




3 Expenditures, there is a 5% COLA for all full-time employees, prioritizing employee recognition and retention.  
4 There is a significant reduction in FRS Defined Benefit Contribution, 12% health insurance premium  
5 increase, and projects 10% increase in VRSA property insurance. He presented information for individual  
6 departments within the budget. The proposed removal of the Shenandoah County Tourism Council contribution  
7 of \$20,000 is seen in the proposed budget. It shows the contribution to the ShenGo transit. Contractual services  
8 decreased by \$3,295 to reflect actual expenditures. Insurance Recovery reduced by \$18,935 due to FY26  
9 lightning strike. For public safety, auto repair decreased back to normal budgetary amounts, and contractual  
0 services increased by \$12,400. The biggest factor was the Axon contract. Axon is the company that provides  
1 leases for police body cameras and tasers. The second item was the License Plate Identification Camera's  
2 (FLOCK) which was initially started with grant funding. Chief Rinker proposes a reduction in cameras from 5-2  
3 due to renewal costs. There was some discussion with Chief Rinker and Council about the details of all the  
4 contractual services.

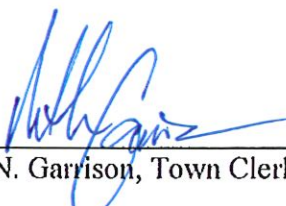
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6 For public works department there were minor adjustments to housekeeping, fuel and utilities. The budget  
7 proposes a laborer promotion to Crew Leader (*does not result in a new laborer position needing to be hired.*)  
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9 The next department was Cultural, Events and Economic Development. Some of the key highlights were the  
0 continued contribution to New Market Library, Rebels Baseball, and Fire Department. The proposed part-time  
1 Library Director position for the New Market Library. The conversation about that position is still on-going.  
2 Mrs. Harkness noted that the person needs to be hired very soon to be trained before the end of June.  
3 Contributions to the New Market Fire Department were discussed. Mr. Henry inquired about the RevUp funds  
4 and if they were guaranteed to come back to a New Market business. Mr. Garrison stated that was up to the  
5 RevUp committee. Mr. Garrison gave a brief history of RevUp and New Market's involvement. Mrs. Smith  
6 gave an update on current RevUp program. There are minor changes in the Parks and Recreation. Mr. Garrison  
7 continued with his PowerPoint presentation with the General Fund Capital Outlay items.  
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9 For the Enterprise Fund the FY26-27 budget proposes an overall decrease in the Enterprise Fund revenues of  
0 \$37,486, a decrease of 0.56% from FY25-26. The FY26-27 budget proposes an increase of \$12,950 in  
1 Enterprise Fund expenses, an increase of 0.19% from FY25-26. Discussion about the meter charges, sewer  
2 charges, and the rate schedule. Enterprise Fund proposed water rates for In-Town and Out of Town base water  
3 rates increasing 23%, and the water rates per 1,000 gallons increasing 5%. The In-Town base sewer rates per  
4 1,000 gallons increasing 5% each. There are no proposed increase to connection and tap fees.  
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7 Mr. Henry motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. King seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the  
8 motion passed with a 6-0 voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.  
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3 Mayor Peter Hughes

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6 N. Garrison, Town Clerk