

Town of Sharpsburg



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The minutes of the Council meeting are an overview of business conducted and are not the official minutes of the meeting. The official minutes will be available at the Clerk's office after they are approved by the Mayor and Council at next month's council meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Hal Spielman.

The minutes of the December 2017 meeting were moved for approval by Darryl and seconded by Ed. The motion carried.

The December 2017 treasurer's report was approved as presented.

The January 2018 treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Public Comment:

Meredith Poffenberger invited the Council and the public to attend meetings of the Sharpsburg Merchant's and Community Association; a unifying and economic development group. The next meeting will be held Tuesday February 20, 2018 at 11:30am in the side room of Bender's Tavern. She stated that the purpose of the group is to bring unity to Sharpsburg and possibly more businesses and foot traffic to the town.

Mayor Spielman thanked Meredith Poffenberger, owner of the Marketplace of Sharpsburg, for the gift of a print titled "Town Square" that the Marketplace gave to the Town.

Ernie Wetterer inquired as to when the Town Deputy would start. Mayor Spielman informed him that this would not take place until late May/early June.

Kelly Moore of Sharpsburg stated that he attended Meredith's meeting and that it was very informative and encouraged everyone to attend.

Larry Ceren and Heather Barnes of Shepherd's Spring, a local facility just outside of Town, introduced themselves and encouraged everyone to check out their programs that they offer including a summer camp, global heifer village, hikes, classes and more. Although they are affiliated with the Church of the Brethren, not all of their programs are religion based.

Jeff Prenger of West Main Street thanked the Sharpsburg Fire Company for their quick response to GeGe's Place, which unfortunately burnt in the early morning hours.

A resident voiced concern over issues that are occurring at a local business and is questioning what more can be done. He was encouraged to continue contacting the police when a particular issue is occurring. If the Town Clerk calls, that is listed as one occurrence to the police. However; if numerous people call with complaints, each of those will register individually. The Mayor and Council will plan a meeting with the owners of the property and the business.

It was also suggested that once the Deputy comes on board and attends meetings, that this will be advertised to the public, so that citizens can attend to voice their concerns with the deputy.

Committee Reports

Parks and Railroad Station: Brandon stated that the new aerator would be installed when the pond is not frozen. Mayor Spielman asked the Council about the possibility of locking the park for the winter months. It was decided, after discussion and input from the public, not to close the park.

Building: Michael asked if the Council would want the same type of cabinet out front to post information; one that lights or does not light. He also suggested a projection mechanism out front which would place the information out as well. Tamara asked if that would fit into the looks and feel of the Town. Michael stated that he would gain pricing on all avenues and would send a link to the Council, so that they can see exactly what product he is suggesting.

Streets: Nothing to report

Battlefield Advisory Committee: Mr. Vincent stated that the next meeting will be in April.

Public Safety: Darryl stated that the EMS should be in their new building in a week or two

Town Archives and Historical Planning: Ed stated that there will be a Founder's Day meeting on Thursday February 8th at 7pm. He also stated that we are getting in donations for the museum

Mayor's Report: Mayor Spielman received a letter from the Friends of Tolson's Chapel in regards to a \$25 membership. Tamara moved to purchase a membership and Darryl seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business

Approval of Little League Contract: Darryl moved to approve the Little League contract as amended at the workshop meeting and Ed seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business

Cameras: Darryl spoke with a representative that installed our cameras. They stated that we have the ability to add three additional cameras to our system. It was suggested to place two out front and one in the library. Pricing will be available in the next few weeks.

Renewal of Mowing Contract: The mowing contract is up in March. There is the option to renew the contract for two additional years. Since Shepherdstown Lawns has been doing an exceptional job, Darryl moved to renew the contract for the two year period and Brandon seconded the motion. The motion carried. Kimberly will send a letter to the owner of Shepherdstown Lawns, informing him that the Town would like to renew for two years.

Renewal of Waste Collection Contract: We received a letter from the Vice President of Apple Valley Waste, wishing to renew the waste collection contract under the original terms for a one year period.

Tamara moved to renew the contract for one year and Ed seconded the motion. The motion carried. Kimberly will send a letter stating that we wish to accept their renewal for a one year period; beginning May 1, 2018 and ending April 30, 2019.

It was asked when the speed camera at the school would be arriving. Kimberly will contact Sheriff Mullendore for further information on this.

Ed moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm and Tamara seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Town News

Town Office Closure

The Town Office will be closed on Monday February 19, 2018, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Workshop Meeting

The Mayor and Council will be having a workshop meeting on Tuesday February 20, 2018 at 6:30pm in Town Hall. Agenda items include: Meeting with the Sharpsburg Merchants, Business and Community Association, Founder's Day, Memorandum of Understanding with the Historical Society, cabinet/advertising options for in front of Town Hall.

151st Memorial Day Commemoration Activities



Save the date for the 151st Memorial Day Commemoration activities! Although it may seem far away, preparations for the annual event are already underway. These events will be held on Saturday May 26, 2018, beginning with the wreath laying ceremony at 11am in the square, followed by music in the square beginning at noon. The parade will begin at the Sharpsburg Elementary School at 1:30pm and will travel down Main Street to the Antietam National Cemetery.

If you, or an organization that you are affiliated with would like to participate, please contact Town Hall at 301-432-4428 or townofsharpsburg@comcast.net

Community News

AMERICAN LEGION POST 236 CONTINUES TRADITION



The American Legion Post 236 had the pleasure of buying and giving oranges and candy canes to the Sharpsburg Elementary School again this year. What a thrill for all involved...I am prejudiced but...these are the most polite, sweetest children anywhere. They are our future, I think we are in good hands. One ALA member says he remembers this being done for at least 50 years.

-Darlene Hoffman

Community Events

Sharpsburg Merchant's and Business Association

The next meeting of the Sharpsburg Merchant's, Business and Community Association will be held on Tuesday February 20th at 11:30am at Captain Bender's Tavern. This meeting is open to any business, merchant, organization or church of Sharpsburg, Maryland. For more information, contact Meredith Poffenberger at 301-991-0265.

Sharpsburg Historical Society to present
Looking at Sharpsburg, 75 photos from 1975



Join the Historical Society on Thursday February 15 at 7pm at Town Hall to view 75 photos of Sharpsburg from 1975. Please bring photos to share!

For more information, please call 301-992-9767. This event is free and open to the public.

Sharpsburg Lions Club



Country Ham Sandwich Sale

Sandwiches are only \$3.00

Orders are being taken until March 26th
Call Lion Delancy Catlett at 301-582-1728
or email: sharpsburglions@gmail.com

Pick up on April 12, between 6:00pm and 7:30pm
At St Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 W. Main Street

Our goal is to sell 500 sandwiches.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!!

Sale to benefit Sharpsburg's Fire, EMS and Tolson's Chapel

SHARPSBURG HERITAGE FESTIVAL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

It has been several years since the Heritage Festival was held here in Sharpsburg and we would very much like to resurrect it. However; volunteers are needed to coordinate all that goes into the event. Orchestrating craft and food vendors, living history events, educational programs, children's area and traffic logistics takes the concerted effort of a core group of individuals, as well as additional volunteers to assist both during the festival and in preparations beforehand. If you would like to participate in getting this annual tradition off the ground again, please contact Dave Peters, Treasurer, at 301-432-5501. Thank you.

- Dave Peters

HAPPENINGS AT THE LIBRARY



Come in from the cold and enjoy a good book!! Magazines, movies and audiobooks are also available.

Every Wednesday in February, enjoy a cup of hot tea or hot chocolate while you browse.

February 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Black History Month: *Who Were the People of Tolson's Chapel?*

Presented by historian and President of the Non-Profit Friends of Tolson's Chapel, Edie Wallace.

On display will be newly acquired photographs of past members of the chapel and when the chapel served as a school. Edie will discuss who those members were and what they did.

Tolson's Chapel served the African-American community in Sharpsburg for 132 years.

March 7, 2018 from 6:00-7:30pm

Tween/Teen Game Night and Pizza – Minecraft and the Wii (lots of new games!) ready for you to play and we will order pizza!!

March 14, 2018 at 6pm

Family Movie Night! The movie *Wonder* will be shown. A great movie with a wonderful meaning and lesson for everyone! Rated PG.

March 15, 2018 at 7pm

The Recycled Garden

Presented by author and Master Gardener Marianne Willburn.

She has won several national awards for her popular column and blog "The Small Town Gardener".

Repurposed items can create whimsy, save money and make your garden unique. Learn how to see the 'treasure in trash.'

Town Government

Town Office – 301-432-4428

Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Zoning Administrator hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Additional hours for the Clerk and Zoning Administrator are available by appointment

Mayor and Council

Hal Spielman – Mayor	301-432-6854
Russ Weaver – Vice Mayor (Planning & Zoning)	301-432-5907
Ed Beeler – Councilperson (Town Archives & Historical Planning)	301-800-6877
Darryl Benner – Councilperson (Public Safety)	301-992-2230
Michael Carr – Councilperson (Town Buildings)	301-991-6988
Brandon Smith – Councilperson (Parks & Railroad)	301-491-4866
Tamara White – Councilperson (Streets)	301-432-7754
Kimberly Fulk – Town Clerk/Treasurer/ Tax Collector	301-432-4428

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