

1) Held special meeting regarding Town finances. Authorized cashing in a CD in the amount of \$69,760.61 (if needed), discontinued \$4,000 a month savings for Capital Improvements and asked all departments to hold spending at the minimum for the next few months and do everything possible to save money for the next few months.

Heard the revenue stream is expected to pick up when real estate taxes are due again.

2) Awarded the August 2009 Community Enhancement Award to Paul Dovel, III for improvements made to his property at 311 Virginia Avenue.

3) Following a citizen's request, Council decided the Town Code should **not** be amended to allow laying chickens in Town.

Chief Monteleone offered to set up a program to assist needy citizens with obtaining eggs.

4) Council approved re-subdivision of lots request from James Shifflett. This will provide for two (2) new lots, designated as lots 23 & 24.

5) Heard VDOT has increased the estimated costs of the Big Gem Park Recreational Access Road. The new estimate is \$798,725 and the Town will know the bid prices by Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and will need to make a decision by Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

6) Agreed class fee would be increased to \$25 for the more advanced classes being offered at the Computer Center. Less advanced courses will remain at \$10 per class.

7) Authorized Charles Grunewald's request to close the alley between First and Second Street on August 29<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>, to allow for an auction at the Bentley residence at 513 Second Street, on the condition there will still be enough room to allow for emergency vehicle access in the alley and he notify the residents affected by the alley closure.

8) Approved Shenandoah Volunteer Fire Company Officers as follows: President Gary Taylor; Vice President C.J. Jarrell; Secretary Billy Foltz; Treasurer David Huffman; Chaplain Doug Rudolph; Chief Ian Rudolph; Assistant Chief Lester Hensley; Captain K. L. Jenkins; First Lt. James Williams; Second Lt. Lee Kite; Chief Truck Driver Gary Taylor; Chief Engineer Dustin Lucas; Chief Electrician Matt Fidler; Chief Fire Warden Bobby Comer, Jr.; Alternative Wardens Bobby Comer, Sr., Guy Monger, Jr., and Billy Foltz.

9) Received a thank you note from Cerretha Davis Nauman for the great job public works did in cleaning out the gutter in front of her house and for putting the gravel down. (Mrs. Nauman paid for the gravel.)

10) Reminder: Cruz-Ins will be held on First Street on Fridays, August 28<sup>th</sup>; September 4<sup>th</sup>; September 11<sup>th</sup>; and September 18<sup>th</sup>.

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Each vehicle owner who registers their car will be entered in a drawing to win \$100 and participant plaques.

Music will be by DJ and local organizations will sell food.

11) Heard North American Phillips has not signed the agreement with the Town yet. Once they sign the agreement, the project can move forward to have the water line installed for residents on Shenandoah River Road.

12) Heard the Building Official plans to send a letter to the property owner of the old lodge building on Pennsylvania Avenue to inspect the building for safety.

13) Will request VDOT further review installing no parking signs on Denver Avenue near the intersection with Seventh Street, due to emergency vehicles not being able to maneuver through this area when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street. (Will ask Fire Chief to look at this area too.)

Also, determine if a No Thru Trucks sign could be placed at the intersection of South Second Street and Quincy Avenue to alert truck drivers the street is very narrow and there are no businesses on this end of Quincy Avenue.

Also, request VDOT replace the stop sign at the intersection of Shenandoah Avenue and Second Street.

14) Chief Monteleone reported the owner of the vehicles on Shenandoah Avenue has complied with the Town Code and the car in the alley is in compliance as well. He also noted the owner of the commercial garage will remove some the vehicles that have been on his property longer than 30 days.

15) Requested police department make more patrols in the area behind the elementary school.

16) Will request building official review safety and erosion issues for homes at 308 Denver Avenue and 509 Third Street to determine what permits are required by his office.

17) Parks and Recreation News: Clearing land at Big Gem Park for the crop planting has been started. This area will be the location of future ball fields.; the contractor has started work for the clearing of the bicycle trail; two (2) new benches have been installed at Big Gem Park; Town finances will not allow for a parking area to be constructed at this time, and therefore, they will have to cancel all events at Big Gem Park until further notice.

18) Heard Council would like for the Town to begin receiving income from use of its broadband equipment as soon as possible. The attorney's are working on an agreement to settle this matter.

19) Hired William Nathan Fadeley to fill the police officer position at a salary of \$33,500 per year, with full benefits, effective on or before September 8, 2009.

20) Approved ordering 100 touch read water meters at \$80 each, and ask the vendor to hold payment for 60 days.

21) Awarded paving bid to Hensil Good in the amount of \$2,800 to pave over areas of water leak repairs and add two (2) speed bumps at the river park.

22) Reminded everyone of the presentation on the Swine Flu virus at the courthouse in Luray at 10 a.m. on August 26<sup>th</sup>.