

- 1) Chamber of Commerce President Gina Hilliard presented updates from her office. With almost 400 members, the Chamber staff has been very busy making visits and promoting the members businesses; for the 7th consecutive year, the Chamber won the VTC Grant with this year's \$25,000 designated for their marketing campaigns; they have participated in many ribbon cuttings for grand openings and anniversaries, including Mamma Mia's 20th Anniversary celebration; they have held many other special events and regular meetings too; their tourists counts are up for walk-ins, call-ins, downloads and mail out of the visitor's guides, their website traffic continues to increase with 40,000 web visitors; over 100 students recently attended the Chamber sponsored Job Fair; Shenandoah's 20th Anniversary Festival and Parade in honor of Memorial Day will be featured in an upcoming radio show and the Town is paying the small fee for the brochures of the event to be included in the Chamber Newsletter, which is mailed to almost 400 business members, the Chamber will have an entry in the parade too; Outdoor Movies are planned in Shenandoah, Stanley, and Luray beginning with the one in Shenandoah on June 24th, the movie will be shown on a large 26 foot screen and will be free. Each attendee will also receive a free popcorn and drink and there will be kid/family vendors prior to the movie being shown. The entire event is free thanks to many generous sponsors.
- 2) Adopted the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$2,183,913.00 (public hearing was held April 11, 2017).
- 3) Authorized selling to the highest bidder the following surplus vehicles that had been previously advertised for sealed bids: 1990 Chevy Pickup Truck to Wayne Dovel for \$401.50 and selling the 1987 GMC Dump Truck (for parts) to Odell Dovel for \$300.00. Council rejected bids for the 1987 Dodge Pickup Truck and decided to use it for another year or so (but make no major repairs to it during this time).
- 4) Reviewed a copy of an article from Virginia Town & City regarding revitalization of communities from the Shenandoah Vision and Economic Team. Heard the team members are almost at the point of holding community meetings to enlist the assistance of volunteers to begin work on specific topics to help grow the Shenandoah community for business and citizens benefit. More details will follow whenever the dates are set for the meetings.
- 5) Received an invitation to the Annual Spring Dinner from the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission to be held on May 18th at 5 p.m. at Lord Fairfax Community College in Middletown.
- 6) Received notice of the free community wellness and healthy living event to be held on Sunday, April 30th from 1 until 4 p.m. at the Stanley SDA School Gymnasium. Free health screenings, information on food and cooking, allergies, hearing loss, and sleep apnea will be presented.
- 7) Received a thank you card from Christi Reisinger for the Town sending a dish garden

for her new business Custom Touches, which is located in the old mill building at 507 First Street. Custom Touches does window treatments, blinds, and upholstery work. Contact them today at: 540-820-5548 or customtouchesbyChristi@gmail.com

- 8) Received a thank you card from Boy Scout Troop 8 for the Town's donation to their organization.
- 9) Councilman Jenkins provided the following Economic Report: **Hopeful News:** A small light manufacturer of custom-made items is exploring a 2,000 square foot plant to be constructed on his industrially zoned land in Town. The company is currently located near northern Virginia and the owner has purchased a home in Shenandoah. He is now exploring relocating the business to our Town. The Enterprise Zone and other incentives were one of the deciding factors in the possible business relocation. He has obtained all information from the Town and County and is in the process of completing applications for water, sewer, zoning, building, and VDOT entrance permits. More details will be available if the applications are returned.; **Karen's Frozen Favorites is celebrating their 20th Anniversary in Town.** Details will follow soon as the events being planned, but one will be the anniversary ribbon cutting to be scheduled soon.; **The Shenandoah Economic/Vision Team Members (Volunteers)** are about to hold their last meeting and finalize details for a community meeting soon. They have decided two community meetings would be necessary and likely held on a weekday evening and a Saturday morning to try to garner volunteers from the community to work on the various categories they have outlined thus far. Notes from their last meeting are attached for everyone's review of the items this volunteer group has been working on in the past. Mayor and Council noted their appreciation to the Shenandoah Valley Small Business Development Center staff for facilitating these meetings and providing all the technical support. Additional thanks to the Page County Board of Supervisors for providing additional funding for the SBDC to do extra economic work in Page County; **Creation of a Technology Zone will be discussed again this year.** This would require public hearings to be included in the Town Code. Technology Zones would be located on commercial or industrially zoned properties where there is current development or the likelihood of future development. The incentives in a Technology Zone could be created on a case-by-case basis to meet the needs of a specific business.; **Reminder:** The Shenandoah Valley Small Business Development Center is ready to assist prospective and existing businesses. Most of their services are free and the contact information may be obtained at Town Hall. They have programs and ideas for the *struggling businesses* to the *entrepreneurs* or those just starting out in business.
- 10) Received invitations to the following Ribbon Cuttings: **May 3rd at 10 a.m.** - 5th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting of Syntelligent Analytic Solutions at 320 N. Hawksbill Street in Luray; **May 6th at 10 a.m.** - Grand Opening for Cooter's Place in the Valley

at 4768 US Hwy 211, with Tom Wopat and Shenandoah Jamboree performing in the evening.; **May 12th at 4 p.m.** Hawsbill Brewing Company at 22 Zerkel Street in Luray (Page County's first brewery).

- 11) Received the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2016. The report provides valuable information about the Town's drinking water quality. The report indicated the Town is in full compliance with all water quality, monitoring, and reporting requirements, and no violations occurred in 2016. This report is available at [www.TownOfShenandoah.com](http://www.TownOfShenandoah.com) under the Water Quality Report tab on the homepage or by calling Town Hall at 540-652-8164 to receive a paper copy by mail.
- 12) Approved water and sewer connections for Steve Good on lot 36 of Forest Knolls Subdivision for a new home at this location.
- 13) Approved a water connection for William Vaughan on 11th Street. Mr. Vaughan currently has a well, but is connecting to Town water.
- 14) Heard Crime Solvers has disbanded. This was an organization that helped law enforcement by offering rewards for information leading to arrests.
- 15) Authorized purchase of a new cage for the canine unit in the amount of \$2,000. The department received an offer for a cage to be donated, but it was located out of state and would have cost almost as much to have it delivered here as the brand new one.
- 16) Committee Chairman Charlie Jenkins reported the following Parks and Recreation News: Clean the Bay Day was rained out, but the JMU Crew Club had previously collected 120 lbs of refuse as part of this event; authorized \$1,484 to do the electrical work needed at Big Gem Park for the pond; gazebo; and flowerbed electrical outlets.; adding electrical outlets at Veterans Park is being researched now; agreed to remove the shrubs from around the gazebo at Dog Park and stain the structures here; heard the pond fountain will be reinstalled soon, but they were hoping the new electrical boxes could be installed first.
- 17) Hired Sarah Dean as the new Town Clerk at a salary of \$18,000 per year with full benefits. Ms. Dean will begin her duties on May 8th.
- 18) Heard the 10th Street Water Tank inspection was all good and both tanks will be washed out again in 2018; public works department has been extremely busy with spring time maintenance needs, preparations for the 20th Annual Memorial Day Festival, in addition to their regular duties. Sheriff Cabbage has given the Town assistance with 2 inmate trustees, which has really helped the Town and saved a lot of money too.
- 19) Received a request from the Shenandoah Recreation League to name one of the ballpark fields Cardin Field in memory of Roy Cardin who recently passed away. Mr. Cardin was heavily involved in the Shenandoah Recreation League and area sports for

many years. The park name will remain the same Veterans Memorial Park, but Council is considering allowing one of the fields to be called Cardin Field. A decision should be made at the next Council meeting.

- 20) Mike Uram noted his appreciation for the Mayor and Council's work in Shenandoah. He stated he will attend the VDOT six-year plan meeting on Thursday, April 27 and he welcomed anyone from Shenandoah to attend with him. (Note: The bridge work needed in Shenandoah is supposed to be completed soon and is not part of the 6-year plan.)