

- 1) Luray-Page County Chamber of Commerce President Gina Hilliard presented updates from the Chamber and all of their outreach programs and events. She explained that the Chamber includes an elected Board of Directors, Tourism Council, Chamber Staff, Volunteers and Ambassadors. The Chamber was founded in 1926 and now has 391 Members covering all of Page County. Their mission is, "To serve our members by enhancing business and tourism throughout the entire county"; their vision is, "To be the organization where our business community turns for leadership and business resources"; and their motto is, "Live, Work, Shop, Play". The 2016 statistics include 75,870 unique hits to their websites, 14,703 walk-ins at the visitor center, 3,734 phone calls, and mailed 11,282 visitor guides (plus distributed throughout the state and beyond). The full list of events, marketing ventures, and all the Chamber efforts to bring tourists to our community, help grow existing businesses, and assist local non-profits is available by contacting Gina Hilliard at gina.hilliard@luraypage.com or call the Chamber at 540-743-3915.
- 2) Chamber President Hilliard also stated the outdoor movie nights will be extended this year to all three (3) Towns in the County. The first one will be in Shenandoah on June 24th at the Shenandoah Ballpark. There will be vendors and along with the free movie. The other movie nights will be held in July and August in Luray and Stanley.
- 3) Council authorized a payment plan over a six-month period for a citizen with a water bill over \$600. The citizen will be required to pay their regular bill, plus the additional payment in order to keep water service at their residence.
- 4) Appointed Arthur Franklin "Todd" Stroupe to the Town Planning Commission for a term ending November 8, 2018.
- 5) Adopted a Resolution to authorize the purchase of the property located at 200 Virginia Avenue, for the sum of \$11,000. This property is a vacant lot located at the intersection of Virginia Avenue and Second Street and provides access to the Post Office loading dock, parking for mail vehicles, and will be available for Town events as well. A majority of the Council felt the purchase of this property would allow for the continued operations of the Post Office, that the purchase was in the interest of the public, and the purchase would advance the Town's public uses and public facilities, including its land use goals for the future.
- 6) Received the monthly website statistics for December 2016, indicating the Town website had a total of 12,885 page views, with the events calendar being the most popular page viewed. Google was the most popular search engine used to bring people to the Town website at www.TownOfShenandoah.com
- 7) Received the December 2016 Police Report for review. Also, received the year-end cumulative totals for the Police Department.

- 8) Received the Accomplishments for 2016, which listed projects and events throughout Town during the past year. 2016 saw 6 new businesses open in Town; several new business initiatives, upgrades or expansions to local parks, the Computer Center held classes, began selling books written and compiled by Joyce Fluharty, and photo ornaments and calendars created by the center using your photos. The full list is available upon request.
- 9) Received the December 2016 Town Vehicle Gasoline Log for review.
- 10) Received notice of the Introduction to Excel class beginning January 24, 2017, from 4 until 5 p.m. for 5 weeks. The fee for the class is just \$10. Seating is limited and those interested in taking this course should call 540-652-8773 as soon as possible to sign up.
- 11) Received notice of the Farm2Fork Affair, which is an event to join local producers with consumers and is being held on March 6, 2017, from Noon until 4 p.m. at the Mimslyn Inn. Questions may directed to Stephanie Lillard at 540-743-6674 or email slillard@pagecounty.virginia.gov
- 12) The Mimslyn Inn is planning a dinner on March 5, 2017 with a menu of locally sourced ingredients. The following day on March 6th is the Farm2Fork event detailed above.
- 13) Approved \$4,500 for Knotts Roofing to repair damaged boards and replace the shingles on the roof of the sewer plant building.
- 14) Chief Davis reported the Police Department is about at the halfway point of raising the funds needed for a new police dog.
- 15) Received the Budget Reports through December 2016 for review.
- 16) Heard Councilman Jenkins was attending the meeting in Waynesboro this evening to determine if Shenandoah would be eligible for any of the funding being given out by DuPont for river restoration and environmental projects along the rivers.
- 17) Heard Councilmen Pierce and Hinkle recently attended a meeting regarding the new development in Elkton. The development is being partnered through the VA and NFL for the new treatment facility and it will likely to have some impacts on Shenandoah and Page County for the overflow of tourists in the area due to the new development. More information on the development is available at their website: www.blueridgeprojects.com
- 18) Mike Uram wished everyone a Happy 2017 and stated he was very pleased with the excellent job the Shenandoah Mayor and Council does for the community.
- 19) Councilman Lowe accepted all the Committee positions vacated by Councilman Comer and Councilman Fox will also serve on the Streets and Public Property Committee.

The Committee Members for 2017 is as follows:

Water & Sewer: Chairman William Kite, Charles Jenkins and I. Michael Lowe. **Streets &**

Public Property: Chairman William Kite, Lynn Fox, David Hinkle, and I. Michael Lowe.

Police, Safety, & Judicial: Chairman William Kite, David Hinkle, and Charles Jenkins.

Taxation & Finance: Chairman Richard Pierce, William Kite, and Lynn Fox. **Parks &**

Recreation: Chairman Jenkins, I. Michael Lowe, and Richard Pierce. **Industrial, Economic**

Development, & Procurement: Chairman Charles Jenkins, I. Michael Lowe, and Richard

Pierce. **Community Service:** Chairman William Kite, Charles Jenkins, and Richard Pierce.

Personnel: Chairman Richard Pierce, David Hinkle, and Charles Jenkins.