

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
STANLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
WEDNESDAY JULY 15, 2026, 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Knight opened the Public Hearing to order with the following Council Members in attendance: Vice Mayor Bruce Stoneberger, Councilwoman Robyn Good, Councilman Jeremiah Knight, Councilman Joseph Mauck and Councilman Douglas Purdham. Planning Commission Members attending were: Chairman Delmas Buracker, Timmy Rickard, Ben Gray and Timmy Prince. Also present were: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Treasurer Leon Stout, and Police Chief Rebecca Jenkins, Public Works Foreman Ryan Gaunt. Residents attending were Abigail Blosser, Chris Lanier, Amanda Lanier, Regan Millsap, Terry Cabbage, Opal Cabbage, Brian Ortega, Julia Ortega, Glenna Painter, Devan Painter, and Randy Arrington with the Page Valley News.

Mayor Knight gave the Invocation, and Vice Mayor Stoneberger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Knight opened the Public Hearing by requesting a motion to appoint Leon Stout as Temporary Clerk. Motion was made by Councilman Mauck and seconded by Vice-Mayor Stoneberger. Passed Unanimously.

Chairman Buracker advised there were enough Planning Commission members in attendance for a quorum.

The Town Manager Terry Pettit read the special use permit request as it was presented in the paper.

Town Manager Pettit started off by explaining to the Council that Brian and Julia Ortega who reside at 218 Cabbage Road are applying for a special use permit to use a portion of their house as a Short-Term Rental.

Brian Ortega began by commending the community and like being here. He wants to add to the town. Mr. Ortega reviewed the property with hand-outs with the council. He mentioned that they would not rent the property when they were away and they have cameras on the property. His wife works for the Sheriff's Department and having a deputy car there might help in the security. The Property has been approved by the Building Code to operate as a Short-Term Rental. Mr. Ortega Thanked the Council.

Opal Cabbage then spoke about her concerns with the Special Use Permit. She mentioned that they were good neighbors, but she had concerns. She said that her pastor had a Short-Term Rental next to his residents and he had problems with parties and loud people late into the night. Mrs. Cabbage mentioned that she doesn't want loud noise. She is

concerned with safety because different people are there every week and you never know who you will get. She is concerned that the value of the property will go down and since her road is a private lane, privacy will be diminished.

Terry Cabbage Spoke and also had concerns about Privacy and Load Noise.

Town Manager Pettit stated that he did agree that since the Ortega's live in the same residence that the Short-term Rental will be used it would lower the risk involved with any problems.

Mayor Knight said Council would make their decision concerning the Short-Term Rental during the Council Meeting.

Mayor Knight closed this Public Hearing at 7:25 pm.

Michael Knight, Mayor

Leon Stout, Temporary Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA:

Mayor Knight inquired if there were any additions or changes to the agenda as presented. Town Manager Pettit stated that Abigail Blosser from the Stanley Little League and Glenna Painter representing the Relay for Life will be presenting. Councilman Mauck motioned the changes to the agenda and seconded by Vice-Mayor Stoneberger. Passed Unanimously.

Abigail Blosser from the Stanley Little League said they had good feedback from coach pitch. They have had interest in Fall Ball. Since Shenandoah does not do fall ball, there has been more interest in Stanley. Stanley Little League had their closing ceremony this past Sunday and had a good turnout. Fall Ball will hopefully have registration the end of this month and Practice will begin in August and games will run through September and October. Mayor Knight commended the Stanley Little League for how good the Park looks and how the Little League is run. Town Manager Terry Pettit said he had a Parent that saw a sign at the Little League Park that said, "No trespassing without permission". He is going to forward the issue to the Recreation Committee to come up with the proper signage.

Glenna Painter from the Relay For Life asked for permission to have the Relay for Life event at the Ed Good Park On June 18, 2027 at 6 pm until June 19, 2027 at 6 am. They are trying to build up the participation so they are going back to what used to be done at the event. They will work on cutting down the noise at a certain time and will have food, games, and music. Town Manager Pettit mentioned that the Relay for life will not be able to set off fireworks like they did in the past. Councilman Mauck motioned for permission to be granted for Relay for Life to use the Ed Good Park from June 18, 2027 at 6 pm until June 19, 2027 at 6 am, seconded by Vice-Mayor Stoneberger. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Knight asked about passing of the Budget Hearing and Council Minutes as presented. Motioned by Councilman Knight and seconded by Councilman Mauck. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Knight asked about the Treasurers report. With no questions, Mayor Knight asked about questions for the Paywarrant. Council Stoneberger ask about #31 and tank lease. Treasurer Stout said it was an LP tank lease for the Public Works Building. Mayor Knight asked about cracked radiator in the Town Manager Vehicle and Town Manager Pettit said that they found the crack when they were changing the oil. Mayor Knight asked for the passing of the Treasurer's Report, Paywarrant in the amount of \$244,056.75, and Loan Portfolio. Motioned by Councilman Knight and seconded by Councilwoman Good. Passed Unanimously.

Town Manager Report

Town Manager Pettit presented his report. The State is changing there code on manufactured homes and manufactured homes will become real estate with or without permanent foundation. One will also not have to take the wheels or tongue off the manufactured homes. The State code is also changing for assessor buildings. Any outbuilding or garage can be used as a residence. The building just needs to meet the setbacks under the jurisdiction's code. The code changes will take effect on July 1, 2027.

Planning Commission member Timmy Rickard made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit for Brian and Julia Ortega to operate a Short-Term Rental at their 218 Cubbage Road residence. Seconded by Planning Commission Member Timmy Prince. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Knight then asked for a motion from the Council to approve the decision of the Planning Commission. Councilman Mauck Motioned or motion to approve the Special Use Permit for Brian and Julia Ortega to operate a Short-Term Rental at their 218 Cubbage Road residence, Seconded by Councilman Knight. Passed Unanimously.

Terry Pettit said the rock portion of the new sign at Ed Good Park has been completed and Teri, Leon, and I need to watch training videos before we can operate the sign.

The Chapel Village/Pond Avenue Sewer Project is getting ready to be released for bids on 8/15/2026.

The Office Windows are scheduled to be installed on July 29th.

The vacuum truck that was purchased is waiting on lettering and employees to be trained on it.

The VA250 Ceremony went well even though it rained and is a nice addition to the park.

There are still some complaints for inoperative vehicle ordinance that is being worked on and planning to have them completed by the end of the year.

We are going to start working on a video of the Town since the Ed Good Park Sign is finished. I will be meeting with local businesses to get permission to film.

The County Administrator Amity Moler and Chairman Bucky Thomas met with the three town managers to exchange information and improve working relationships within the County.

Homecoming went well despite the extreme heat and the rain on Saturday night. We are planning a music in the park on August 1st, 7pm – 9 pm to have music and announce our Town award winners.

Leon and I will be attending a training program next week sponsored by the Office of Water Programs. The Class will cover Management of Utility Systems, rate schedules, and methods to improve efficiency.

Police Chief Report

Police Chief Jenkins wanted to clarify some things that were mentioned in a past budget meeting. The Winum award winners criteria has not been decided and that it is still being discussed. She also wanted to clarify that the Stanley Police Department does not maintain a list of banned people from Town Parks. The list of banned people should be maintained by the Parks Director and shared with the Police Department.

Police Chief Jenkins shared the County's Nuisance Ordinance with the Council and says that the Town should adopt an ordinance that mirror's the County's. Chief Jenkins encouraged the council to have Town Attorney Janney at a meeting to discuss if the charge under the Nuisance Ordinance should be a class 1 or class 2.

Vice-Mayor Stoneberger commended the police department for being more visible in the community. Chief Jenkins said she is proud of her department being proactive.

Recreation Report

A copy of the numbers for the pool so far this season have been included in the Council Packet.

The Movie Night scheduled for July 11th has to be rescheduled to August 8th because of rain.

The first board game night at Ed Good Park went well with 7 kids In attendance. There will be another one on July 23rd.

The Luray Valley Soccer Club has disbanded. Mr. Pettit said he was going to look into why the County doesn't play soccer games at the Hawksbill Park.

The pump motor starter went bad during the storm we had, and it took a few days to permanently fix, and we have installed a surge protector to try to prevent this from happening again.

Chief Jenkins added that on August 1st there is boat building and encouraged the council to participate. The Cardboard Race is August 15th at 10 am.

National Night Out is August 4th, please make plans to attend.

Public Works/Sewer Report

Town Manager Terry Pettit said that Well #7 is getting ready to go. They had a pressure clamp start leaking so they shut it down to replace it.

We finally got another company to come and give us another quote to paint the digester at the Sewer plant and they are supposed to get back with us in a couple of weeks.

Repairs to the belt press are still scheduled for the month of July.

We have been notified by DEQ that PFOS will need to be tested. The land fill will be responsible for doing the testing.

Cross Connection will have to be looked at again and each resident will have to be contacted.

Town Manager Pettit handed out a version of the request for donated leave and asked the council to take it home and review it.

Vice-Mayor Stoneberger had a question about an individual who came into the office to make a payment and wondered why the payment couldn't be accepted and why an actual cost could not be given. Treasurer Stout said that they had nothing to attach his payment to because there was no bill. Town manager Pettit said they were working on getting a quote and informed Vice Mayor Stoneberger they would have to bore under the road which would be an added cost to the tap.

Mayor Knight asked for Public Comment and Randy Arrington commended the Town for another nice Homecoming. The videos he made come out very well.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 9:45 PM Councilman Knight made a motion to move that the Town Council Convene in a Closed Meeting for the discussion of Personnel Matters, as authorized by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 Subsection A 1, seconded by Councilman Mauck.

Mayor Knight calls for a Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yay

Vice-Mayor Bruce Stoneberger
Councilman Joseph Mauck
Councilman Jeremiah Knight
Councilwoman Robyn Good

Voting Nay

Motioned Carried

Absent: Councilman Douglas Purdham

Councilman Knight makes a motion the Council leaves the closed meeting and return to open meeting seconded by Councilman Mauck.

Mayor Knight calls for a Roll Call vote:

Voting Yay

Vice-Mayor Bruce Stoneberger
Councilman Joseph Mauck
Councilman Jeremiah Knight
Councilwoman Robyn Good

Voting Nay

Motion Carried

Absent: Councilman Douglas Purdham

Mayor Knight states we are now in open meeting.

Councilman Knight motioned to hire Olivia Liscomb as a Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator at a pay rate of \$17.00 an hour, Seconded by Councilman Mauck.

Councilman Knight motioned that the pay rate of part-time employee Steve Thompson be raised to \$15.00 an hour, seconded by Councilwoman Good. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Knight adjourned the meeting at 9:45 pm.

Michael Knight, Mayor

Leon Stout, Temporary Clerk