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- 1) Held the semi-annual Shenandoah Wireless Broadband Authority meeting. Two meetings a year are required to keep the authority active. No action was taken at this meeting.
- 2) Awarded the June Community Enhancement Award to Kevin Olinger for recent landscaping and improvements to his property at 702 Sixth Street.
- 3) Denied a request from Robert Teevans to waive the peddler license fee to sell educational materials door to door. Town Code requires anyone selling in Town to obtain a peddler license and pay the fee.
- 4) Authorized a \$1,000 a year salary increase for Rodney Hensley who obtained the rank of Corporal by successfully working for the Town for four years, effective with the next payroll.
- 5) Authorized a five (5%) percent salary increase for Jeff Courtney who will successfully surpass his six-month probationary period, effective with the next payroll.
- 6) Authorized Treasurer Breeden and Town Manager Dovel to deposit the June 30, 2016, balance of the Parks and Recreation Budget line item to the General Capital Improvement Checking Account to be used on future needs.
- 7) Received a recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding amendments to the Town Capital Improvement Plan for 2018-2023. Council agreed to remove the backup generators for the well and sewer plant, since this work has all been completed now. Council decided to leave the water line from the river to be placed on First Street or nearby area, as it was intended to offer more fire suppression and use for the entire Town.
- 8) Received a recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding amendments to the Town Code for short term rentals, on all floors, of commercially zoned properties. In addition to the Planning Commission recommendations, the Council decided to add the short term rental would also require a minimum of two-stories. The Council did not take any action on moving forward with the recommendation until more research could be conducted. The proposed amendments for short term rentals would also require a legal review before any public hearings could be conducted. The Town Council will discuss this matter again at a future meeting.
- 9) Planning Commission Vice Chairman Yoder stated the intent, for the new code amendments for short term rentals, is to offer protection for the Town and its businesses. He stated currently tourist homes are restricted to rental to three (3) or more people on the first floor of a commercially zoned

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property. The new amendments would take that restriction away, but would put more restrictions to help protect the Town and nearby properties too.

- 10) Shen Valley Family Practice is expanding their hours beginning July 1st. They will be open Mondays & Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. until 5 p.m. They also have a 24/7 scheduling line at 540-652-2015. The office is located at 422 First St., Shenandoah. Mr. Yoder invited everyone to the grand opening/ribbon cutting on July 30.
- 11) Upcoming Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies: **Shen Valley Family Practice at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 30th** 422 First Street, Shenandoah, (free blood pressure checks, health screenings, calendars & pens, plus free chair massages, refreshments and snacks); **Luray Chiropractic & Acupuncture at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 25th**, 303 East Main Street, Luray; **The Mimslyn Inn's Manor House & Cottages at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 22nd**, 401 West Main Street, Luray.
- 12) Authorized \$4,676 to purchase an Altitude Valve for One-way flow at the Tenth Street Water storage tank. The valve is about 30 years old and they have been operating it manually to keep water in the tanks.
- 13) Received information from DePaul Community Resources regarding Foster Parents needed. Foster parents are provided supportive caseworker; 24-hour availability for assistance; training; social, and recreational activities; respite care; medical, dental, and clothing needs as well as room and board payment and a tax-free stipend for each child. Foster Parents provide a stable, safe and caring home environment for children in need. More information is available at depauldifference.org or by calling 540-437-0033.
- 14) Received a thank you letter from the Gus Bus for the Town's donation to their organization. The Gus Bus provides local early literacy initiatives in Page County.
- 15) Received information regarding the Free Family Outdoor Movie Night being presented on Saturday, July 16 (rain date is July 30) at 7:30 p.m. at the Ralph Dean Recreation Park in Luray. The movie, popcorn and drink are all free and sponsored by Sprint and the Town of Luray. Visit Sprint at 2 East Luray Shopping Center to receive free entrance and free popcorn and drink tickets. The movie being shown on a 26 foot screen is Inside Out.
- 16) Work Order: Possible water leak near 429 Fourth Street.
- 17) Discussed the street repairs needed and noted the Town will save a lot of money by putting in cold patch now and tamping it down. VDOT has promised to patch the areas where water leaks were repaired soon.

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- 18) Heard the flags on the light poles will be straightened up soon and then the Town will take them down after the Fourth of July.
- 19) Heard the street into Autumn Ridge Apartments is in dire need of repairs. It was previously located in Page County, but would have to be brought up to VDOT specifications, in order for it to be maintained by VDOT. Mayor Lucas will contact the property owner to determine if there is anything they will do about the street repairs needed.
- 20) Chief Davis reported his vehicle was damaged by a cow in the roadway when he was responding to assist with a missing juvenile case. He explained the insurance company is handling the matter and he will either be driving the Town's car or a rental until his is repaired or replaced.
- 21) Parks and Recreation News: Heard the easement with the phone company has been recorded and the site work has been started to install the water line at Big Gem Park to service a future restroom building. The sewer extension does not require an easement.; All of the erosion control plants have been installed at Big Gem Park now.
- 22) Heard the Town hired a part-time person for the Public Works Department to assist with the extra duties.
- 23) Heard the Town lost a well pump in a lightning storm recently. The Town's insurance should pay for the replacement costs.
- 24) Heard Mayor Lucas and Councilmen Comer, Pierce, and Hinkle will ride in the Stanley Homecoming Parade on Saturday, July 2nd.