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- 1) Received complaints from several neighbors of unkempt property in their neighborhood. They noted there are trash piles and other debris that are drawing rodents to this property. The neighbors also complained of inoperable vehicles on this property and voiced their concern for the five children who are living in this rental home. Council noted they would take action to ensure compliance with the Town Code and contact other agencies to alert them of the other complaints.
- 2) Requested the Police Chief to conduct more research on the panhandling ordinances and determine if the Town should adopt an ordinance at this time. Reminded business owners and churches, there are currently regulations in place to assist them with handling unwanted panhandlers on their property. Anyone having this problem should contact the Shenandoah Police Department for assistance in this regard. The non-emergency number is 540-652-8193 (or 911 in case of emergency.)
- 3) Received notice of the car wash being held by the JMU Club Rowing Team as a fundraiser for their organization. The car wash is being held at the Shenandoah Exxon on Sunday, September 27, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.
- 4) Received notice the Shenandoah Library holds the following activities: Kids Story Time every Tuesday at 11 a.m.; Crafty Kids the 2nd Thursday at 5 p.m.; and a LEGO Club on the 3rd Thursday at 5 p.m. For adults they have a Book Club on the 2nd Tuesday at 6 p.m. and a Knitting and Crocheting Group the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 4 p.m.
- 5) Heard the Massanutten Regional Library will hold FREE Fall Programming geared toward children in grades K-5. "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" (Hampstead Stage Company) will be presented this at the Shenandoah *Community* Center on Friday, November 6th at 7 p.m.; Saturday, November 7th at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. This is a free event and children must be accompanied by an adult.
- 6) Heard the Shenandoah Marketplace will hold the last Marketplace of the season on Thursday, October 1 from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Stevens Cottage. See the Shenandoah Marketplace Facebook page for more information.
- 7) Heard the Virginia Cooperative Extension will host a "Managing Your Money Series" on Mondays beginning on October 19 and running through November 23 at the Pioneer Bankshares Building, 263 East Main Street, Stanley, VA from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. There is a \$15 fee for the 6 part series unless you have a scholarship voucher from a community organization. 2 people may attend for the price of one if they share materials. Topics include Personal Finances; Understanding Credit; Developing a Spending and Savings plan; Traditional and Non-traditional

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Banking; Insurance and Record Keeping; and Getting Out of Debt. More information is available by calling 540-635-4549 or emailing kpoff@vt.edu

- 8) TRIAD of Page County will hold their 1st Annual Fall Senior Conference on Thursday, October 22, 2015 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Christ United Methodist Church in Shenandoah. Several guest speakers will present the following topics: Estate Planning; Wellness as We Age; and Senior Safety. There will be a free lunch provided for seniors in attendance. More information or to schedule transportation, please call Tina Sumpter at the Page County Sheriff's Department 540-843-4506.
- 9) Parks and Recreation News: English Ivy has been planted on the steep bank at Big Gem Park and more plants will be ordered to fill in the area; new lights were installed at Big Gem Park recently; the Sheriff's Department has extra trees and will likely provide one for the Town's Tree Lighting Ceremony at Big Gem Park scheduled for December 12th at 6 p.m.; the Shenandoah Beautification Committee has agreed to help decorate the park again and are planning to add more decorative wooden cutouts for this year.
- 10) Heard the water tank is being sandblasted and recoated and painted. Normal operations should begin after October 9th. There are a few areas of Town experiencing abnormally low water pressure due to this tank being out of service.
- 11) Heard the Virginia Department of Transportation is still working in Town patching streets.
- 12) Received the Town Budget Reports through August 2015 for review.
- 13) Requested more research be conducted regarding the burning laws within the Town limits, including the areas brought in by the Boundary Line Adjustment. Noted any changes may require an amendment to the Town Code.
- 14) Heard there are several residents who want the Town to have a full museum building to house existing memorabilia and historical items along with providing a place to bring in new items in the future.