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- 1) Held Shenandoah Wireless Broadband meeting. Heard all lease and franchise payments are up to date.
- 2) Page County Board of Supervisor Chairman Johnny Woodward presented Shenandoah Council with a plan for the Page County Board of Supervisors and the Town Councils of Shenandoah, Stanley, and Luray to meet jointly in January. He also noted the plan includes the County and Town Planning Commissions to meet on this same date, too. The meeting will be facilitated by Mike Chandler of the Virginia Planning Association and the topic will be Economic Development. The TENTATIVE plan is for the Planning Commissioners to meet in the morning of January 29th and the Board/Councils to meet the afternoon of January 29th. The TENTATIVE location is Mimslyn Inn in Luray.
- 3) Approved Bingo Permit for the Shenandoah Volunteer Fire Company. The fire company is fundraising to replace their 1982 tanker truck. The new truck will cost about \$370,000. Bingo is held every Tuesday evening at the Shenandoah Community Center.
- 4) Approved Raffle Permit for the Shenandoah Volunteer Fire Company. The raffles are fundraisers for the new truck and other needs.
- 5) Received the November 2015 Town Vehicle Gasoline Log for review.
- 6) Page One Christmas Party is scheduled for December 12 and they are still in need of food, candy, and gifts for the children. Their food pantry is in desperate need of canned and boxed foods. The contact number is 540-652-8780 or 540-742-8403.
- 7) Voted to request Gary Morris be reappointed as the Town representative on the Page County Economic Development Authority. Mr. Morris' EDA term is slated to expire January 31, 2016.
- 8) Denied a request to refund water and sewer tap connection fees that were paid in 2006.
- 9) Approved the 2nd Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the charge of Fields and Christ United Methodist Churches. The public is invited to attend this event scheduled for March 26, 2016, from Noon until 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served. (Note: Council approved this as an annual event, which will be the Saturday before Easter each year.)
- 10) Events: December 10th from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Reception to Honor Clerk of the Court Ron Wilson and Commissioner of the Revenue Charlie

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Campbell on their upcoming retirements. The event was held in the Board of Supervisors Room in Luray and was sponsored by the Page County Board of Supervisors. All local leaders and staff were invited.; December 10th from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Annual Community Events Calendar meeting at the Chamber offices in Luray.; December 10th Shenandoah Elementary School Choir sang carols at the Shenandoah Town Hall parking lot. The trees along First Street were decorated by the students and Christ United Methodist Church provided hot chocolate and cookies. Dot Pendley of the Shenandoah Improvement Team organizes this event.; December 12th the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was held at Big Gem Park. The event is sponsored by the Town and Shenandoah Indians Baseball; December 12th at 7 p.m. is the Annual Christmas Tour of Churches sponsored by the Shenandoah Ministerial Association; December 18th is the Town Employee Christmas Luncheon (NOTE: Town Hall will be closing at 11:30 a.m. on this date.)

- 11) Public Works Department has been busy repairing water leaks and they have a few more to repair soon.
- 12) Streets: VDOT approved the Town's patch work on US Hwy 340 where the water leaks were repaired. The area under the railroad tunnel needs to be patched again.
- 13) Promoted Jeff Courtney from part-time to full-time status with full benefits and salary of \$35,000, effective January 1, 2016. Mr. Courtney is a certified police officer and will replace Chad Cubbage in the Shenandoah Police Department.
- 14) Thanked the Town Public Works Department and the Shenandoah Beautification Committee for all the decorations in Town. Both departments worked hard in decorating all areas of Town and it looks great!
- 15) Parks and Recreation News: Tree is up and lights are ready for the tree lighting on December 12 at 6 p.m. The electric has been upgraded and should work well for the ceremony, which has been moved to the area at the picnic shelter this year.
- 16) Economic Development News:

SHOP/EAT LOCAL - IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

1. **Red, White, & Brew** grand opening was held on Friday, November 20th. They are located within Enchanting Floral, Gifts, & Boutiques, and sell craft beers and wines, associated supplies, wine accessories, etc. too!

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2. Grand opening was held at **Berries, Stars & Burlap** on Saturday, November 21st. They are located beside JR's Tire Center and sell Country Decor, Furniture, & Antiques.
 3. **Shen Valley Family Practice** is now taking new patients, checkup or illness. Call 24/7 to schedule an appointment. They are located at 422 First Street. 540-652-2015.
 4. **Shenandoah General Store** is slated to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony/ grand re-opening in the near future for their newly expanded store, which is located next door to their existing building on Maryland Avenue. They are OPEN now at both locations!
 5. Creation of an official **Technology Zone** will be discussed in the near future. This would be something that may require public hearings, especially if it is included in the Town Code. Technology Zones may be located on commercial or industrially zoned properties or where there is current development or the likelihood of future development. The incentives in a Technology Zone could be created on a case by case basis to meet the needs of a specific business.
- 17) Voted to issue a Community Enhancement Award. This award will be presented at the January meeting.