

**MINUTES  
TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF SHENANDOAH  
FEBRUARY 27, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Shenandoah Town Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Clinton O. Lucas, Jr. presiding.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Council Members present were:** Mayor Clinton O. Lucas, Jr.; Vice Mayor William Kite; Council Members Denise Cave; I. Michael Lowe; Richard Pierce; and Christopher Reisinger.

**Council Members absent were:** Lynn Fox

**Other Town Officials present were:** Charles Jenkins, Town Manager; Paul Davis, Police Chief; and Angie Schrimsher, Town Clerk.

**Citizen's present were:** Kenny Pence, Ken Stanka, Donna Gwinn, Greg Gwinn, and Dorothy Faith Carlson.

**Media Representatives:** None

**AWARD PRESENTATION**

None during this period.

**RECEIVING OF VISITORS**

#1-Kenny Pence and Ken Stanka, from VFW gave a presentation to the town council about setting up a shooting range in the Town of Shenandoah. They would use low blast shooting #8 to lower the noise setting to lower the noise control. They are accepting donations to set up the shooting range. The size of the range would be 40x40 wide and 8 feet high. 5-6 people would be shooting one at a time. A twenty-two pistol and twenty-two rifle can be used. It will take a year to build, any suggestions and different methods welcomed. US Veterans Outreach Center they will supply the targets straw bales will be used. For security purposes a gate will be installed to lock the premises. Only a well trusted veteran will have a key, no one else will have a key to the gate. Police Chief will be notified once a month or every two months. Also, no shooting will be allowed on the premises when baseball games are playing on the field.

Councilman Reisinger inquired what time of day would their be shooting? Kenny Pence replied to the shooting would be open on Saturdays. Councilwoman Cave would a police officer have access to a key to the gate? A well trusted veteran would have access to the key. A police officer would be notified every month or every two months.

#2- Donna Gwinn and Greg Gwinn proposed to the council. They're concerned about the loud noise of tractor trailer jake breaks on state highway. They are asking the town council to act about the Jake breaks. They are asking the town council to act on the loud noise of the jake brakes. The Town council stated the town doesn't own the street it is a state highway they would need to contact VDOT or the Harrisonburg office.

#3-Faith Carlson, the board president of Page One, gave a presentation on how to get help and donations. Also, as of February 28 Damon Mendez is manager of Page One. He is very outgoing, and your ideas are very welcome. Page One has been helping the community since 1977. They have been helping with elderly transportation, teen issues, food pantry checks. There will be a meeting at Stanley Baptist Church on Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, also Page One is looking for help from churches or donations from the community. They want to provide and build a relationship. Second Group Time Talent wants ideas extending our mission to serve the community. Their goal is to work with others to end the cycle of dependency. Asking for help with Meals on Wheels and housekeeping services also with Job Fair with job phone interviews. Also having a Take a Tour on March 8, 2024, at 9am at 35 North Bank Street Luray, VA. Asking for help with drop off donations Bank Street operation center storage units in the back of Bank Street metal materials going to the recycling center. Food Pantry

#4- Heard the town is having an Easter egg hunt at Big Gem Park address 736 Fourth Street Shenandoah Virginia. March 30 at 1:00 pm ages 2 through 12 years of age, pizza and water will be served. Sponsored by Christ United Methodist Church.

#5- Heard the town is having a traditional Irish Music featuring An Lar on March 6<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 6:30pm to 7:30pm the Museum address is 507 First Street Shenandoah Virginia.

#6-Heard the town is having a preorder smoked ham from So Mote It Beef BBQ address is 609 S. Third Street Shenandoah Virginia. Will be smoked hams unit March 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 Hams will be ready for pick up or delivery on March 30<sup>th</sup> The cost is \$50.00. Preorder by e-mail: [somoteitbeefbbq@gmail.com](mailto:somoteitbeefbbq@gmail.com) or text (703) 969-9293. All proceeds from the ham sales will be used to feed families in need.

### **February 13, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

A *motion* was made by Councilman Fox, *seconded* by Councilman Pierce, to approve the *Regular Meeting Minutes* held on February 13, 2024

Members Vote was as follows:

**YEA:** Vice Mayor Kite  
Councilwoman Cave  
Councilman Kite  
Councilman Cave  
Councilman Reisinger

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Mayor Clinton O. Lucas, Jr.

**ABSENT:** Lynn Fox

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor of motion**

### APPROVAL OF BILLS

A *motion* was made by Councilman Lowe, *seconded* by Vice Mayor Kite, to approve the bills, dated **February 27, 2024**, in the **Combined Accounts Disbursements Warrants #41841 - #41880** in the amount of **\$92,253.39**, as presented.

Members Roll Call Vote was as follows:

**YEA:** Vice Mayor Kite  
Councilwoman Cave  
Councilman Lowe  
Councilman Pierce  
Councilman Reisinger

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Mayor Clinton O. Lucas, Jr.

**ABSENT:** Lynn Fox

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor of motion**

### TREASURER'S REPORT

A *motion* was made by Councilman Lowe, *seconded* by Councilman Kite, to approve the **February 27, 2024** Treasurer's Report, submitted by Treasurer Christl Huddle, in the amount of **\$2,572,896.93**, as presented.

Members Roll Call Vote was as follows:

**YEA:** Vice Mayor Kite  
Councilwoman Cave  
Councilman Lowe  
Councilman Pierce  
Councilman Reisinger

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Mayor Clinton O. Lucas, Jr.

**ABSENT:** Lynn Fox

**VOTE: Unanimous in favor of motion**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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**WATER AND SEWER**

(Chair Kite, Councilwoman Cave, and Councilman Lowe)

During smoke testing between Maryland Avenue and Third Street, smoke was coming out of the ground 20ft section. The Lateral is broken in the ditch 10ft deep and we can't fix this problem ourselves. Camera footage looks good where the smoke is coming out of the storm drain on Virginia Avenue. We will check into the areas from Third street intersection all the way to First and Virginia Avenue to check to see if smoke is coming out of all areas.

**STREETS & PUBLIC PROPERTY**

(Chair Fox, Vice Mayor Kite, and Councilman Lowe)

A bush hog has been brought in on Williams Avenue to cut the trees and grass.

**POLICE, SAFETY & JUDICIAL**

(Chair Kite, Councilman Lowe, and Councilman Reisinger)

Police Assistance Pact was handed out by Police Chief Paul Davis to the council from the Town of Bridgewater. Elkton police department would like to help with assistance.

**TAXATION & FINANCE**

(Chair Pierce, Vice Mayor Kite, and Councilman Fox)

Asking for ideas next town meeting March 12, 2024, 6:00 pm

**PARKS & RECREATION**

(Chair Reisinger, Councilman Lowe and Pierce)

Councilwoman Cave stated Little League Park has requested funds for the and future ballpark.

Kirk Comer plans to use the funds. The funds would be used to pay for repairs, the cost would be between \$16,000.00 to \$50,000 dollars. We are looking for a goal to close the gap.

Councilman Reisinger stated we could get a representative from the high schools if we could move money to help with the tennis courts to have that flexibility.

Councilwoman Cave will get in touch with Kirk Comer after budget is settled.

**INDUSTRIAL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PROCUREMENT**

(Chair Cave, Councilmen Lowe and Pierce)

Chair Cave stated will get with the Industrial Board members to talk about continuation of the board.

Councilman Lowe asking to have a group meeting for business owners in Town to be a part of the group.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

(Chair Kite, Councilwoman Cave and Councilman Pierce)

Chair Cave stated First Responders was rewarded with a plaque from the Fire Department.

Town Manager Charlie Jenkins stated about the house on Second Street with multiple items on the property that need to be removed no legal revolution.

**PERSONNEL**

(Chair Pierce, Councilwoman Cave, Councilmen Lowe and Reisinger)

Councilman Pierce stated we would like to welcome new employee Nick he starts Monday at the waste plant.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None during this period.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None during this period.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

None during this period.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Nothing during this period.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWN**

None during this period.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further discussion, a *motion* was made by Councilman Lowe, *seconded* by Councilman Reisinger, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Members Vote was as follows:

**YEA:** Vice Mayor Kite  
Councilwoman Cave  
Councilman Pierce  
Councilman Reisinger

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Mayor Clinton O. Lucas, Jr.

**ABSENT:** Councilman Fox

**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor of motion

**APPROVED:**

**ATTESTED:**

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Clinton O. Lucas, Jr., Mayor

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Angela Schrimsher, Town Clerk