



# Town of Sharpsburg

## Town Crier



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### Town Council Minutes

These are not the "official" minutes of the meeting, they are an overview of the business that was conducted. Official minutes can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

The meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Spielman at 7:03pm. All members were present. The minutes of the May meeting and the Treasurer's report were both approved.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Justin Doty of Frederick Seibert and Associates, and Jay Brandenburg of the Fire Department were on hand to update the council on their progress with the new Fire/EMS building. The county is questioning the storm water runoff; as they are concerned this will be an issue when the building is completed with neighboring properties. The Fire Department will go door to door to properties that could possibly be affected by the water run-off. The engineers do not feel that the new development would make a significant difference in the amount of storm water run-off that currently occurs. Brian Kane, Town Attorney has drafted a letter to send to the County on behalf of the Town, encouraging the county to grant the Fire/EMS department a waiver and sign the site plan that has been submitted.

Vernell Doyle reported that the wayside sign for the Big Spring has arrived. Brandon has agreed to place the sign at the Big Spring, which will be revealed at the 250<sup>th</sup> Commemoration on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Railroad Station – There is a problem with speeding and reckless driving at the Town Pond. This is concerning to residents that live near the pond, especially those with young children and grandchildren. It was decided to place a 15 mph speed limit sign and two speed bumps at the pond.

Building – a bid was approved to fix the falling brick on the side of the town hall/library building.

Battlefield Advisory Committee – This meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Jamieson will provide Kimberly the notes for the Crier.

Old Business – The Parade seemed to go very well. We received numerous compliments about the content, the overall parade and the wreath laying ceremony. Vernell Doyle mentioned that there is a video of the parade on UTube.

Donation to the Heritage Festival – It was voted with a tie-breaker vote not to give the Heritage Festival a \$4,000 donation. After the budget is reviewed, perhaps a smaller sum can be donated.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.

## **Battlefield Advisory Committee**



\* Washington County Commissioner William B. McKinley attended the advisory committee's June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Nancy Kefauver and other longtime members of the group described for Commissioner McKinley the committee's history and its present role.

\*Superintendent Susan Trail reviewed the history of the Shepherdstown Battlefield Special Resource Study, which Congress initiated in 2009. A National Historic Landmark Study determined that the Shepherdstown battlefield is not historically significant in its own right; it would have to be attached, by a boundary adjustment, to either Antietam National Battlefield or Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Public comments were gathered online and at two meetings in February, 2012. An environmental study is being finished; there will be a meeting for public comment on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

\*Antietam Battlefield continues to deal with the sequestration of federal funding. Six permanent staff members will be on detail to other parks during the summer. Mowing has been reduced and in some places stopped altogether. Interpretive programs have been cut. The wood fences in the park will be studied: some may be taken down to save the cost of maintaining them.

-Perry Jamison

## Salute to Independence



The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland Symphony Orchestra Salute to Independence will be held at the Antietam National Battlefield on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:30pm. Come out to this free concert and fireworks display to celebrate our independence.

## *Sharpsburg's 250<sup>th</sup> Commemoration* *July 7, 2013*

The following is a schedule of events for the Commemoration celebration.

Information tent, corner of Main and Mechanic 11am-3pm

\* Walking and Bus Tour Registration and starting point for tours

\*Walking Tour Book sales, Raffle Ticket Sales

\*Silent Auction Sheet for Big Spring Bird House

\*Programs

### AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

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| 11:30     | Wreath laying at Chapline Plot, Mt. View Cemetery        |
| 12:30     | Sign unveiling, Big Spring                               |
| 1:00-2:30 | Lunch, donation basis, St. Paul's Episcopal Church       |
| 1:00-4:00 | Book Launch (Chapline Biography) Library                 |
|           | Library History Program and Display, Library             |
|           | Family Resource Registration, Library and Town Hall      |
|           | Historical Society Display, Headquarters in Town Hall    |
|           | Tolson's Chapel open                                     |
|           | Railroad Museum at the Train Station open                |
|           | Guided walking tours                                     |
| 2:30      | Bus tour with Paula Reed to Snyder's Landing and Lock 38 |
| 3:00      | Big Spring Bird House Silent Auction Closes              |
| 3:30      | Music and Church Histories, Reformed Church              |
| 4:30-5:30 | Ice Cream Social, St. Paul's Episcopal Church            |

4:30            Raffle drawing during Ice Cream Social  
5:00-6:00     Rohrersville Band Concert, St. Paul's Church lawn, Ringing of church bells

We hope that you will come out for this historic celebration! For further information, contact Vernell Doyle at 301-992-9767.

## **Announcements**

There will be NO CHANGE in the trash pick -up schedule for the week of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Trash set-out and pick-up will remain the same.

### *From the Desk of the Mayor*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a successful Memorial Day Commemoration on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. As the parade committee can attest to, this is not an event that is planned in one day. Many people are responsible for organizing the parade, the wreath laying ceremony and everything that comes along with this type of an event.

The American Unit #236, American Legion Auxiliary is responsible for organizing, inviting dignitaries to and carrying out the Wreath laying Ceremony in the square. We appreciate all of the time, effort and pride that this organization takes in preparing this ceremony of honor for our veterans. I would especially like to thank President, Ava Gift for her countless hours with the preparations for this event.

Thanks as well to the parade committee for organizing the parade, getting parade entrants, hanging the flags, coordinating the road closures, coordinating police and fire police to direct traffic. A special thank you to Cathy Hull for preparing the parade book, Roger Otzelberger, Bob Murphy, Cathy Hull and citizens that helped with the parade line up, Jim Warner, our Grand Marshal for the parade, Roger Moore for announcing the parade participants in the square and Fred Baker for Citizen Flag Detail at the wreath laying ceremony. If I have missed anyone that was a part of this exciting event, accept my apologies and a sincere thank you for your work and dedication to this event.

Most of all, thank you to the community and businesses for your eagerness and excitement year after year for our hometown festivities and your sponsorships for the parade. We hope that this tradition can continue for many years to come.

-Mayor Hal Spielman

## Important Phone Numbers

Apple Valley Waste (Trash Collection)	304-724-1834
Washington County Department of Water Quality (Water and Sewer)	240-313-2600
Potomac Edison	1-800-686-0011
Washington County Sheriff's Department (Non-Emergencies)	240-313-2100
Comcast	1-800-COMCAST

## Reminders

- Burning within the town limits is PROHIBITED
- The town has a lawn and weed ordinance that states that grass and weeds need to be cut and kept at a limit not to exceed 3 inches. Be courteous to your neighbors and mow your lawn. This keeps the snakes and other unwanted rodents and animals out of the town as well
- Town trash collection is for residential (household) trash items. Commercial waste, yard waste and construction items are not accepted. If you have a question in regards to what is accepted or not, contact Apple Valley Waste
- With the ending of school and the beginning of summer vacations, the amount of pedestrian traffic throughout the town has increased a considerable amount. Please be courteous and abide by the LAW and STOP for pedestrians in crosswalks

\*Please note – there was no crier distributed in May.\*

## **Town Government**

**Town Office – 301-432-4428**

**Hours of Operation 8:30am-2:00pm, additional hours available by appointment.**

### **Mayor and Council**

<b>Hal Spielman – Mayor</b>	<b>301-432-6854</b>
<b>Bryan Gabriel – Vice Mayor</b>	<b>301-432-2478</b>
<b>Darryl Benner – Councilperson</b>	<b>301-991-2230</b>
<b>Brenda Gabriel – Councilperson</b>	<b>301-432-2478</b>
<b>Cathy Hull – Councilperson</b>	<b>304-279-8440</b>
<b>Brandon Smith – Councilperson</b>	<b>301-491-4866</b>
<b>Russ Weaver – Councilperson</b>	<b>301-432-5907</b>

<b>Kimberly Fulk – Town Clerk/Treasurer/ Tax Collector</b>	<b>301-432-4428</b>
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**Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council should be contacted through the Town Office, unless it is an emergency situation.**

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