

## Town Council Actions October 11, 2016

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- 1) Joyce Fluharty has been researching grant opportunities for the Town. She reported most federal and state grants require a 20% match and also, require the Town to pay for and complete the engineering study and/or plans upfront too. She explained there are private company grants that often do not require a monetary match and Council requested she pursue some of those. Also, she will research the possibility of grants for developing an entrance road and construction of an emergency services building with a community recreation center attached. It was noted the Master Plan for Big Gem Park includes this structure too.
- 2) Accepted the high bid in the amount of \$3,600, from Carl Kite, for the 2007 Ford Explorer. Thanked the police officers for the excellent job they did in cleaning up this vehicle and preparing it for sale.
- 3) Reappointed Russell Comer, Jr. and Steve Blake to four year terms on the Town Industrial Development Authority. Their new terms expire: November 13, 2020.
- 4) Heard the Chamber of Commerce's 90th Annual Banquet is scheduled for November 3, 2016, at 6 p.m. Businesses who are Chamber of Commerce Members are eligible for awards in several categories. Nominations for the awards are due by October 21, 2016.
- 5) The September 2016 Website Statistics were received for review. This report indicated the website was viewed 10,270 times in September with businesses and the events calendar being the most popular pages. Google was the most popular search engine used to find our Town website.
- 6) The September 2016 Town Vehicle Gasoline Log was received for review.
- 7) The September 2016 Police Report was received for review.
- 8) Received a flyer indicating October 13, 2016 is Customer Appreciation Day at Blue Ridge Bank. They will have free refreshments and door prizes from the bank and local businesses.
- 9) The September 2016 Budget Reports were received for review.
- 10) Requested VDOT clean out several drains in Town.
- 11) Authorized \$1,500 for a Virginia Retirement System Study for enhanced retirement plans for hazardous duty positions in the police department.
- 12) Authorized relocating the donor names from the retaining wall at Veterans Park to a location where they can be seen by those visiting the park. Also, an index of the engraved bricks is being developed to provide a way for people to find bricks in the wall, since they are not in alphabetical order.

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- 13) There are a couple of properties that are being renovated and will be eligible for a Community Enhancement Award soon. Mayor Lucas and Council Members urged citizens to contact them if they know of anyone doing exterior renovations or landscaping projects at their property, so they may be considered for this award.
  
- 14) Mayor Lucas and several Council Members plan to attend the VDOT public meeting on October 25, 2016, at 4 p.m., at the Blue Ridge Community College and request they repair the existing bridge as soon as possible. The Council has a joint public hearing regarding the new Short Term Rental Ordinance scheduled in Shenandoah with the Planning Commission the same evening at 7 p.m., so they will ensure a quorum is present by 7 p.m. in Town.