

# *Town of Sharpsburg*



## *Town Crier*

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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 the July council meeting.

The meeting of the Sharpsburg Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:03pm by Mayor Hal Spielman. The minutes of the April meeting and the April treasurer's report were both approved as presented.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

County Commissioner, Wayne Keefer, was present to discuss a proposal by Sheriff Doug Mullendore to the County Commissioners, asking for another deputy to be added to the County Sheriff's Office. Sharpsburg and Keedysville are interested in having a greater police presence in their areas. Commissioner Keefer also stated that Cascade is in need of a deputy as well. Commissioner Keefer stated that another deputy would cost approximately \$60,000/year. He also asked if the Town would be able to put some money forward for the cost of the deputy. Commissioner Keefer stated that at this time, he is unsure of how much money would be required, but each area would be able to determine how many hours they would like the deputy. Cascade already pays a higher property tax, so they essentially would pay for the deputy that way. Williamsport has a full-time deputy, but the Mayor has expressed interest in the possibility of using another deputy part-time. This would decrease the amount of monies that each town pays, but may also decrease how often the deputy is in town. Commissioner Keefer stated that until this was formally introduced and proposed at the County Commissioner's meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>, that he would not have any definite answers as far as cost, hours, etc. Some questions that the Council had for the County Commissioners are: how much control would the Town have with the hours of the officer? How much would this cost the Town, would the hours be documented so that we can see when they are here? Russ stated that we should be entitled to some coverage due to paying taxes to the County. Brandon stated that the cost seems to be a lot. Commissioner Keefer also stated that we should be able to find some grant funding for police coverage. He also asked if we considered speed cameras before. Mayor Spielman stated that the Town

approached the County Sheriff's office about this before, but was told that it would not be possible. Beth Harris, co-owner of Victory Garden Ranch stated that she felt an increased police presence would be a good idea, as there was a situation in the square with a possible high/intoxicated individual about 2 weeks ago.

Commissioner Keefer stated that he would ask our questions in the meeting and get back to us with answers. Mayor Spielman thanked him for coming to discuss this.

## **Committee Reports**

**Parks/Railroad Station:** Brandon met with a park design and equipment person, he will be drawing up a plan for the park so that we can submit it to apply for a grant for funding for new equipment.

Come All Who Are Thirsty have declined to use the Mark A. Smith Park for their garden at this time.

They are concerned by the amount of drug paraphernalia and trash in the park and do not feel it is a good decision for them to continue the use of the park at this time.

**Building:** Michael completed the re-letter of Town Hall prior to Memorial Day. It was also questioned if the inmates will be painting the Town garage. It was decided to hold off on this until they have cleaned up the cemetery on North Hall Street. A bracket is being made for the stairs and the railing has been repaired.

**Streets:** Tamara stated that she had nothing new at this time

**Planning & Zoning:** Russ stated that the Planning Commission had a meeting May 11<sup>th</sup> and that it was a very productive meeting. Discussion on branding is still being discussed. The next meeting will be June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Battlefield Advisory Committee:** The next meeting will be in July, as the committee has begun their quarterly schedule.

**Public Safety:** Darryl made a motion to purchase signs for some of the alleys stating "Not a through alley" from the County. The cost would be \$80 for both signs from the County. The motion carried.

**Town Archives and Historical Planning:** Ed was not present to report

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Spielman reported that the Sheriff's Office placed a counter up on West Main Street for two weeks. We are still awaiting the final data from the findings

## **Old Business**

**227 W Main Street:** The sidewalk has been repaired, and the tree was cut down. The tree stump is not able to be ground out, due to its close proximity to the drain. Kimberly will notify the property owner

**Legion Building:** The Mayor and Council received a letter with suggestions as to how to arrange parking in town without tearing down the Legion building for it just to become a parking lot. It was questioned what would happen to the Legion Building. At this time the building will be demolished. At that time a decision would be made as to what to put in its place. It will more than likely become a parking lot at this time, as parking has always been an issue. The question was raised as to how the tenants of the Grove House would feel about a parking lot with the possible trash left behind, the fumes, etc. Darryl noted that the owner of the property offered to sell off a piece of it to the Town to expand a parking lot, so it seems as though he does not think a parking lot would be a problem. It was suggested to remove the building and then get some ideas as to what to do with the property before anything permanent is placed. There will be a meeting set up with a demo company to get estimates on the cost of demolition. Kimberly will check into possible grants.

**MML Convention:** The Mayor will be attending the Maryland Municipal Convention in Ocean City and asked if his registration fee for the convention could be paid for by the Town. A motion was made to

pay for registration expenses and rooming expenses. The motion carried. The Mayor thanked the Council.

**New Business:** Darryl asked how long to leave the flags up along Main Street. It was decided to remove all of the flags, except for the ones in the intersections. The flags in the intersections would then be removed after July 4<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was moved into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 8:50pm. The meeting was moved back into open session at 9:50pm and was adjourned at 9:52pm.

Due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, the July meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Monday July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Town Hall.

## **Town News**

### **July Town Meeting**

The July meeting for the Mayor and Council will be held on Monday July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Town Hall.

### **Town Office Closures**

The office of the Clerk will be closed Monday June 19 – Wednesday June 21. The Zoning Administrator will be in the office for his regular hours on Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm.

The Town Office will also be closed on Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day.

### **TRASH COLLECTION DELAYED DUE TO INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY**

Trash Collection will be delayed by one day for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. Trash should be placed out for collection on Wednesday July 5<sup>th</sup> after 4pm for Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup> collection.

## **Community News and Events**

### **COME ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY MONTHLY MEETING**

The monthly meeting of the local veterans group, Come All Who Are Thirsty, will be held on Saturday July 1, 2017 at 9:30am at the Burnside First Church of God, located at 3904 Mills Road in Sharpsburg. Breakfast is provided and the meeting is open to all Veterans and their families, First Responders and anyone who has an interest in supporting Veterans.

## *Dr. Emilie Amt to speak at Tolson's Chapel*

Dr. Emilie Amt will present "Remembering Africa in Western Maryland, 1750-1865 at Tolson's Chapel on June 24 at 2:00pm. The Chapel will also be open for tours from 10:00am-4:00pm.

## *Maryland Symphony Orchestra's Salute to Independence*



The Maryland Symphony Orchestra's Salute to Independence will take place on the Antietam National Battlefield on Saturday July 1. The concert will begin at 7:30pm and the fireworks will begin at approximately 9:45pm.

Be sure to bring a blanket, plenty of water or soft drinks and a flashlight. Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company and the Emergency Medical Services will be selling food and drinks at the event.

Be prepared for large crowds of up to 20,000 people.

Limited parking is available in the park and additional parking can be found on Rt. 65 and Rt. 34 bordering the park. You do need to walk to get to and from the event. There is a shuttle bus to bring you closer to the event from Rt. 34, but there is still a 300 yard walk. Buses run from 3:00pm to 11:30pm. The cost is \$2.00 round-trip and children under five are free.

Please keep in mind that there is a minimum of one hour to ninety minute traffic delay when leaving the event, so please be patient.

Please, no pets and no soliciting.

Tarps cannot be placed before 6:00am on Saturday July 1, 2017. Tarps placed prior to this time will be removed and those not occupied by 7:00pm on the evening of the concert will also be removed. The National Park Service suggests labeling property with a name

## Find It at Founder's Day

Join your neighbors as Sharpsburg celebrates the 254<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its 1763 founding.

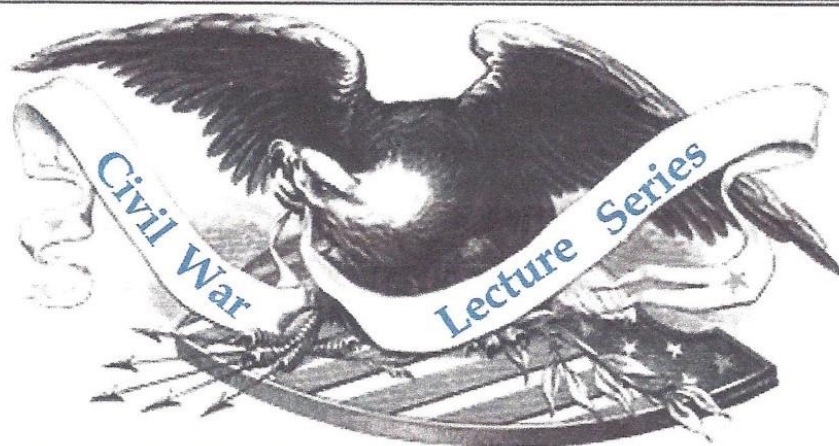
**NO CHARGE** to be part of the community-wide YARD SALE on SATURDAY JULY 8, 9:00am TO 3:00pm  
An Early-Bird Breakfast will be available at the Victory Garden Ranch at the square at 8:00am. The library's scavenger hunt will start at 9:15am.

The Sharpsburg Historical Society will advertise this event. **Start preparing for your sale!**

You are also invited to come to an ice cream social and band concerts on Sunday July 9, 2:00pm-4:00pm

These free afternoon events are sponsored by the Sharpsburg Historical Society, Nutter's Ice Cream Shop and the Jacob Rohrbach Inn.

For more information, please call 301-992-9767



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# THE MARYLAND CAMPAIGN

Every Wednesday evening June 7 ~ August 30

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## CIVIL WAR LECTURE SERIES

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### JACOB ROHRBACH INN

Join us at the Jacob Rohrbach Inn this summer to hear leading historians and Antietam Battlefield Guides as they discuss intriguing topics of the Maryland Campaign of 1862 and the Civil War.

The talks are held at 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday at the Jacob Rohrbach Inn.

For more information go to our website at

<http://jacob-rohrbach-inn.com/blog/2017/01/civil-war-lecture-series-2/>

~ ~ BONUS ~ ~

These evening programs are entirely free  
and open to the public!

**HEADQUARTERS, SHARPSBURG, MARYLAND**

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**JACOB ROHRBACH INN**

**138 West Main Street**

**Guest Speakers include:**

*Gordon Dammann ~ John Michael Priest ~ Joe Stahl ~ Gary Rohrer ~ Tom Clemens  
Jim Rosebrock ~ Steve Stotelmyer ~ Perry Jamieson ~ Kevin Pawlak  
Sharon Murray ~ Mark Brugh ~ Matt Borders ~ John Schildt*



# Topics & Speakers

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June 7 - *Civil War Medicine Hollywood Style -The Good, the Bad and the Ugly* - Gordon Dammann

June 14 - *Antietam: The Soldiers' Battle* - John Michael Priest

June 21 - *Faces from the 9th Corps at Antietam* - Joe Stahl

June 28 - *Antietam Creek's Historic Stone Arch Bridges* -  
Gary Rohrer

July 5 - *Antietam Personalities* - Tom Clemens

July 12 - *Henry Hunt and the Maryland Campaign* - Jim Rosebrock

July 19 - *Too Useful to Sacrifice; Reconsidering George B. McClellan's  
Generalship in the Maryland Campaign from South  
Mountain to Antietam* - Steve Stotelmyer

July 26 - *The Battle of Five Forks* - Perry Jamieson

August 2 - *Water to his Front, Water to his Rear: Robert E. Lee  
Defends the Confederate High Water Mark at Sharpsburg,  
September 17, 1862* - Kevin Pawlak

August 9 - *Evading Capture: Union Cavalry Escape from Harpers  
Ferry, September 14, 1862* - Sharon Murray

August 16 - *The Woman Soldier at Antietam* - Mark Brugh

August 23 - *From Dred Scott to Secession* - Matt Borders

August 30 - *These Honored Dead* - John Schildt

## **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**

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

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