

Town Council Actions July 26, 2021 Special Meeting and July 27, 2021 Regular Meeting

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- 1) At a Special Work Session Meeting held on July 26th, Council authorized using up to \$335,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to be reimbursed to the Town's accounts for infrastructure (water, sewer, paving, etc.) expenses already incurred and paid from March 3, 2021 to June 30, 2021 and to use \$61,027.06* of this reimbursement to pay the first payment due now of the water meter reading system replacement, with the remainder of the reimbursed funds to be earmarked specifically for upcoming expenses to be incurred for the new Town well** which was recently drilled (still needs pump, piping, electrical, required testing, wellhouse building, fencing, and possibly a generator), and will eventually serve residents and businesses. (Note: *It is estimated the total cost of the new water meter reading system will be approximately \$244,000 total expenses with more invoices coming in the future. **Prices have not been obtained yet for everything needed to complete the new well and these earmarked funds may not cover total expenses.)
- 2) Also, at the Special Work Session Meeting on July 26th, Council authorized using a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to purchase and modify an existing building to be utilized for a Pandemic/COVID-19 Information Center/Welcome Center/Town Museum for locals and visitors to our area. The purchase price of this structure is under negotiation currently.
- 3) During the regular meeting held July 27th, Council was presented a softball autographed by Kate Gordon, which will be placed in the Town Museum. Kate Gordon, who lives in the Town of Shenandoah, played softball with JMU and competed in the 2021 Semifinal Game of the Women's College World Series. Aside from being a member of our community her entire life and a successful athlete since her youth, Kate also volunteers her time in youth sports and programs to the benefit of youth and teens, while working full time as a real estate agent.
- 4) Read the Joint Resolution by Senator Obenshain and Delegate Gilbert in Memory of former Council Member and Community Volunteer Dave Hinkle.
- 5) Appointed Jessica Karnes to fill the vacant position on the Planning Commission through November 30, 2022. Council noted their appreciation to everyone expressing interest in this position serving our community.
- 6) Received notice from Attorney James Elliott there will be a public auction of real estate held on August 5th at 1:00 p.m. at the Page County Courthouse 116 South Court Street for 3 parcels in the Town and others in Page County to be sold for the collection of delinquent real estate taxes.

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- 7) Received a flyer for Music in the Park at Big Gem (736 Fourth Street, Shenandoah, VA 22849) on July 30, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with Mountain High Rise performing. Local Girl Scout volunteers plan to have children's activities at this event.
- 8) Reviewed the June 2021 Vehicle Gas Logs.
- 9) Received a thank you from the Shenandoah Valley Soil & Water Conservation District for the Town's yearly donation.
- 10) Received a flyer from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) on Tips for Teens: The Truth About Marijuana. To learn more, contact SAMHSA 1 (877) 726-4727 or visit www.samhsa.gov. It was noted all Marijuana is still illegal in Virginia for those under 21 years old.
- 11) Received a flyer from the Page Alliance for Community Action (PACA) inviting High School Juniors, Seniors, Recent Graduates and their Parents and Guardians to an event at the Hawksbill Recreation Park at Stanley, VA on August 17th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to discuss Youth Alcohol Use and the Post High School Experience. There will be a bonfire with s'mores and free night swimming for participants. For more information, visit: www.pagecoalition.org or e-mail pageallianceforcommunityaction@gmail.com.
- 12) Received a flyer about the Town of Shenandoah's Golden Rock Treasure Hunt. There are 12 golden rocks hidden within Town Limits on Public Property. If someone brings in a golden rock they find into the Town Hall, they can claim a "sweet" prize.
- 13) Authorized the purchase of a Dell Latitude Rugged 5420 Laptop from Form Networks for the police department in the amount of \$4,667.49. This computer is specially designed and can be utilized for many aspects of police duties, including printing reports from the vehicle. This can be transferred from the General Capital Improvement checking account into the General Fund checking account.
- 14) Authorized Town Manager Roudabush to get an estimate for the construction of a restroom at WigWam Village.
- 15) Heard Page County Public Schools and the Shenandoah High School Alumni Association had the retaining wall in front of Shenandoah Elementary School power washed and patched.
- 16) Heard Public Works cleaned and stained the cannon wheels. The cannon is located at the intersection of Fourth Street and Maryland Avenue.
- 17) Heard Page Alliance for Community Action (PACA) would like to have a Community Garden in the Town of Shenandoah. Possible locations will be discussed with PACA.

18) Heard DEQ has renewed the Town's Sewer Plant permit for another five years.