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- 1) Approved using \$60,000 of the Capital Improvement Checking Account funds to pay off loans for the Hydro Jetter Machine; the Ford Explorer; and approximately \$33,000 toward a principle on the 2016 Ford Pickup (leaving just \$17,000 on this vehicle loan). This will save the Town almost \$3,000 interest charges. NOTE: It was discussed the remaining \$17,000 on the 2016 Ford Pickup, may be refinanced to lower the payment, and it will be reviewed again in June to determine if there is enough in the savings accounts to pay off the remainder of this loan too.
- 2) Authorized extending Waste Movers contract for refuse removal for another three (3) years, July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019, in the amount of \$289,800.00.
- 3) At the request of the Shenandoah Volunteer Fire Company 70, the Town will include notices in the newsletters, websites, etc. to remind citizens whenever there is a major fire in or near Town, there will be periods of time some areas will experience low to no water. As the tankers are filling up at the fire hydrants, it causes the nearby homes to have little to no water for short periods of time. The Town asks for citizen and business cooperation and understanding during these brief periods of need. Any questions or complaints of low water pressure should be directed to the Town Hall at 540-652-8164.
- 4) Received a congratulatory letter from Senator Mark Obenshain for the Shenandoah Computer Center (Supervised by Joyce Fluharty) receiving the 2015 VML Achievement Award. Senator Obenshain noted the Town Computer Center does an excellent job of providing Internet service to the public and exceeded the criteria for emphasizing innovation, efficiency and entrepreneurship. The Computer Center is located at 411 Second Street, Shenandoah, VA and is open to the public. There is a charge of \$12 per year (also payable at \$1 per month) for people to use the Internet connected computers at the center. They also host low cost (\$10 or \$25) classes from beginners to various programs and genealogy research. Call 540-652-8773 or find more info at www.TownOfShenandoah.com
- 5) Received notice of the 3rd Annual Easter Breakfast to benefit the Shenandoah Volunteer Fire Company 70. The event will be held Sunday, March 27 from 6:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Shenandoah Community Center. Carry outs are available and prices are \$8 for ages 12 and over or \$6 for ages 6 to 12 years. Under 6 years old are free. Full menu includes scrambled eggs, fresh sausage, bacon, scrapple, fried potatoes, pancakes, biscuits, gravy, fruit salad, coffee, tea, water or orange juice. Contact SVFC 70 Member at 383-9031 or 560-4016 for more information.

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- 6) Work Orders requested: Possible water leak on Maryland Avenue between 10th and 11th Streets; possible water leak on Denver and 340; remove the dirt pile and clean up area from water leak repair on Denver and 6th; fill in holes in roadway on Junior Avenue and J Street where a water leak was recently repaired.
- 7) Requested VDOT take the necessary corrective action to prevent water from pooling along Shenandoah River Road. The slope was changed recently - per VDOT requirements - when the new water line was installed, but it is causing water to pool along the road causing a hazard for motorists.
- 8) Due to recent incidents, Council requested additional preventative measures be implemented to increase the security of Town Hall and office staff.
(NOTE: Town Hall will begin closing for lunch between Noon and 1 p.m. daily to ensure there is always more than one staff member on site during open business hours. This new policy will begin on March 1, 2016. There is a night deposit box for bill payments during this hour or after regular hours and weekends.)
- 9) Parks and Recreation News: Big Gem Park will remain closed until the flood damage is cleaned up and the drainage pipes can be repaired.
- 10) Tactical Walls was welcomed by Town Council and staff recently and interviews were conducted at Town Hall by WHSV TV3. This new industry/business purchased the former Genie building on Williams Avenue. Tactical Walls brings with them 25 current employees. This growing company plans to hire more employees in future years. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled at the plant soon and more information about this new industry/business is available at www.TacticalWalls.com
- 11) Heard Treasurer Breeden and Police Chief Davis have been working on updates to the employee handbook and other items to improve the Town's risk management rating under its VML Insurance. The Town's rating is already very good, but 100% rating would save thousands on the premium each year.
- 12) Heard vandals traveled throughout many local Towns recently and damaged some vehicle and business windows with what appeared to be a pellet gun. Several different police departments are working these cases and suspects are being investigated. Anyone having information on these crimes should contact their local police department. Shenandoah Police non-emergency number is 540-652-8193. (Emergency number 911)
- 13) Approved water and sewer connections from James Lowe for a new home on lot 35 of the Forest Knolls Subdivision. More lots are available for new homes. For info email yoderm25@gmail.com