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- 1) Heard some areas of Town may experience low water pressure from September 9, 2015 through October 9, 2015 when Utility Service Company is making repairs to the Tenth Street water tank. The tank will be sandblasted and painted during this time period. It will be refilled and normal operations will resume as quickly as possible.
- 2) Reviewed potential panhandling ordinances and determined the Town does *not* need an additional panhandling ordinance at this time. Heard there are already regulations in place to assist business owners if there are 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 the August 2015 Town Vehicle Gasoline Report for review.
- 4) Received the statistics on the new Town website, which indicated 3,915 people visited the website over the past month.
- 5) Heard Computer Center Supervisor Joyce Fluharty recently updated all computers at the center with Windows 10. This software can be downloaded currently without charge. The cost to the Town would have been almost \$3,000 if we had to pay for the software.
- 6) Congratulated the Shenandoah Indians for winning the 2015 Apple Valley League Championship! The team photo was provided by volunteer photographer Amos Thomas and it is on display at the Town Hall Museum.
- 7) Received a thank you letter from the Shenandoah Valley Soil & Water Conservation District for the Town's donation to their organization. The SWCD serves as a resource for water quality and conservation issues. See their website at www.svswcd.org
- 8) **Special 9/11 Service - September 11 at 6 p.m.** on First Street in Shenandoah - **CRUZ IN and Special Service to honor our First Responders and Veterans and Remember 9/11 events. Everyone is invited to attend this special service.**
- 9) Mayor and Council noted their special thanks for the enormous amount of hours spent training and responding to emergencies by both the Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Company Members in our community. Also, for the continued efforts by the Shenandoah Police Department in protecting and serving our community. It was noted the Shenandoah Volunteer Rescue Squad's recent statistics indicated they only missed 3 out of 85 calls and 2 of those missed were while assisting other agencies out of Town.

- 10) Received upcoming events as follows: **September 16 from 4 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.** at Shenandoah Rescue One Squad - **BBQ Chicken Dinner with all the fixins.** Carry out available at \$8 each with children under 5 years old free; **September 18 at 6 p.m.** at Veterans Memorial South High Street, *Harrisonburg, VA*, **12th Annual POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony** sponsored by Veteran POW/MIA Riders, Inc. in association with American Legion Post 188; **September 19 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.** at Shenandoah Speedway - **Shenandoah Heritage Car Show and Family Fun Day**- *no gate fee, \$15 per vehicle entered in show to benefit Stevens Cottage property - all family fun activities are free* - food sales to benefit local non-profits; **October 1 from 9 a.m. until Noon** at Stanley Fire Hall - FREE entrepreneurial business and management workshop with practical information covering key elements of business startup and expansion. Register at <http://events.vastartup.org> or call 540-333-6704.
- 11) **Special Benefit for Lexi Rucker - September 26 at 9:30 a.m. - 8th Annual Jason Breeden Poker Run to benefit Lexi Rucker. Blue Ridge Powersports in Harrisonburg \$20/bike \$5 rider (Rain Date: September 27) Pink bows** are also being sold with the \$2 bow large enough for a mailbox and the \$3 bow large enough for a tree or post. People are asked to "paint" the Town in Lexi's favorite pink by displaying the pink bows. All proceeds benefit the Lexi Rucker family as she is currently still undergoing treatment at Duke in North Carolina. Poker Run information available by contacting Cathy Breeden at 540-421-3330 or to order bows contact Heather Meadows at 244-0651 or message Monica Brewer on Facebook.
- 12) Heard the sidewalk will be repaired soon near the post office; VDOT will be repairing the sidewalk in the tunnel on 602 soon and they are reviewing the tunnel itself for any needed repairs, VDOT is still tar and graveling several streets in Town.
- 13) Heard a meeting will be set up soon with Town and Council representatives to discuss machinery and tools taxes and other programs available for local industry requesting assistance.
- 14) Mike Uram provided Council with some graphs and information related to the Transient Occupancy Tax Fund.
- 15) Parks and Recreation News: English Ivy will be planted on the steep bank at Big Gem Park; Heard the Town will still need to assist the Beautification Committee with watering plants in the flower pots and flowerbeds until further notice; Authorized requesting Page County allocate \$50,000 from the Transient Occupancy Tax funds to construct a permanent handicap restroom at Big Gem Park (note: these funds can only be used for tourism

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related purposes and this park is a large tourist draw for the Town).

- 16) Heard the Shenandoah Marketplace food vendor has obtained the required health permits to serve food at their regular events.
- 17) Mayor Lucas reported he recently attended a dinner meeting with representatives of the Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative and local officials where they heard updates on the plans for continued electric line maintenance and upgrades.