

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 7:05 pm by Mayor Spielman. Members in attendance included Mayor Hal Spielman, Vice Mayor Russ Weaver, Councilpersons Darryl Benner, Michael Carr, Ed Beeler and Brandon Smith.

The September meeting minutes and September treasurer's report were both approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Meredith Poffenberger Moore – Thank you for the past five years that she had The Marketplace of Sharpsburg located here. She is moving the business to Williamsport.

Dwayne Harris – VGR will be closed for Halloween this year.

Elizabeth Paul – Candidate for County Commissioner. Wanted to attend the meeting and introduce herself.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Railroad Station -The fence was installed at the Mark A Smith park. Brandon and Darryl met with the electrician in regards to placing electricity and security cameras at the park.

Building - The lockbox was installed on the thermostat in the council chambers

Streets -No report, as Tamara was absent

Planning and Zoning –The Planning Commission met on regulating short term rentals. Reviewed the literature as a starting point; public literature and the ordinance for bed and breakfasts

Battlefield Advisory Committee –Meeting Wednesday

Public Safety –Nothing to report

Town Archives & Historical Planning –Group from Homewood coming Friday to see the museum. We have some possible donations for the museum

Mayor's Report –Nothing to report

Old Business

Bulk trash pickup date – October 3rd

Trick-or-Treat – October 31 from 6 pm- 8 pm

Farmers Market Ordinance

Late July/early August, the Planning Commission was propositioned to start an Ordinance in regards to farmers market(s) in town. Our ordinance does not include anything about Farmers Markets. The Planning Commission set out to develop an Ordinance in regards to opening a Farmers Market. The main question was that a decision was needed on allowing a Farmers Market in Residential or Town Center for these markets to be opened. The first and foremost thing we need to do is answer Ewing Oil's petition. Tonight we have published the Ordinance and residents will have five minutes to make public comments. After all Town Residents have had a chance to speak, non-town residents will have five minutes to speak as well. The Ordinance will not be voted on tonight, the purpose of the reading and public comments is to get the resident's opinions and thoughts before it is sent to the Mayor and Council for them to proceed with approving/denying the ordinance.

Numerous in-town and out of town residents spoke on holding a Farmers Market in town, both positive and negative.

Each Council Person had a chance to make comments, all of which stated that they are not opposed to a Farmers Market in Town Center.

New Business

Proposal for the electric at the park. Phase one \$7,050, which includes the site prep and getting electricity to the locations. Phase two \$3,710, includes the actual connecting power to the site and installation. Motion carried to continue with the prep and installation of electricity at the park.

Grant Writer – We have heard nothing new on the Circuit Rider/Grant Writer that we were awarded from the Maryland Rural Development Corporation. Mayor Spielman will check into this.

Help would be needed to set up barriers on Nov 12th for the Veterans Day Program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm by Ed and seconded by Darryl. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Town News

Town welcomes new Zoning Administrator

The Town would like to welcome Mr. Kerry Anderson as our new Zoning Administrator. Mr. Anderson can be reached at Town Hall at 301-432-4428. Currently his hours are Monday-Friday from 10 am – 1 pm. Welcome, Mr. Anderson!

Nominations for Town Office

There are three council seats and the Vice Mayor seat up for selection in the 2018 Municipal Election. In order to qualify to hold one of these positions, you 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 Town limits for at least one (1) year prior to the election. Applications are available at Town Hall during normal business hours of Monday – Thursday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm, and online at www.sharpsburgmd.com.

Applications are due to the Town Hall by 2 pm on Monday November 5, 2018. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Trick or Treat



Trick-or-Treat will be held in the Town of Sharpsburg on Wednesday October 31st from 6 pm – 8 pm. Parents are asked to accompany their children while trick or treating. If you wish to hand out treats (or tricks) to the children, please turn your porch light on.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION



The Town of Sharpsburg Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday November 20, 2018 from 9 am – 7 pm in the Council Chambers of Town Hall (second floor) Three councilpersons and the Vice Mayor are on the ballot. In order to vote in the municipal election, you must be an in-town resident and a registered voter. Absentee ballots are available by contacting the Town Clerk Monday – Thursday from 8:30 am – 2:00 pm at 301-432-4428.

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 November 28th.

Town Office Closures

The Town Office will be closed Wednesday November 21 and Thursday November 22.

Christmas Tree Lighting and Gathering

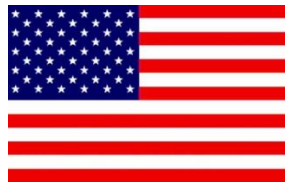


Come down to Who-ville (known as Town Hall) on Friday November 30th at 7 pm as we light the Town tree and enjoy music, refreshments and visits from Santa and The Grinch. Bring your camera and enjoy

spending time in Who-ville with Santa, The Grinch and your friends and neighbors while enjoying a Who-feast! (light refreshments.)

Community News and Events

Sharpsburg American Legion Auxiliary Earns Awards



President Brenda Francis presented Sharpsburg Antietam Unit 236 American Legion Auxiliary with certificate of Merit awards on Sunday September 23, 2018, at the Western Maryland District American Legion Auxiliary meeting.

The unit received first place for Americanism, Cancer Control, Children and Youth, Gold Star, National Security, Poppy, Public Relations and Best All-Around Veteran Field Service Program. The unit received second place for Education, Legislative, Chaplain and Veteran Service Award. The Junior group received second place for National Security and third place for group doing the most outstanding work in the Chaplain field and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

At the annual American Legion Auxiliary Convention in Ocean City, MD; the unit received first place for Children and Youth, Community Service, Gold Star, Poppy, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Junior Activities and All Around Activities. The Unit also received second place for Americanism and the Blood Donor Program. The juniors received third place for Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation.

Unit President Ava Gift accepted the awards on behalf of the unit, stating that the unit wishes to thank the community for supporting the annual bake sale fundraiser and for donations that provide funds to carry out its many worthwhile programs.

- Ava Gift

Come All Who Are Thirsty

Come All Who Are Thirsty will be having their monthly meeting on Saturday November 3, 2018 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.

Sharpsburg Lions Club



The Sharpsburg Lions Club is hosting bi-monthly dinner programs for only \$3.00.

November 8

Local historian, Rev. John Schildt will discuss *Four Days in October*, the details of Lincoln's visit to Sharpsburg and the Antietam Battlefield in October, 1862

The dinner programs will start at 7:00pm and be held at St Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 W. Main Street

Please **RSVP** by Nov. 5 to sharpsburglions@gmail.com

Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremony



Antietam Unit 236 American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a Veterans Day wreath-laying ceremony Monday, November 12th at 11 am in the Sharpsburg Town Square. The ceremony will include Guest Speaker Retired U.S. Army Reserve Lt. Col. Park Ranger Mike Gamble of the Antietam National Battlefield, Clopper Michael Post 10 American Legion Honor Guard, Boonsboro High School Chorus under the direction of Micah Socks, and the Sharpsburg Elementary School 4th and 5th grade students. Veterans in attendance will receive a small token

of appreciation for their service to their country. The public is encouraged to come and honor the veterans.

- Ava Gift

TELLABRATION!

Tellabration!, a storytelling event celebrated world-wide on or about the third Saturday in November, will be held Friday November 16, 2018 at 6:00 pm, at Victory Garden Ranch. This is a free family event for all ages. Donations are appreciated.

For more information, contact Stas Ziolkowski at 501-253-4656 or stastells@gmail.com.

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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