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COUNCIL NEWS

These minutes are not the official minutes, nor are they a complete review of the business conducted. Requests for a copy of the complete minutes may be requested from the town clerk.

The meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:08pm by Mayor Spielman. Jennifer Silbert was unable to attend the meeting.

The minutes of the May meeting and the treasurer’s report were both approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Perry Jamieson of East Main Street thanked the town for their attention and assistance with getting approval for the large tree at the alley near his home to be removed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Railroad Station— It appears that the road is going to need to be raised at the water tower to assist with the water drainage. Zoning Administrator Tamera Wolfe will look into getting estimates for this.

Building— Bryan Gabriel is looking into getting new doors for the town garage. He will also arrange for the inmates to paint the garage when the weather clears up for a few days.

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Streets— There are some stop signs at Hall and West Antietam Street and at Hall and Chapline Streets that are leaning. Mayor Spielman will take care of having these straightened.

Planning and Zoning— The County has added a new requirement for the Comprehensive Plan. Once they get the proper data to Kimberly, she will work on completing this element.

Battlefield Advisory Committee— this meeting will be held on June 6th. Mr. Jamieson will get the notes to Kimberly to place in the crier.

Public Safety— Nothing to report.

Mayor’s Report— Individual’s from the county met with town officials and the engineer from Frederick Seibert and Associates on May 10th to review the Watershed Implementation Plan. This Plan would require the town to modify how certain practices are completed in the town to prevent contaminants from entering the water way, and in turn the Chesapeake Bay. These measures include refraining from using pesticides on town property, etc. The town will review these measures and establish a plan on how to go about implementing them.

OLD BUSINESS

Donation to the Heritage Festival— it was approved to donate

\$4,000 to the Sharpsburg Heritage Festival and also to donate \$4,000 to the Sharpsburg Little League to be used towards the purchase of new bleachers.

Bike Racks— It was approved to place bike racks throughout the town and also to place new benches in the town square area. It was also approved to place new benches and trash receptacles at the town park. Jennifer is working with the Canal Town Project to obtain a grant for these items.

NEW BUSINESS

Ball Field Lights— GE Ingram, President of the Sharpsburg Little League, was present to ask permission for the ball field lights to stay on until midnight for the girls softball district tournament June 18-20th and for a state tournament July 7th and the week of July 14th. The town granted this request. It was suggested that the little league draft a letter to the residents that live around the ball field to inform them of this arrangement.

Parade— this year we had issues with cars being allowed to cut through the parade, causing upset parade attendees. Mayor Spielman will address this issue with the police department.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, July 2nd.

TOWN HALL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOWN OFFICE CLOSURE

The town office will be closed from Friday, June 15th until Tuesday, June 26th. We will re-open on Wednesday, June 27th at 8:30am. During this time, if you have an **EMERGENCY**, contact Vice Mayor Bryan Gabriel at 301-432-2478. Otherwise, please contact the clerk upon her return on June 27th. Thank you.

July 4th Trash Collection

Due to the July 4th holiday, trash collection the week of July 2nd will be postponed by one day. Trash should be set out on Wednesday evening this week.

Property Upkeep

With spring here and summer fast approaching, weeds and grass are on the move—up that is.

The Town of Sharpsburg ordinance, Chapter 16, Article Two, Section 2-2 states that “When the mayor and Council of Sharpsburg, or its designated representative ascertains that the owner, occupant or person in control of any lot or lands within the Town has allowed or maintained on such lot or lands any growth of weeds or other rank vegetation to a height over 12 inches or that noxious weeds are growing on lands within the town, it shall cause written notice to be served upon the owner, lessee, agent or tenant having charge of any lot or lands within the Town, that weeds or other rank vegetation must be cut to a height not exceeding three (3) inches, or that noxious weeds must be destroyed by any of the methods, and that cutting of such weeds or other rank vegetation or the destruction of noxious weeds must be commenced within five (5) days after the service of such notice. If any such order of the representative of or from the Town issued under the authority of the provisions of this section is not complied with within ten (10) days after the service thereof, then the Town may cause said growth of weeds or other rank vegetation to be cut to a height not to exceed three (3) inches or shall cause said noxious weeds to be destroyed and the expense incurred incident to said order shall be paid by the owner of said lot or land, and until so paid shall be a lien upon the realty and recoverable as other liens on realty in the Town.

This ordinance is available for review in the clerk’s office and in the Sharpsburg Library. The town has

received several calls in regards to high grass and weeds, causing breeding grounds for snakes, rats and other unwanted creatures. These animals are on the move and into your neighbor’s property. With summer vacation starting, children are outside playing and need to be protected from these animals as well.

Please take care of your property, or make the proper arrangements to do so.

Dumping of trash and debris

It has been observed that there is an increasing amount of grass clipping, trash and other material that is being put into the town waterways (i.e. pond, streams, springs, etc.) The town waterways are not personal dumping grounds. This debris causes pollution, back up of the water way, harm to the fish and vegetation that live in these areas and is a hazard for the property owners that own property along these areas.

Please place your trash in a proper trash receptacle. If you need assistance with disposing of yard waste, (i.e. branches, grass clippings, weeds) Contact Apple Valley Waste at 1-877-267-1280 to obtain information about their yard waste collection program.

The Town of Sharpsburg is now on Facebook

The Town of Sharpsburg now has a facebook page. The address to the page is www.facebook.com/TheTownofSharpsburg. Go to the page and click “Like” to be kept up to date on office closures, community news and events and to view pictures of town events.

Battlefield Advisory Committee

Susan Trail and Ed Wenschhof attended a NPS workshop on the Shepherdstown Battlefield Special Resource Study. A National Historical Landmark study determined that the battlefield is not nationally significant in its own right, so it would need to be attached through a boundary adjustment to either Antietam National Battlefield or Harpers Ferry National Historic Park. An Environmental Assessment will be prepared to look at the possibility of a boundary adjustment.

Planning for the 150th continues. The new National Park Service website focused on the Maryland Campaign can be found at www.nps.gov/civilwar/maryland-campaign-events.htm. The initial schedule of Antietam events can be found at www.nps.gov/anti/planyourvisit/antietam-150th-battle-anniversary-schedule.htm. Both

sites are linked from Antietam’s primary web page. A press conference regarding the 150th is currently being planned for June 19th.

The Newcomer House (Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area Exhibit and Visitor Center) and the National Museum of Civil War Medicine’s Pry House Field Hospital are both open daily 11:00am to 5:00pm. The new rack card is being distributed at various visitor centers in the region. Park staff and volunteers assisted during the Memorial Day parade and national Cemetery Ceremony. Thank you to the Boonsboro High School and Wildcat Bands for performing on Saturday, May 26th. The Wildcats also offered a free evening program at the Maryland Monument for about 50 people. We appreciate the cooperation with the Town of Sharpsburg to present the Memorial Day Commemoration each year. Thanks also to the Sharpsburg Elementary School 5th graders and teachers for placing flags in the Antietam National Cemetery.

Park staff are currently working with the Maryland Symphony Orchestra to plan for the annual Salute to Independence orchestra concert and fireworks on Saturday, July 7th.

-Courtesy of Mr. Perry Jamieson

Community News and Events

The American Legion Post 236 would like to thank everyone for their support. The proceeds will be used to help troops, veteran and children in the area. The winner of the latest raffle is Amanda Shumaker. Congratulations Amanda!

- Darlene Hoffman

Hagerstown Aviation Museum presents “Open Airplane Afternoon”

Looking for something unique and different to do with Dad on Father’s Day? Just feel like getting out and seeing something different? Then join the Hagerstown Aviation Museum this Sunday, June 17th at Hagerstown Aircraft Services, located at 14235 Oak Springs Rd, Hagerstown, MD. Museum aircraft will be open to the public. Climb aboard and sit in the cockpit of the Fairchild C-82 and C-119 Flying Boxcar. Also, see other museum aircraft such as the 1943 Fairchild PT-19 WWII Trainer, and the 1928 Kreider Reisner KR-31 biplane. All of these were built in Hagerstown!

This event is FREE, with donations to the Aviation

Museum being accepted. Museum merchandise, books, DVD’s and hats will be for sale. FREE museum magazine and aircraft collection 14” x 28” color poster for all guests.

For more information, go to www.marylandmemories.com.

July 4th Activities



The Mayor and Council of Boonsboro and the Boonsboro Park Board sponsors this annual event at Shafer Park July 3rd beginning at 5pm with music by the Rohrserville Band, activities and food, followed by a spectacular fireworks display at dusk.

The City of Hagerstown will sponsor fun, food and music, followed by fireworks on Wednesday, July 4th at Hagerstown’s Fairgrounds Park. The event begins at 6pm, with fireworks at dusk.

The annual Salute to Independence will take place at the Antietam National Battlefield on Saturday, July 7th. The Maryland Symphony Orchestra will begin a concert at 7:30, with fireworks scheduled to begin at 9:45pm.

Scenes from the 145th Memorial Day
Commemoration Activities



Town Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-2:00pm (Additional hours by appointment)		
Hal Spielman, Mayor		432-6854
Bryan Gabriel, Vice Mayor		432-2478
COUNCIL		
Darryl Benner		991-2230
Cathy Hull		304-279-8440
Jennifer Silbert		432-7984
Brandon Smith		432-1941
TOWN OFFICIALS		
Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk		301-302-7347
Debra Jamison, Tax Collector		432-6572
Patti Hammond, Planning Com.		432-5965
Anna Jamison, Election Board		432-6572

TOWN ORGANIZATIONS		
Am Leg. Aux.	Ava Gift	432-6658
Am. Legion	Lawrence Hoffman	432-8957
Hist. Society	Vernell Doyle	992-9767
Mt. View Cemetery	Hal Spielman	432-6854
Cub Scouts	Michael Miles	432-0275
Boy Scouts	John Stewart	432-0564
CHURCHES		
Brethren	Lilly Grayson	432-6174
Bible	Rev. Gene Renner	739-1882
Episcopal	Carolyn Shaw	791-3357
Lutheran	Rev. Karen Valentine	304-676-9974
UCC	Melissa Reiff	465-9411

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