

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 of the Sharpsburg Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Hal Spielman. The February minutes and the February Treasurer's report were both approved as presented.

Public Comment

Ron Kline with Shepherd's Spring spoke with the Council about their Community Day on April 27th and invited the residents of Sharpsburg to participate in the cleaning up of the camp site and the planting of flowers. The event will begin at 9 am, with lunch provided by Shepherd's Spring.

Deputy Peyton was present to state that the speed trailer that was requested is not being deployed until the spring time. At that time he hopes to bring it to town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Railroad Station – The roof at the railroad station will need to be evaluated soon. Russ offered to go there with Robbie to check this out.

Building – It was moved and approved to award the HVAC replacement to Total Heating and Air Conditioning.

Streets – Michael stopped and evaluated the stop signs at Antietam Street. Darryl will get a count of all the Stop signs in town, so that these can be replaced. Mr. Prenger was questioning if Hall Street will ever be repaired, as it was torn up from the water main break. We will contact the County regarding this.

Planning and Zoning – Russ read the Ordinance in regards to Airbnb's. There were several

correspondence received from property owners in town. Several tax payers of the Town of Sharpsburg were present to include their thoughts on the proposed ordinance.

Battlefield Advisory Committee – Susan Trail discussed construction of the Visitor’s Center. The next meeting will be in April

Town Archives and Historical Planning – Founder’s Day will be July 5-7th. Plans are underway and information will be released soon as to details.

G. Public Safety – Nothing to report as this was covered under Streets

H. Zoning Administrator’s Report – Nothing to report

Mayor’s Report – Nothing to report

Old Business – None

New Business – It was approved to add a new computer system to Town Hall.

Tamara White has resigned as Councilperson. If you would like to be interviewed to fill her remaining term, see Kimberly for an application. Candidates will be interviewed. Deadline for applications is Monday, April 1, 2019 at 2:00 pm.

It was approved to sponsor an outdoor movie with the Sharpsburg Library

It was approved for Kimberly to purchase Town shirts for the employees.

Ed moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss legal matters and Russ seconded the motion. The meeting returned to open session at 9:47 pm and was moved to adjourn at 9:48 pm.

Town News

Town Office Closure

The Clerk will be out of the office on Monday, March 25th.

Workshop meeting of the Mayor and Council

Workshop meetings of the Mayor and Council are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the council chambers. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 27th. This will also be the second reading of the proposed Airbnb Ordinance.

Application for Consideration for Council seat

With the resignation of Councilperson Tamara White, the Mayor and Council will be accepting applications for persons interested in filling the vacancy. There are two years left on the term. Applicants must be at least 25 years of age, be a citizen of the United States, be a qualified voter in the Town of Sharpsburg and have lived in the Town limits at least one year prior to March 2, 2019. For an application, or if you have questions, contact Kimberly at 301-432-4428.

Application deadline is 2:00 pm on Monday, April 1st.

Sharpsburg Memorial Day Commemoration



The 152nd Memorial Day Commemoration will be held on Saturday, May 25th. There will be a wreath laying in the square at 11:00 am. The parade will begin at the Sharpsburg Elementary School at 1:30 pm, and will travel down Main Street and end at the Antietam National Cemetery.

If you, or your organization would like to participate in the parade, contact Town Hall at 301-432-4428 or email at townofsharpsburg@comcast.net.

Individual sponsorships and memorials are also being collected for the commemorative book. Sponsorships are \$2 per line, up to three lines. You may email your sponsorship to townofsharpsburg@comcast.net and mail payment to Town of Sharpsburg PO Box 368, Sharpsburg, MD 21782. You may also drop your information and payment off at Town Hall Monday – Thursday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm.

Commemorative books will be available for purchase for \$3 each at local businesses and Town Hall in May, date to be determined.

Community News and Events

Lions Club Ham Sandwich Sale

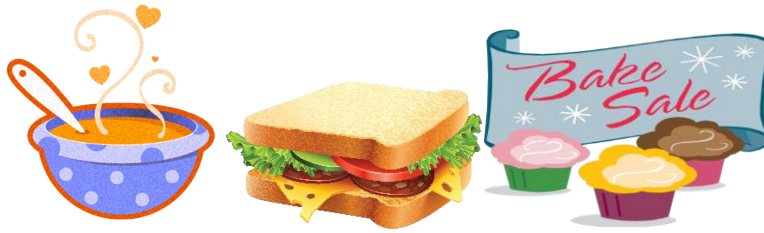
The Sharpsburg Lions Club is selling country ham sandwiches until March 28th. Proceeds will benefit Tolson's Chapel, Sharpsburg EMS and Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company. Sandwiches are \$3 each and orders can be placed by emailing sharpsburglions@gmail.com, or by calling Delancy Catlett at 301-582-1728, or Dave Peters at 301-432-5501.

Sandwich pick up will be on April 11, between 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 W. Main Street.

Come All Who Are Thirsty

Come All Who Are Thirsty will be having their monthly meeting on Saturday April 6, 2019 at 9:30am at the Burnside Church of God, located at 3904 Mills Road. Breakfast is provided. Come All Who Are Thirsty is open to ALL veterans and their families. First responders and anyone who has an interest in supporting Veterans are also welcome to attend. For more information, visit their website at www.comeallwhoarethirsty.org or call 240-347-7590.

Antietam Unit 236 American Legion Auxiliary Soup, Sandwich and Bake Sale



Antietam Unit 236 American Legion Auxiliary will be holding their annual soup, sandwich and bake sale on Friday April 19th and Saturday April 20th. Both days the ladies will be in front of the Jefferson Security Bank at 8:00 am until sold out. Chicken noodle soup, chicken corn soup, ham sandwiches, chicken salad sandwiches and assorted baked goods will be available for purchase. Monies raised are put back into the community.

Groundbreaking/Work Day at Mark A. Smith Memorial Park



Join Come All Who are Thirsty Veterans Group (CAWAT) on Sunday, April 28th from 1 pm – 3 pm, in Day 1 of creating the Mark A. Smith Memorial Park in Sharpsburg. The Town of Sharpsburg has donated this piece of land to honor modern-era Veterans; from the Cold War, Persian Gulf, Panama, and Grenada, to Iraq, Africa and Afghanistan. Also featured in the memorial will be a representation of Veterans of ALL eras in a silent dog tag memorial at the completion of this project. Thanks to local Veterans Mike Fasulo, Josh Roll and Ernie Wetterer in donating the first sets of tags, which they wore in their time of service.

The name of the park will remain Mark A. Smith, in honor of the young boy who lost his life many years ago in the nearby creek.

Battlefield Advisory Committee



The committee met on Wednesday, February 13, 2019.

Due to the partial federal government shutdown, the January meeting was canceled and rescheduled for February. Superintendent Trail discussed how the shutdown affected the park. Access was maintained to the park as much as possible during the five weeks. The Observation Tour and nightly gates were closed throughout the shutdown, as was the Visitor Center and Museum Bookstore. Law Enforcement Rangers remained on duty and two maintenance staff personnel were working as needed.

Superintendent Trail also talked about the recent news of the non-binding agreement by Gov. Larry Hogan with the U.S. Department of the Interior. This agreement would be an exchange of 2,481 acres in South Mountain State Battlefield for 512 acres at Oxon Cove National Park in Prince George's County, where a stadium for the Washington Redskins is proposed to be built. Superintendent Trail stated that there are no new developments of an exchange.

The project design for the rehabilitation of the Antietam Visitor's Center is awaiting approval. The project is expected to start by the summer of 2020 and be completed by 2022. The Observation Tower rehabilitation project will begin soon. The project includes replacing stairs, repointing the stonework, and adding additional railings for safety in the viewing area of the tower.

The McKinley walkway project will be completed with the installation of handrails along the route to the Burnside Bridge. The historic 6-rail fence along the Hagerstown Pike has started and the painting of the barns at the Mumma and Newcomer farms. The Mumma house will also be painted this year.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2019.

- Chris Vincent

UNIT PRESENTS DOUBLE BLUE STAR BANNER



Pictured left to right: Son Sean Cooper, Father Jeff Cooper and Mother Jean Cooper

Antietam Unit 236 American Legion Auxiliary, Americanism Chairman Ava Gift and Assistant Chairman Lou Ann Eichelberger, presented a double Blue Star banner to Jeff and Jean Cooper at their home in Funkstown, Maryland. The banner was presented on March 13, in recognition of their two children serving in the military.

Their daughter is Sgt. Laura Cooper, serving in the Army 759th Military Police Battalion at Ft. Carson, Colorado. She recently returned from a two year tour in South Korea. She is a 2011 graduate of North Hagerstown High School.

Son Sean is in the ROTC program at Valley Forge Military College, where he will be commissioned May 23, as a 2nd Lt. In order to finish his education agreement, he will be attending Syracuse University. He is in the Army Reserves 744th Military Police, Easton, Pennsylvania. He is a 2017 graduate of St. Maria Goretti High School.

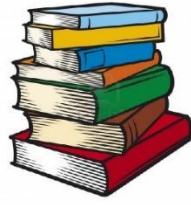
Parents Jeff and Jean are both veterans of the Navy.

As the banner was presented, they were told how honored and humbled we were to present it to them and to know that every time our heads are bowed in prayer, their children will be included, as with all our military.

Created in 1917, Blue Star Banners were a common sight during World War I and World War II. Resurrected by the Legion in 2001, the banner is displayed to show that a family member is serving in the armed forces.

- Ava Gift

Happenings at the Sharpsburg Library



Movie Night at the Library

A Star is Born

Rated R



Thursday, March 21st at 6:00 pm

Annual Garden and Grub

April 11 at 6:30 pm

We will have herb teas, basil cookies and other herbal goodness. If you like, please bring herb plants, seeds and herbal knowledge and questions to swap and/or share. Please register by calling the Sharpsburg Library at 301-432-8825.

Town Government

Town Office – 301-432-4428

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

Zoning Administrator hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 11:00 am

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)	301-991-2230
Michael Carr – Councilperson (Town Buildings)	301-991-6988
Robbie Waters – Councilperson (Parks)	240-382-4561

Staff

Kimberly Fulk – Town Clerk/Treasurer/ Tax Collector	301-432-4428
Kerry Anderson – Zoning Administrator	301-432-4428

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