

- 1) Wayman Comer, Jr. addressed Council regarding the Town policy which requires people to pay the water and sewer connection fees upfront, prior to the Town approving a zoning permit for construction of a new house. He requested the Town consider allowing the release of zoning permits for new home construction *prior* to the water and sewer connection fees being paid. The request was denied as the Town initiated this policy because homes were being constructed, water being connected and used, and the Town did not receive connection fees until the homes were sold. Mr. Comer further requested Council consider amending the Town Code to allow a different setback requirement for homes on a corner lot (where they have to meet front yard setbacks from both streets). However, the Town Code already contains a variance procedure for small lots that cannot meet current setbacks and cannot be used otherwise.
- 2) Approved the consolidation of lots request for Timmy and Tiffany Kite, which will make it possible for one (1) home to be constructed on this property located at the intersection of Eighth Street and Osceola Avenue.
- 3) Mayor Lucas and several Council Members will attend the public meetings VDOT is holding on October 25, 2016, at 4 p.m. at Blue Ridge Community College. Several businesses were directly impacted when VDOT recently lowered the weight limit on the Milnes Bridge (Rt. 602-over the river). VDOT then did a more in-depth inspection and increased the weight limit more which allowed the business in Town to continue operating, but Council desires to discuss the current plans for this bridge and the possibility of it being relocated in the future. The current bridge location also requires traffic to travel through a railroad tunnel that has a height restriction which prevents access in or out of Town for large trucks and emergency service vehicles.
- 4) Received notice the 2nd Annual Fall Senior Page County TRIAD Conference will be held at 9 a.m. on Thursday, October 27, 2016, at the Christ United Methodist Church, 211 Central Avenue, Shenandoah, VA. *All Senior Citizens and local officials are invited* to attend this meeting to hear topics relating to mental health, hearing, and updates on scams and crimes targeting senior citizens. Vendors will also have displays of their products or services. There will be a free meal provided by the church immediately following the meeting. More information may be obtained by contacting Sergeant Steve Owens at 540-843-3382.
- 5) Received information regarding the Harvest Dinner to be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016, at 6 p.m., at Stevens Cottage. Tickets are \$15 each and available by calling 540-742-1141. The dinner benefits Argi-Business and Agri-Tourism Scholarships at Luray and Page County High Schools.
- 6) Received information regarding the cruise in scheduled for October 22, 2016, at 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at North Side Diner. (Weather permitting) No registration fees, door prizes, and 50/50 drawings. Contact Bonnie Taylor at 540-778-3349 for more information.
- 7) VML is sponsoring an Essay Contest "If I Were Mayor" for 7th Grade Students in

Virginia. Details are available at Town Hall or contact the 7th Grade English or Social Studies Teachers.

- 8) Heard Public Works installed about 100 feet of one-inch water line to serve Mamma Mia's since the line kept breaking there recently. They have also been busy repairing water leaks throughout Town and have a few more to repair this week.
- 9) Heard the shelter at Big Gem Park has been rented a lot recently and was rented Friday, Saturday, and Sunday this past weekend for different events.
- 10) Requested an update from VDOT regarding the device to be installed on the traffic light to allow for emergency vehicles to automatically stop traffic until they proceed through the traffic light when responding to emergency calls.
- 11) Authorized sending the 7-Eleven another best wishes dish garden since they are under new management now.
- 12) Mike Uram stated he is glad to hear the Town is planning to attend the VDOT public meetings regarding the bridge issues, because this route is vital to commerce not only in Shenandoah, but throughout Page County too. He offered to attend with Shenandoah representatives and Council noted their appreciation for his assistance. Mr. Uram also noted he would check with Stanley regarding their policy on when utility connection fees are paid and report back to the Town later.