

Town Council Actions August 25, 2015

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- 1) Adopted a Proclamation in recognition of Constitution Week (September 17-23, 2015). NSDAR Members Dolores Lackovitch, Debbie Hansbrough, and Barbara Mozisek presented the proclamation for Council's consideration. Mrs. Lackovitch requested Council adopt it to remind all citizens of the importance of the U. S. Constitution.
- 2) Authorized financing the 2016 Dump Truck at Blue Ridge Bank for 48 months with the interest rate of 2.60%. Council previously authorized up to \$53,000 to purchase of this truck and equipment. It was noted the actual amount financed may be less, since VDOT is scheduled to provide a snow plow for this vehicle.
- 3) Adopted an Ordinance to amend, reenact and reordain Section 62-156 of Chapter 62 regarding the payment and report of taxes collected and due date; remittance; and preservation of records for meals tax. This Ordinance clarifies when the taxes are due.
- 4) Authorized \$1,795 for Hensil Good Paving to replace pavement where water leaks were recently repaired. There are five (5) separate areas where this will need to be done.
- 5) Received a thank you letter from Reverend P. Hudson and Peggy Nuckols for the Town recognizing their 48 years of service and recent retirement.
- 6) Received a thank you note from Sandi Shanahon for the Town Museum accepting artifacts from her late husband's naval career as Commander of the USS Shenandoah. Mrs. Shanahon donated her late husband's coffee table (constructed by the crew of the USS Shenandoah); a photo of the ship, along with the crew members written well wishes when her husband left command of the ship and a pencil etching along with the copy of the invitation of the ceremony when her husband first took command of the ship. She noted more items will be arriving as she gets them together for shipment.
- 7) Events: **Sept. 5th at 5 p.m.** Hymn Sing at Big Gem Park; **Sept. 7th at 10 a.m.** Labor Day Event at Shen River Adventures for the Shen. Marketplace; **Sept. 11th at 6 p.m.** CRUZ IN on 1st St. (Also, special ceremony for 9/11/2001 may be held.); **Sept. 12th early AM until** Route 340 Yard Sales from Grottoes to Luray; **Sept. 19th at 10 a.m.** Car Show and Family Fun Day at Shen. Speedway; **Oct. 10th early AM until** - Page Co. Grown Century Ride (begins in Luray, through Stanley and Shen. and returns to Luray; **Oct. 23-24 and Oct. 30-31 from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m.** Terror Trail at Big Gem Park; **Nov. 8 at 3 p.m.** at Vets Park - Vets Service; **Dec. 5th at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.** Candlelight Dinners at Stevens Cottage (tickets required); **Dec. 12th at 6 p.m.** Tree Lighting Ceremony at Big Gem Park.

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- 8) Received the July 2015 Police Report for review.
- 9) Approved a water and sewer connection application for a new home on lot 30 in Forest Knolls Subdivision.
- 10) Authorized research for a panhandling ordinance, since there has been some complaints that people are standing outside of local businesses requesting money from people entering the stores. Fifth District Board of Supervisor Dorothy Pendley stated Page County recently adopted this ordinance and would share it with the Town.
- 11) Chief Davis advised everyone to use extra caution when driving in school zones and to be on the lookout for stopped school buses, beginning with the first day of school on August 31.
- 12) Town Manager Dovel reported he will meet soon with Stanley and Luray Town Managers and landfill tipping fees would be one of the topics for discussion. He noted everyone felt it was unfair for the County to consider imposing landfill tipping fees on just the Town citizens and not those living outside the corporation limits of a Town.
- 13) Parks and Recreation News: new fans have been installed in the shelter at Big Gem Park; research is being done to determine what should be done to landscape the bank along Fourth Street in front of Big Gem Park; More lighting will be installed for the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Big Gem Park.
- 14) Dorothy Pendley reported the Shenandoah Baptist Church has been holding services with the assistance of other pastors and intentions are to find a permanent pastor soon. Also, she invited everyone to attend the bible study on Thursday evenings at the church, which are led by Walter Pendley.
- 15) Craig Lancto mentioned minutes from his meeting with the Page County Economic Development Authority (his notes were emailed to Council previously) and stated networking is a very important aspect for growth. He noted the next opportunity to meet with people who are doing something in Page County is at the open house for the new owners of the Hotel Laurence building in Luray (at the intersection of Court Street and Main Street). The open house is scheduled for Friday, August 28th from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. and he encouraged everyone to attend.
- 16) Dolores Lackovitch asked for Council to request the Virginia Department of Transportation consider installing turning lanes on Route 340 near the banks and IGA.