
(Mayor Darr did not vote as there was no tie to require his vote)
(By Roll Call)

COUNCIL APPROVAL – Advertise for Public Hearing to Receive Public Input for a Town Building Official Position

Summary: Councilman Hrbek has requested that Council consider advertising for a Public Hearing to receive input from the public on a Town of Front Royal Building Official Position.

Councilman Hrbek moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Parker that Council advertise for a Public Hearing to receive public input on a Town of Front Royal Building Official Position.

Councilman Hrbek noted that he would like to obtain information from the public to determine if such a building official is needed. He stated that it was his intent to gather data, rather than take action at the meeting.

Councilman Sayre stated that he would not be voting for the matter. Councilman Tharpe stated that Council should work as a team and he would support the motion.

Councilman Funk noted that he did not think it was realistic to think that the Town's position would be interpreting the law any different than the County official, and he felt it was a duplication of services.

Vote: Yes – Hrbek, Parker, Tharpe and Tewalt

No – Funk and Sayre

Abstain – N/A

Absent – N/A

(Mayor Darr did not vote as there was no tie to require his vote)

(By Roll Call)

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

Jennifer E. Berry
Clerk of Council



TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, November 24, 2014

To be held immediately after the Regular Meeting
Warren County Government Center

1. Interviews for Architects for the Police Headquarters

a. Grimm and Parker

Jim Boyd, owner and Principal, of Grimm and Parker introduced his team, who noted that their 110 employees were known for creating excellent documents and they believe in the attitude of doing it right the first time.

Mr. Boyd stated that they hire engineers to obtain the proper structural and mechanical

Do not have a better project manager

They have worked on the buildings for the Town of Culpeper and County of Albemarle

Hope to continue to work on their strengths

They have consultants on staff who does cost estimating, which is crucial

Introduced their hired engineer, who has worked in the valley for about 25 years

work to stay on budget and they like to stay on schedule

have another project in Warren County now, a Memory Care Center-Commonwealth Assistant

Living, and they understand that they need to submit items to the County quickly, as items take a bit longer than

clients from forty years ago, are still clients today, one that they have completed over 80 projects for encourage Council to contact their prior clients to obtain

In response to Council questions, Mr. Boyd and his team explained that they were keen on understanding that there was a balance between having “too nice” of a building and Community room is popular in some localities, which allows the citizens to feel

The team noted that they needed a friendly building, while still maintaining a police barrier from the rest of the department

Shiflett stated that they had built many police buildings and the Police Department was in favor of Grimm & Parker.

b. Moseley

Tony Bell, introduced Jason Forsythe, and Ron Mislowski and added that they also work with Triad Engineering

Key issues of law enforcement structure

Safety and security

lighting and other aspects to assist in providing good area for employees in 911 center

Evidence storage and processing, drug storage, etc., they are very aware of requirements needed

Functionality: Ventilated lockers, arms without chairs, outlets in good spot to charge needed equipment

Fitness area

Reviewed the materials they proposed, and the long term costs to consider during the design process
Stated that they knew the importance of staying on budget and on schedule

They reviewed the site, noting that it was a narrow site, and creativity would be important in laying out the site

Will pay close attention to storm water management issues which are required

Water and sewer service matters will also be reviewed, and adequate pressure issues will be looked into in full

Mosely always advocates using a local engineer for engineering matters, and having Mr. Mislowski is a huge advantage

in response to Council questions, Mr. Bell noted that with some TLC the building could be around 100 years from now

they would work with the Town to think outside of the box and not think on the short term

stated that they had done many law enforcement buildings and they look forward to working to be on time and on budget

c. Hughes Group

Small firm based in Leesburg, Virginia

Wayne Hughes introduced his partner of 22 years, and his associate who had been on board with them for about 10 years

Will be completed on time and on budget, based on their 38 years working for municipalities in the Commonwealth of Virginia

will want to attend roll call and go on patrol with the Police Department in order to determine the unique culture of the Front Royal Police Department

Mr. Hughes explained that long term energy costs are very important, and they planned to introduce natural light as much as possible in order to advance the betterment of their Police Officers and other department employees

will advise the Town every step of the way

speak with the officers in various facilities to learn what works and what does not

stated that they would show Council three projects that they had

first was located in a residential neighborhood, similar to the site of the Town of Front Royal's planned building

second was located right outside of Pittsburgh and was on a small site, with four stories, the levels were separated in a manner to have different floors with various functions

third was the Town of Leesburg Police Department, and the building was relatively small and the Town decided to also place the IT functions in the building as well. A large need was to expand evidence storage capability, and they added to the building and more than doubled the storage capacity, including drug vault storage and weapon storage as well. Space saving options were put in place throughout the facility, including rolling file sections.

explained the public parking and secured parking as well for Police Officers at the site. He noted that they would include plans for future expansion. He wanted the image of the building to speak to the community policing in Front Royal.

In response to Council questions, Mr. Hughes noted that a two story building was definitely possible at the site. He added that a key to the project would be the amount of equipment officers carry with them, stated that they use plastic panels to the wainscoting which are easily cleaned. Mechanical systems are redundant, adding that units should be very accessible for filter changing, for example.

If one system goes down, then there are at least two others HVAC systems running in the structure and the department can remain operational.

2. Continued Discussion on Corner Lots – *Councilman Tewalt*

At the November 17, 2014 Work Session, Councilman Tewalt requested that a continued discussion on corner lots be placed on an upcoming work session.

Mr. Tewalt explained that it appears that when the new zoning ordinance is passed, then his issue would be addressed. Mr. Camp stated that was correct. Mr. Tewalt noted that the side yard matter was in violation of the Town's own ordinance.

His concern was having front yards with sheds and other accessory buildings in place. He stated that he would like to ensure that the structure to face the front.

Mr. Tewalt added that he would like the matter brought forward immediately, rather than six months from now.

Council stated that they understood Mr. Tewalt's position.

Mr. Camp noted that his concerns were mainly addressed in the draft changes coming forward, though they would tighten up the language to ensure the matter was fully covered. He added that the next worksession will have the subdivision ordinance, as well as the urban forestry and zoning ordinance coming forward.

Councilman Funk asked that the ordinances come forward as soon as possible.

Councilman Tewalt asked that the section pertaining to this matter be brought forward at the next worksession in order to fast track this issue.

Mayor Darr stated that in fairness to the Town Manager, he would like Mr. Burke to schedule the item.

3. Discussion Pertaining to Virginia Municipal League (VML) Conference

Mayor Darr gave a run down of the events, including the complaint filed.

He noted that he delivered Mr. Sayre a letter at a worksession. Mr. Sayre submitted an affidavit at a later time from Pennoni regarding his vendor table discussion.

Mayor Darr stated the expense report process for many years.
Perhaps there is a method that Council should put in place to collectively review and approve the reimbursements as presenting
Mayor Darr noted that as a Council there is no formal action regarding the Council, other than to send the matter to the Commonwealth Attorney's office. Mr. Napier stated that was correct.
Mayor Darr stated that VML was vital to Council and there was much benefit to Councilmen doing their best for the community

Vice Mayor Parker asked if Mr. Sayre attended the conference in any official capacity
Burke's email noted that Mr. Sayre did discuss that VML attendance with
Requested use of Town vehicle
attended Mayor's Walk
did not deter or approve the matter

Councilman Sayre noted that the exhibit booths are a wealth of information and he had VML's permission to attend the vendor tables

Parker asked what official business did Sayre have October 4th in Roanoke
Sayre stated that he attended to be there all day Sunday to be at the exhibit hall

Parker noted that if it were any other Town employee
Breedon stated that she would have questioned the travel
She stated that if reimbursements need to be done they will ask for supporting receipts
They mathematically double check the numbers listed on the sheet

Vice Mayor Parker presented a hypothetical situation to the group. He noted that the entire situation was unethical

Councilman Hrbek stated that for IRS purposes they

Mayor Darr noted that the Council could put the matter on the agenda for a vote, whether it would be reviewed by the Commonwealth Attorney's. He added that a private citizen could also raise the issue.

Councilman Sayre noted that matter was entirely baseless.
He added that a miles and per diem matter should be in place, Mayor Darr stated that the matter is laid out in the Town's employee handbook

Councilman Hrbek stated that he attended a conference and the Clerk had the reservations put in place
Mayor Darr noted that

Councilman Funk noted that it was not sour grapes and he does not question Vice Mayor Parker's concern. He stated that they probably

Funk noted that maybe it should be taken to the Commonwealth Attorney, if criminal behavior needs to take place, then perhaps Council or a member of the public

Support some type of revision of policy

Hrbek noted that his beef was that previously Mr. Sayre said that he would not attend the conference publicly, and then went anyway and asked for Town reimbursement.

Sayre stated that when the opportunity

He still saved the Town money by not attending the full conference

He added that if Parker had just come to him and brought the matter forward, he would have felt better about the matter

Vice Mayor Parker noted that Mary Jo Fields does not trump VML's board.

Mayor Darr asked when the approval was given

Sayre noted that prior to the conference starting, so on Saturday

Mayor Darr noted that the Town Clerk, the Town Manager and the Town Attorney are employees of the Council and they do not approve the travel of Council

Councilman Tharpe noted that the VML was a vital avenue

4. Council Discussion/Goals

Councilman Tewalt noted that he was in favor of the PPEA process was to have the architect and the contractor working together in order save money on the project
not pleased to discuss architectural firms this evening, he wished it had gone through after the PPA documents processed

Breeden noted that the Town can negotiate the price with the firms that spoke this evening and request pricing, and then bring that to Council

Breeden stated that the PPEA

Councilman Tewalt stated that the Police Department was concerned that they would not get what they wanted; and that was untrue.

Napier noted that the deed for the Afton Inn has been signed and they would go to closing tomorrow.

Present: All Council

Breeden

Berry

Camp

Shiflett

Press and media