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Memorial Day Final Thoughts

May was a busy month for our Council, as well as for the citizens of Sharpsburg. As memorials are washed, streets cleaned, flowers bloom and flags begin to appear around town, every towns person knows that preparing for Memorial Day here is a grand endeavor, and one that we look forward to every year; and it's always fun to see a successful culmination of hard work and effort come to fruition in a way that we can all see and experience. While many cities and larger municipalities may host their own grand displays of fanfare and patriotic expressions, Memorial Day in small-town Sharpsburg is an experience like no other in the United States, which certainly must be among the reasons it has endured in this close-knit community for over 154 years.

What many people may not realize, however, is the extensive preparation, occurring over many months, that is required to bring this treasured tradition to life; and while everyone, from the person who approved our permits to the individual who drove the street sweeper, played an important role, and deserve to be commended, there a few standouts that, I think, deserve special recognition.

I would like to first thank our Grand Marshal, Command Sergeant Major James M. Nugent, for both his extensive service to our country, and to our town as the Grand Marshal of this year's 154th Commemoration. I would also like to express a heartfelt thank you to our Honorary Grand Marshal, Pvt. Harry "Buck" Cline who, unfortunately, at the age of 98, passed away shortly after the event; a solemn reminder that the actions of that great generation still resonate with us today. To all distinguished guests and parade participants, we thank you for your support and participation in this historical event.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the organizations who have made this event possible over the years, organizations like the Washington County Fire Police and Sheriff's Department, whose invaluable service to our town has helped to ensure a safe event for both citizens and visitors alike, and is an integral component of what makes the event a successful one year after year. My sincere thanks also to the Alsatia Club for their logistical and organizational support that makes the parade itself possible, and the local Come ALL Who are Thirsty veterans group for their help in the acquisition and placement of those new, beautiful flags along Main Street, and the respectful retirement of those flags that are no longer serviceable. Lastly, I would like to convey a special thank you to the Hagerstown Aviation Museum, who provided the two World War II era PT-19 aircraft for that stunning and well-received flyby of the town during the event, in what we hope will become a tradition in the parade for many years to come!

A bit closer to home, I would like to thank Mayor Russ Weaver for entrusting me as caretaker of this great responsibility, and the Town Council for their faith and assistance; and a special thank you to Town Clerk Carrie Estell for her much needed support and encouragement, and for being right about the weather!

Finally, I would like to thank the Memorial Day Committee - Councilman Ed Beeler, Jen Bruni, Ava Gift, Patty Hammond, Randy Short and Beth Sparks - for all of their efforts in pulling this all together. It was their hard work that made the event possible, and I look forward to working with them again!

Above all, my sincerest gratitude to the citizens of Sharpsburg; all of the people in our community whose patriotic spirit defines the event, and who make it all worthwhile! Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as both your Vice Mayor and Memorial Day Committee Chairman, I am already looking forward to next year's 155th Commemoration, and I hope you are too!

Jacob Martz, Vice Mayor



News From Tolson's Chapel

Submitted by Mark Brugh, President Friends of Tolson's Chapel

The Friends of Tolson's Chapel are happy to announce that Tolson's Chapel and School, a National Historic Landmark, is officially open for tours. Following more than a year of silence, we are excited to open the chapel door again to visitors. Our regular open house hours are on the first Saturday of each month, April through October, from noon to 4:00pm. Please stop by for a visit



and bring visiting friends and/or family to learn about this remarkable community of African Americans. The chapel is also available for tours by appointment - just send us an email at tolsons.chapel@gmail.com. See you there!

Centennial History of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Maryland 1820-1920, *Wentz, Abdel R.*

Submitted by Ed Beeler, Councilman

This church is one of the oldest in the Synod. It was made memorable by the part that it played in the battle of Antietam. The church building that stood at the time of the battle was in the thick of the fight and the building that has taken the place of the old one is a memorial to the Federal soldiers who fought and died in that battle.

On March 16, 1768, a deed for a site for a church and burial ground was executed by Captain Joseph Chapline to the Luther-

an vestrymen for the quilt rent of one peppercorn when Chapline or a family member required it, the church vestrymen were Dr. Christopher Cruss, Matthias Need, Nicholas Sam and William Hawker. The vestrymen of the church began at once to erect a building of logs and roughcast, 33 by 38 feet in dimensions in the northeast corner of the graveyard. This quaint, old-fashioned structure, which was a century and a quarter old, was surmounted by a tower in which hung a bell of English make. The interior of the church was ancient looking. The pews were straight - backed and high. The pulpit was goblet-formed and halfway up the wall, and was reached by a flight of ten or twelve steps. Over the pulpit and just above the preacher's head was suspended from an iron rod in the ceiling, a canopy, or sounding board, as it was termed, which resembled in form an open umbrella.

The vestrymen occupied one corner of the church, seated on a platform considerably elevated, so that they could be readily distinguished from the rest of the congregation. The foresinger, or leader of the singing, with his tuning-fork and note-book, was seated on a highchair in the center of the church. The singing, praying and preaching, from the organization of the congregation until the year 1831, was conducted in the German language.

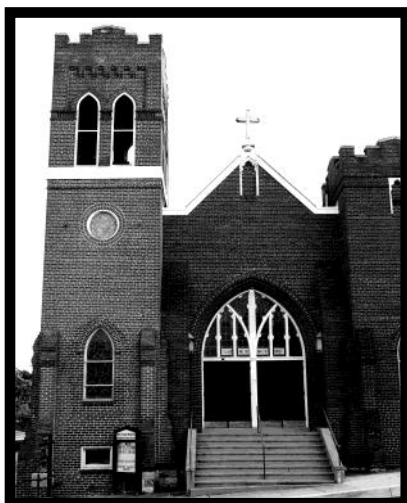
The early records of the church having been lost or destroyed; it is impossible to give a very correct account of the ministers who officiated here in the very early times. It seems quite evident, however, that this church at the beginning was supplied by ministers from Frederick City, Middletown, and Hagerstown, as Frederick City Lutheran Church was organized in 1737, Middletown in the year 1755, and Hagerstown in the year 1770. The records of Middletown Lutheran Church show that Rev. Johann George Graeber officiated occasionally at Boonsboro, Ringer's Church, and Sharpsburg in early times.

From the records of our oldest inhabitants, we find that Revs. Schmucker and Kurtz preached regularly to this congregation, and they were ministers stationed at Hagerstown. The following is the list of the ministers stationed at Sharpsburg Lutheran Church from the year 1800 to around 1920:

Revs. Ravenock, Baguey, D. F. Schaeffer, Little, Schnay, John Winter, Peter Rizer, D. Oswald, George Diehl, William Hunt, John N. Unruh, G. J. Martz, J. C. Lunger, I. J. Stine, Christian

Startzman, Alfred Buhrman, G. W. Weills, George H. Beckley 1871-1884, D. B. Floyd, 1892; Ellis II. Jones, 1884-1891; J. W. Lingle, 1891-1896, and Rev. A. A. Kerlin, since 1896-1920.

This quaint old building remained until the year 1864. During the Battle of Antietam, September 7, 1862, it was shelled considerably. After the battle it was taken possession of and used by the Federal troops for a hospital, and filled with sick and wounded, by which use it was so much damaged as to render it totally unfit for worship. It was therefore torn down, and the ground exchanged for the site on which the newer church edifice stands. The corner stone for the second church was laid



September 15, 1866. The building was dedicated May 23, 1869, the sermon on that occasion being preached by the Rev. Alfred Buhrman, assisted by Revs. G. H. Beckley, G. W. Anderson, M. W. Fair, and Revs. Cronise and Wilson of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The second church was a poorly constructed building and, in a few years, began to show signs of decay. The walls began to

give way, and it was deemed unsafe to worship in it. On Sunday, December 13, 1891, it was unanimously agreed by the pastor, vestry and members to build a new church, to be known as The Memorial Lutheran Church, to perpetuate the memory of the Federal soldiers, who fought and those who fell at the Battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862.

In the spring of 1892, the second church was torn down and preparations were made to erect a third church. The building committee were: Rev. J. W. Lingle and Messrs. George Hess, John Benner, Martin K. Suavely, Jacob McGraw and William Earley. On September 17, 1892, the thirtieth anniversary of the Battle of Antietam, the corner stone was laid. The church is cruciform in design, with gothic windows and corner spire, 95 feet from base to top and is surmounted by a cross. The lecture room was finished and ready for worship December 25, 1893 and was used until the completion of the auditorium. The windows in the lecture room are memorials of aged departed members of the church.

Dr. Christopher Cruss, whose name appears among the early vestrymen was a German chemist and emigrated to this county from Germany about the time of the settlement of the town. He was associated with James Rumsey in the construction of the first steamboat built in the United States.

Matthias Need, another of the vestry, was a brave soldier in the war of the Revolution and participated in a number of battles, doing honorable service. He lies buried somewhere in an unmarked grave in the old Lutheran graveyard.

Veterans Buried in Mount Calvary Lutheran Cemetery

Original Research Submitted by Ed Beeler, Councilman

Captain Joseph Chapline Jr. Revolutionary War (RW)

Dr, Joseph Chapline Hays – Mexican War



Pvt. Andrew Caswell - died in Battle of Gettysburg – Civil War (CW)

Pvt. David T. Ebersole - CW

Pvt. John Gray - CW

Pvt. John Washington Gray - CW

Sgt. Aaron Hill - CW

Pvt. James A. Hudson - CW

Pvt. William Mose - CW

Corp. George M, Pennel - CW

Pvt. Benjamin Franklin Price - CW

Pvt. Henry Saylor - CW

Pvt. Rufus Stride - CW

Pvt. James Wilson - CW

Pvt. Henry Young - RW

Civil War Summer Lecture Series

Christopher Vincent, President Antietam Institute



Come join leading historians and Antietam Battlefield Guides as they discuss intriguing topics of the Maryland Campaign of

1862 and the Civil War during our Civil War Summer Lecture Series.

These outdoors programs will be held at the Jacob Rohrbach Inn on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. To ensure adequate seating, please bring a chair. In case of inclement weather, lectures will be held at the Sharpsburg Christ Reformed UCC Church at 117 Main Street. For updates and a full schedule of presenters & topics check our Facebook page.

The Trails on Antietam National Battlefield

Submitted by Keith Snyder, Park Ranger

Have you taken advantage of the trails at Antietam? The battlefield is home to about fourteen miles of trails that take you through a number of diverse landscapes from farm fields to meadows to the edge of Antietam Creek



The Bloody Lane trail is one of the most popular trails. This 1.6-mile loop trail begins at the visitor center and then follows the advance of United States troops toward the Sunken Road on September 17, 1862. In following in their footsteps, you will cross the Mumma Farm, site of the only deliberate destruction of property during the battle, as well as the Roulette Farm, where a rookie Pennsylvania unit had a run in with their beehives. Once you arrive at the Sunken Road, you will follow the roadbed that Confederate troops defended from about 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Their sacrifices are what transformed the Sunken Road forever into Bloody Lane.

Another popular trail is the 1.8-mile Snavely Ford Trail, which winds around following the flow of Antietam Creek starting at tour stop 9, the Burnside Bridge. Visitors who hike this loop trail can see a variety of different wildlife in addition to the historic Burnside Bridge, where Ambrose Burnside's IX Corps United States troops fought for hours with Robert Toombs's Georgians to secure the crossing. If you would like to extend your hike, a short connector trail will take you to the 1.7-mile Final Attack Trail, which also starts at tour stop 9. This is where Burnside's troops pushed their attack towards Sharpsburg after they crossed the bridge and where A.P. Hill's troops successfully

stopped them, arriving on the field after a long march from Harper's Ferry. The Final Attack Trail crosses through restored warm season grassland, which provides habitat for butterflies and birds among other wildlife.

The 1.6-mile Three Farms Trail takes you through some of the quietest, most beautiful parts of the park. This trail connects the Bloody Lane Trail and the Sherrick Farm Trail and is ideal for those who want to hike the whole battlefield. In addition to natural beauty, you will see the historic Roulette, Parks, and New-comer Farms.

This summer the park will be re-routing the West Woods and Cornfield Trails, taking advantage of new properties that were recently acquired. New informational waysides and trail signage are also in the works.

Before coming out to enjoy any of our trails make sure that you are prepared. The ground on many of the trails is uneven and there are numerous groundhog holes—wear sturdy shoes and be aware of your footing. Ticks are prevalent in the summer, so wear insect repellent and check yourself thoroughly after your visit. Bring a water bottle. The trails are open from dawn to dusk daily. The park entrance fee is \$20 per vehicle or \$10 for an individual pass and is payable at the visitor center. You can also purchase an Antietam annual pass for \$35 and visit the park as often as you would like. Your fee dollars go to support projects to improve Antietam National Battlefield.

For more information about all of our trails visit: Hiking the Battlefield - Antietam National Battlefield (U.S. National Park Service) ([nps.gov](https://www.nps.gov)).

Additional History of the Original Lutheran Church

Submitted by Christopher Vincent, President Sharpsburg Historical Society

The original Lutheran Church was built here about 1768. It was made of log, with a "rough casted" stucco finish of lath and plaster mixed with pebbles, possibly the same as two of the houses across the street. It had a cupola and resembled the village churches in Germany. A small fenced-in area outlines the location of the original church.



During the Battle of Antietam, the area was used as a bivouac by the Washington Artillery of New Orleans. The Confederates sent signals and observed the Federals from the cupola, so it was struck by gunfire many times, but the greater damage occurred after the battle. Soon after the battle it would serve as a hospital for the Federal 5th Corps wounded. Wood from the pews was used for coffins. They stayed until February 1863, and the church was torn down later that year.

Representative Trone Visits Sharpsburg

Editor

Congressman David Trone (Maryland's Sixth Congressional District) toured our town this month. Mayor Russ Weaver, Vice Mayor Jacob Martz and Councilman Joseph Kudla presented him information on some of our town's projects that could utilize funding from the American Rescue Plan.



Left to Right: Joe Kudla, Councilman, Representative Trone, Mayor Russ Weaver, Vice-Mayor Jacob Martz, and Ms. Carrie Estell, Town Clerk

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, also called the COVID-19 Stimulus Package, is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by the President on March 11, 2021, to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing recession.

Of course, like countless other visitors, Congressman Trone dropped in at Nutters Ice Cream shop!

Community Calendar

July 2021

July 3 from 12Noon to 4PM: **Tolson's Chapel and School Tours**
111 E. High Street
tolsons.chapel@gmail.com

July 7 at 7PM: **Richard P. D'Ambrisi, "Military Board Games of the Maryland Campaign of 1862"**
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

July 8 at 3:30PM: **Authentic Community Theatre**
Sharpsburg Park Pavilion
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

July 12 at 6PM: **Town Council Meeting**
Town Hall
301-432-4428

July 13 at 6PM: **Meeting: Restoration of Mount Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery**
Town Hall
301-432-4428

July 14 at 7PM: **Sharon Murray "The Union Cavalry During the Maryland Campaign"**
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

July 15 at 3:30PM: **Author Talk and Fun Activities (Heidi Vertrees)**
Sharpsburg Park Pavilion
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

July 17 from 12Noon-3PM: **Italian Sausage Dinner**
Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company
301-432-6321

July 17: Green Hill Farms Funfest, Folk/Bluegrass
Green Hill Farms
<https://www.ghfarm.org/>

July 20 to 24 Sharpsburg Scavenger Hunt
(Pick up your list of riddles anytime the library is open)
Return the answers for a ice cream coupon from Nutters!
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

July 21 at 7PM: **Justin Mayhue "Col. Mobley, 7th Maryland Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War"**
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

July 28 at 7PM: Kevin Pawlak and Joe Stahl – "Casualties and Chaos Command Attrition at Antietam"

Jacob Rohrbach Inn

<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

August 2021

August 7 from 9:30AM to 11:30AM: Come All Who Are Thirsty Monthly Breakfast & Meeting

Come All Who Are Thirsty Veterans Group
3904 Mills Road, Sharpsburg
cawatveterans@gmail.com
www.comeallwhoarethirsty.org

August 7 from 12Noon to 4PM: Tolson's Chapel and School Tours

111 E. High Street
tolsons.chapel@gmail.com

August 14: ROCK the Farm Festival - ROCK Cover Bands

Green Hill Farms
<https://www.ghfarm.org/>

September 2021

September 4 from 12Noon to 4PM: Tolson's Chapel and School Tours

111 E. High Street
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October 2021

October 2 from 12Noon to 4PM: Tolson's Chapel and School Tours

111 E. High Street
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Recurring Events 2021

1st Wednesday of the month 10AM **Adults: Come share your most recent or favorite read!**

Sharpsburg Park Pavilion
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

Thursdays at 3:30PM: Storytime

Sharpsburg Park Pavilion
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

Fridays 3PM to 8PM and Saturdays/Sundays: 12Noon to 6PM Antietam Creek Vineyards

4835 Branch Ave, Sharpsburg, MD
(240) 490-2851

Mayor & Councilpersons

Russ Weaver – Mayor
Jacob Martz – Vice Mayor
Mia Parsons – Council
John Hammond – Council
Ed Beeler-Council
Robbie Waters – Council
Joe Kudla – Council
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Sharpsburg.md.zoning@gmail.com

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Mayor & Council of Sharpsburg Meeting held at the Hagerstown Model Railroad Museum in Sharpsburg

June 7, 2021 Meeting DRAFTED MEETING MINUTES

Railroad Museum board members gave a demonstration and tour of the facilities and shared some of their progress of what they've accomplished and thanked all councilmembers and mayor for their continued support, especially with the new roof and paint. They presented to Russ a plaque for the council's support and generosity.

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Russ Weaver, Jacob Martz, Ed Beeler, Robbie Waters, Tim Lung, Mia Parsons, John Hammond, Joe Kudla, Mike Arant, Carrie Estell, Crystal Pheulpin, Gina Brown, Jen Bruni, Perry Jamieson, Officer Tracey Peyton

- I. Call meeting to order at 6:08 pm; Ed Beeler started the meeting off with the pledge
- II. Meeting minutes from May 2021 to approve, Ed motioned to approve, Jacob seconded, all were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (two minutes per person)

Gina Brown-Wanted information on the chicken ordinance, Tim Lung explained how he got the ideas from Boonsboro and Smithsburg to create a Sharpsburg chicken ordinance. He went further to explain that the ordinance is still in the drafting phase and is in the hands of the planning committee. Once the draft is completed and there is a final draft, it will be published in the post office, on the town's website and on the town's Facebook page. Once it is published, there will be an opportunity for the public to express their opinions and make comments. Gina expressed some concern over the enclosed area for the chickens and said she would share a few suggestions. She will email the town her ideas.

Officer Tracey Peyton-presented the month of June and August to compare and contrast the days and how the schedule is created on a rotating basis. Schedule was discussed as hours are more flexible than the days. A person from the council will be given the task to be a Public Safety liaison and meet with Officer Peyton in regards to the town's needs and discuss the types of issues that are prevalent. The number to call in complaints is 240-313-4345, this is a non-emergency line. Council agreed that Officer Peyton is most effective when visible.

Mike Arant-Town Crier is going well, averaging about 12 pages per edition, this may need to be reigned in as the size is an issue when sending out electronic issues. There are 140 electronic subscribers. Russ thanked Mike on the Town Crier and its success along with noting the positive comments from citizens.

Mayor's Report

Congratulated Jacob and Ed on the great parade. He spoke about

PIA-Public Information Act, suggesting that all council members utilize a separate email for town business.

Zoning-any issues about zoning all go through Tim, no public opinions on zoning issues.

Budget-no financials this month as we are going to create a new QuickBooks system at the helm of this creation is Dee Snyder, this will be more in tune with the town's purpose as the old system was developed by accountants. A meeting to discuss finances will happen this month. This meeting will discuss budget for the new fiscal year, operational monies and capital improvements. John suggested we meet more often than once a month; this idea was well reviewed, and the council will meet the 4th Monday of the month.

Zoning with Tim

- Inquires on Old Market Place/104 Church Street, possible? s are what a new owner could do with the property. This is difficult to answer as the real estate agents want a yes or no answer and there is not a yes or no answer. Formal town zoning certificate, special exceptions and what is and what is not permitted. There are steps needed to take in order for a special exception.
- Unpermitted to Antietam Street, next step may be a legal matter.
- Owner and operator for the S. Mechanic Street short term rental, Mr. Fitzgerald, has been cooperative with the special exception paper work

Russ mentioned that Jacob would not be able to serve in the capacity of council/vice mayor and be on the zoning board. Russ asked for any ideas, Jacob mentioned Randy Short as a possible candidate and Gina Brown stepped up and offered to volunteer for one of the open positions. Russ nominated her, Robbie seconded the nomination and all were in favor.

- Lutheran Church has had no permits issued; there have been a few inquiries.
- The trash, unkempt properties, tall weeds and overgrown yards have been an eye sore. There are quite a few properties that fall into this category. A letter to all town property owners will be drafted to remind owners of regulations and to keep up a pleasing aesthetic to the town.
- The property at 207 West Chapline was noted for the yard. A certified letter and 10 days to respond to requests was discussed.

Council comments

- Ed Beeler-Historical Planning, town archives, communications, grants
 - Sharpsburgh Museum of History-Attendance since May 6 - 118 with people from ME, NC, WV, MD, VA, PA & TX.
 - Initial research shows that 15 veterans are buried in the Lutheran Cemetery
 - Joseph Chapline donated the ground for a church and cemetery. The cost would be one peppercorn yearly.
 - Recorded Buried - 494
 - Veterans Buried - 15, 12-CW, 2-RW & 1-MW
 - Oldest Recorded Buried - 1787, stone in German-Last Recorded Buried – 1948
 - Some of the noted buried: Doctors – 8, Founder's Children – 4, Priest of St. Paul's – 1, Colored Burial Grounds – 3, Owners & Founders of BeLinda Springs, Plus worker from C & O Canal, Antietam Iron Works.
 - Possible partners in restoring our cemetery:

- Town People
 - Scouts
 - Veterans Groups
 - Various other Volunteer groups
- John Hammond-Building and Infrastructure-
 - Spoke of the deplorable conditions at Mt. View Cemetery. Carrie mentioned that the board of Mt. View will be meeting Monday, June 21st at town hall. There are records that need to be moved out of town hall that belong to the cemetery.
 - John discussed the solar lights for the parking lot, their placement and height. John motioned to purchase and have lights installed, the council discussed two instead of three as two would do the job of the wanted light for the mural and parking lot. John motioned for the lights to be purchased and installed, Jacob seconded and all were in favor.
 - The missing brick in the town hall/library building will be replaced. The brick may not match exactly, but should be replaced.
 - John suggested having a more set list of projects with said projects ordered by priority.
 - Water/sewer rebates to be decided at the next pre council meeting.
- Jacob Martz-Vice Mayor, communications, Memorial Day Parade, grants
 - Memorial Day ceremony and parade was a great success; the fly over was a big hit! There was a few hick ups with the line up on Gen. Lee, but the committee met to discuss strategies for improvement.
 - Communications is going well; Facebook is getting lots of information to the citizens about what the council is doing for the town. Main focus is to let the community know that the council is working for them.
- Mia Parsons-Planning-(Streetscape), grants
 - Met with an arborist who recommended an assessment
 - The assessment would capture all species, their conditions, take into account utilities, and offer recommendations and maintenance. Think of a what we have and what we need. The assessment can happen after July and will run between 750 and 850 dollars. Mia motioned for the assessment to be done by Trees 101 LLC, Ed seconded the motion and all were in favor of the town getting the assessment.
 - Would like for a basic tree policy. As of now the trees along Main Street are the town's responsibility.
- Robbie Waters-parks, railroad station, town operations
 - Sea container is to be removed and out building will be researched. This building will have climate control and be in the place of the sea container. By the end of June the mulch will be done and the pavilion will be painted.

- Thanks were voiced for CAWAT and Beth and Dwayne's role in transforming the park into something that town can be proud of. There is park funding and grants available, Carrie sent an email to Robbie, Mia and Russ.
- Joe Kudla-roads, signs, streets, walls
 - Trone visit went well, it was from 430-600 Wednesday, June 2nd and the National Cemetery Walls and water/sewer was discussed. There was much coverage via Facebook on his visit.
 - Spring Wall-quote was shared, specifics of damage. The ownership of this area is still uncertain. Joe and Russ have tried to contact Bill Hall to discuss wall issues and fix. There are areas of the wall that look to have been fixed. The foundation support needs to be redone and the hydraulic pressure need to be relieved.
 - Joe, Russ and John will look at the wall this evening and take a group look.
 - National Cemetery wall that was damaged by a car accident will be fixed, the capstone will be replaced, along with the grout and pointing. This should start some time this summer.
 - Taylor's was in town cleaning and will finish the sewer clean up.
 - Mick Carr is waiting on the laminate for the road signs.
 - Dawn B. from the Town Rider program would be nice to hear what this organization has to offer along with their engineering team. They can offer assistance with long term planning for the town. Carrie to set up a meeting for later this summer.
 - Bradford Pear tree off Mechanic Street was looked at, Potomac Edison came out and trimmed a few branches. Looks that it needs a canopy trim, this would fall to the property owner's responsibility.
 - Williamsport offered to loan us their street cleaning machine, however it is not running. Still working on that partnership. It would be good to street clean ALL streets a couple times each year.

Public Safety council representative will be Robbie Waters-he will meet with Officer Peyton to be the council's liaison.

CAWAT-Mark Smith Park Lease was presented and discussed, 99-year lease with the charge of \$1, any improvements will need council's approval, the CAWAT will maintain grass and clean up. All were in favor of said lease.

Old Business/ACTIONS

Light in the municipal parking lot-will be done within the month.

High Street signs-will be done within the month

Park will be mulched and pavilion painted within the month.

Bricks on walkway around telephone poles to be replaced-Joe will take care of this.

West Antietam Street barrier

New Business

How to repair the Spring Wall-Councilmembers drove to the spring wall and shared opinions and collectively made suggestions.

