

- 1) Presented an Appreciation of Service Plaque to Reverend Stephen and Debbie Creech for the past 19 years of service to the Shenandoah community. The Creechs' served at Christ United and Fields Methodist Churches and recently relocated to Bridgewater Virginia.
- 2) Authorized a five percent (5%) salary increase, effective with the next payroll, for T. A. Pendleton, III, for successfully passing the exam and obtaining his Waterworks III Operator's License. Congratulations TA!
- 3) Received a report from Joyce Fluharty regarding the grant writing seminar she attended. She is in the first stages of learning the process and researching grant opportunities on behalf of the Town. Setting up foundations is one way to receive funding for specified projects and this will be explored more in the future.
- 4) Received the July 2016 Town Vehicle Gasoline Report for review.
- 5) Received the July 2016 Town Website Statistics, which indicated pages were viewed 10,733 times and unique visitors were logged at 3,842.
- 6) Received the July 2016 Police Report for review.
- 7) Received information that people can now text keyword PAGETIPS to #274637 to report illegal activities (or call 911 for emergencies) in Page County. The tip line is an initiative of PACA and more information may be found at [pagecoalition.org](http://pagecoalition.org). Their main objective is to keep families and communities safe from underage drinking and drug abuse.
- 8) Agreed to accept handcrafted *adult made* holiday ornaments with a *train* theme. The Council will choose a winner and it will be forwarded to the state to be displayed on the tree in the Executive Mansion to represent Virginia Cities and Towns. The remaining ornaments will be displayed on a tree at Town Hall. The Guidelines for submitted ornaments include: **Open to Shenandoah (or nearby) residents who are 18 years old or over, submit hand-crafted ornament in a train theme, no larger than six (6) inches in any dimension, and not too heavy to allow it to hang on the tree. The ornament material is the artisan's choice. Ornaments must be submit to the Town Hall by 5 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2016.**
- 9) Agreed to submit a draft of the short-term rental ordinance to Town Attorney Blatt for review. Public hearings will be scheduled in the future before this ordinance can be inserted into the Town Code.
- 10) Hunter Education Courses will be held 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Luray VFW on September 18 & 25 and the Shenandoah VFW on October 16 & 23. There is a pre-test requirement before attending classes. More information at [www.dgif.virginia.gov](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov) (under education tab) or Steve Rodgers at 540-471-2878 or 540-652-6393.

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- 11) Approved water and sewer connections for new houses at 918 Junior Avenue and 252 High Knoll Terrace.
- 12) Heard the public works has been working very short-handed with several employees on sick leave, but still are repairing water leaks and keeping things running smoothly. Thanks public work employees for your extra hard work!
- 13) Council authorized Town Manager Dovel to begin the search for an engineering firm capable of studying the Town's water system and present ways to gain access to more water to serve Town residents and businesses, especially during times when the water tanks are out of service for cleaning or repairs. Page County GIS has already mapped the entire water and sewer system for the Town, which will assist in this process.
- 14) Work order requested for VDOT to trim more trees along Maryland Avenue after the Tenth Street intersection.
- 15) Potholes continue to reoccur in the street under the railroad tunnel on Maryland Avenue. VDOT has yet to find a solution to this problem where water constantly drips and causes the street pavement to erode.
- 16) Received the July 2016 Town Budget Reports for review.
- 17) Heard GT's Smoke Wagon held their grand opening and ribbon cutting this week and are now open Monday through Saturday at 119 Maryland Avenue in Shenandoah. Currently they are closed on Sundays, but that may change in the future. They offer catering services in addition to their regular menu offerings. Find them on Facebook or call owner Gary Thayer at 540-271-1243.
- 18) Heard the Page County Board of Supervisors offered additional funding for the Small Business Development Center staff to spend more time in Page County assisting business owners. A meeting is set for Friday, August 26, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. at the Shenandoah Community Center to discuss business related issues and concerns with Shenandoah and nearby businesses. Everyone is invited to attend and express their views and questions regarding business related matters. The Small Business Development Center has many free programs to assist businesses and more information is available at their website [ValleySBDC.org](http://ValleySBDC.org) or call them at 540-568-3227.
- 19) Heard the 12 U Shenandoah All Star Girls Softball Team is competing in the World Series Championship in Florida. They previously won the Virginia State Title and the Southeast Regional Title. (NOTE: On Wednesday, August 10th the Shenandoah 12 U Girls won the World Series Championship! Congratulations to the team and coaches!)
- 20) Mike Uram stated the Town of Stanley would provide any information available and engineering references to assist Shenandoah with their research of the Town's water system.