

- 1) Hunter Lucke addressed Council regarding his tenant's water bill. He noted the new residents in his rental house forgot to pay their water bill (after 2 notices were sent) and it was placed in the system for disconnection. He expressed displeasure for the Town's policy of shutting water off so quickly and noted it was too harsh. Also, he felt not allowing a payment by a personal check, for accounts that are disconnected, is not fair either. Council explained disconnecting water service is everyone's least favorite part of the system, but having this policy in place is the only way to ensure all residents are treated fairly and equally. (Note: Regular water account payments can be made by personal check, money order, cash, debit, or credit card. Customer's accounts that have been disconnected for non-payment may pay by cash, money order, debit or credit card to have the service restored.)
- 2) Authorized \$100 donation to the Page County High School Music Boosters.
- 3) Authorized Town Spring Clean Up for April 3-13, 2017. Residents of the Town may call Town Hall and schedule a curbside pick up of items too large for their regular trash removal. *The deadline to schedule a pick up will be April 12th*. We will accept old furniture, appliances, mowers, etc. Sorry we cannot accept tires, brush, or remodeling debris. Call Town Hall at 540-652-8164 to schedule the pickup of items at your curb.
- 4) Approved the officers for the Shenandoah Volunteer Fire Company 70 as follows: President Roy Smith, Jr.; Vice President John Jenkins; Secretary Timmy Sublett; Treasurer David Huffman; Chaplain Ernie Shifflett; Chief Dustin Lucas; Assistant Chief James Williams; Captain Brian Sherfey; First Lieutenant Lester Hensley; Second Lieutenant Zack Wells; Third Lieutenant Ernie Shifflett; Chief Truck Driver Gary Taylor; EMS Officer Dustin Lucas; Chief Fire Warden Billy Foltz; Wardens Bobby Comer, Sr.; John Jenkins; and Timmy Sublett.
- 5) Received a report of the accomplishments of the Page Alliance for Community Action (PACA), which has many programs to combat the abuse of drugs and alcohol with the youth of our community. More information is available at their website: <http://www.pagecoalition.org/> or by contacting Megan Gordon at 540-742-9386 or email: mgordon@pagecounty.k12.va.us
- 6) Received the Friends of the Shenandoah River Newsletter detailing their past and future projects. Volunteer river water monitors are needed and more information may be obtained at their website www.fosr.org or by contacting Karen Anderson at kanderson@fosr.org or by calling her at 540-665-1286.
- 7) Family Wellness Program in Page County is holding a program to offer more strategies for parents of teens to help with communication and making a more positive parent/teen relationship. The seven-week program meets at 6 p.m. on Thursday beginning March 16-May 4 at Luray High School. Admission is free and more

information is available by contacting Bobbi Wells at 540-743-3750 or Megan Gordon at 540-742-9386.

- 8) Received notice of the 20th Anniversary Celebration being planned for Mamma Mia's Italian Restaurant on February 9th. (Inclement weather date: 2/16/17) The 20th Anniversary plans for February 9th include: 1/2 price 11 a.m. until 9 p.m.; Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 5:30 p.m.; Free Wine Tastings from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.; Giveaways for gift cards, apparel and more with drawings held both in the AM and PM.
- 9) Authorized \$5,500 to purchase the K-9 police dog and training for Officer Courtney. Chief Davis noted they need about \$2,000 more in donations to be able to cover all costs with donations. (Note: The total cost of the dog is \$7,500 and Council previously approved using \$2,000 in donations to pay the down payment on the new police dog.)
- 10) Committee Chairman Jenkins reported the following Parks and Recreation News: **Big Gem Park** - There is \$6,200 remaining in the donations fund for a new restroom at Big Gem Park. These funds may be used to extend the sewer line to the site for the new building and possibly install the foundation for the future structure. The water line has already been extended to the site using the \$10,000 donated by Page County for this purpose. (Local schools will be contacted to determine if they have programs to assist with building the structure needed. Also, the quarry and concrete company will be contacted to determine if they will donate the stone and concrete needed.) **Veterans Park** - There is \$10,000 in the donation funds for future expansions, maintenance and upkeep at the park. It was noted future plans include an information kiosk with a list of the names and a plaque to recognize the previous donors to the park. **River Park** - There is \$500 remaining in the donation fund for the walking track and the track pavement needs to be sealed soon. The settlement from Dupont is mostly spoken for in their master plan and is mainly being used in or around Waynesboro for upgrades to the river and facilities in that area, which was closest to the contamination. Committee Chairman Jenkins was disappointed to learn the Towns along the Shenandoah River were not contacted prior to their master plan being developed on use of the funds, but there is the possibility the Town's River Park could see some of the funding. Comments will be submitted prior to the deadline of January 30th to relay the Town's desires for portions of the funds that may still be available.
- 11) Committee Chairman Jenkins reported the following Economic Development News: The grand opening/ribbon cutting was held at **Marina's Tropical Restaurant** on Monday, January 23rd and everyone was very pleased with the taste and quality of the food offered in the samples served. The restaurant has been remodeled to give it the feel of the islands and the menu selections are mainly based off island fare including seafood, meats and unique vegetables and fresh fruits. They also serve smoothies made from fresh tropical fruits. Visit them today at 211 Quincy Avenue, Shenandoah, VA 22849.; New construction company in Town is **RJF Construction** (Jim Printz) specializing in custom home building and remodeling. Visit them at

www.rjfconstruct.com or call them today at 540-652-3260 or 703-969-5115.;

Tactical Walls has a new product line of coffee tables, end tables, and night stands for your "hidden in plain sight" home defense needs. Check them out today at their website: **www.tacticalwalls.com**

- 12) Heard the dinner to recognize First Responders (Police, Fire, and Rescue) was held on January 21st and Town Businesses were very generous in the gift cards and items they donated for the door prizes. There were enough door prizes for everyone in attendance. The Town paid for the meal and the members of Christ United Methodist and Fields United Methodist Community Focus Group prepared and served the meal. The cost of the meal ran over budget by \$72.99 and Fox Lawn and Garden donated the funds to pay the overage.