



Sharpshburg Town Crier

The Roger Moore Edition



Volume 30

July 2022

Number 7

Giving It Away: Volunteering in Our Community

Among the numerous and satisfying benefits of editing the Town Crier is the privilege of seeing deeper into town life. A case in point is the profound commitment of people who give freely of their time, talent, and money. This feature article kicks off what will be an ongoing series showcasing local volunteers, volunteering opportunities, and perhaps finding completely new ways to volunteer.

No day goes by that I don't see quiet acts of voluntary generosity. Somebody anonymously mows a neighbor's yard. A gardener advising the town on the plantings in Town Square, even getting down in the dirt himself. A couple embraces the needs of an elderly next-door neighbor who has no family. There are people who donate their time and managerial skills to address local, regional, national, and even international issues.

Volunteers are not limited by age. Even local kids remind us that we want to "give it away"; they remind us that volunteering is something inside all of us. Our world is a better place when we take care of each other. Meet Madilyn (10) and Jax Bentley (9) at their lemonade stand. They began working their stand in 2019. This is a family tradition. Their mom Emma worked the stand as a kid in 2001; in fact, it's the same stand! In response to the recent increase in local kids experiencing food insecurity, they donated all \$230 lemonade proceeds to the local Love for Children's program that feeds local hungry kids. Madilyn and Jax embody the Spirit of Volunteering here in Sharpshburg.



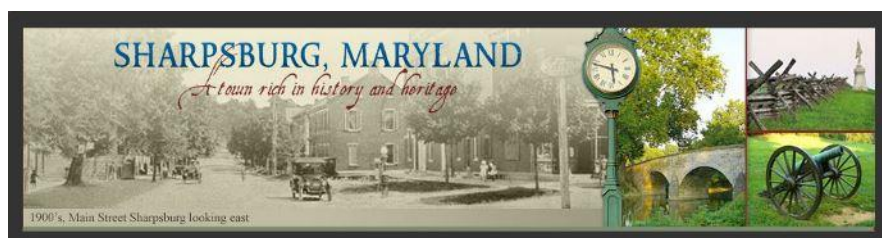
Madilyn Bentley



Jax Bentley

When we feel unempowered in a difficult world, volunteering time and talent shows us that we do have the capacity to improve what we see right outside our window. It encourages us to know our neighbors better; we learn a lot about our community. The Good attracts the Good...The Good in the World starts right outside our door.

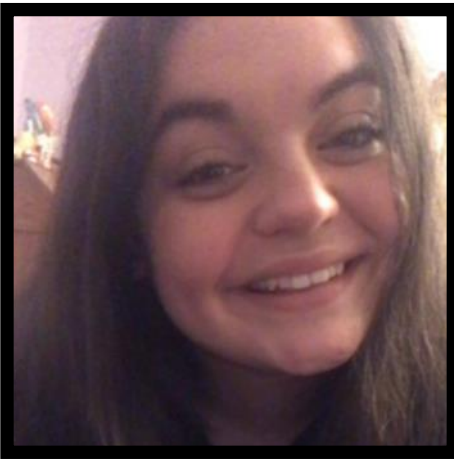
- Editor



From Town Hall

Summer Intern at Town Hall

Hello. My name is Skylar Flores and I started working at Town Hall this summer through a partnership with The Western Maryland Consortium. This organization pairs students to open jobs in their community. I started in mid-June and have enjoyed working with Carrie (Carrie Estell, Town Clerk). I have learned a many new things, such as the tax collection process, how a mayoral and council meeting is conducted, and assisting residents with many different requests. My normal day consists of bank and post office runs, researching on the internet, and organizing. I have liked working in an office environment; my other work experience included fast food and restaurants. I

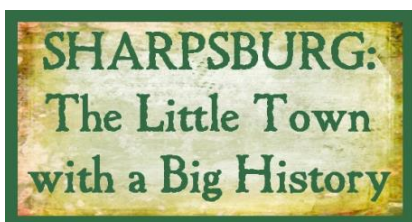


worked at Chick-Filet as a front-line worker.

I will be going into my senior year at Boonsboro High School and will attend Hagerstown Community College earning some college credits that will be applied to my Associates Degree in Dental Hygiene.

While working here, Carrie has encouraged me to read up on my future career. I enjoy spending time with animals, especially cats. I appreciate this work experience and look forward to a summer of learning!

- Ms. Skylar Flores



About the Town

Online Game for the Sharpsburgh Museum of History

Coming soon!
Adam Oates, our Lead Student Intern, is working on his idea of a game about the Sharpsburgh Museum of History to get more youth and adults interested in the town's past. He's programming in Roblox, an online game platform and game creation system developed by Roblox Corporation. It allows users to program games and play games created by other users.

- Ed Beeler, Executive Director, Sharpsburgh Museum of History



Adam Oates (Intern) Concentrating at His Task

Olivia Stann Earns Eagle Scout Honor

Ms. Olivia Stann has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in the Scouts of America. Her multiyear journey to the Eagle Scout Award is one of the most involved and transformative experiences a young person can have. They try new things

through the merit badge program, develop confidence in the outdoors, practice leadership tactics, and plan, develop, and give leadership to a service project that benefits their commu-



nity. For Olivia's Eagle Scout service project, she built a Gaga Pit¹ for her community in Boonsboro's Shafer Memorial Park. The Scouting experience goes far deeper than one big project. Olivia also earned the distinction of being the first female Eagle Scout in Washington County Maryland.

¹ Gaga is a form of dodgeball. Players start in a "pit", an octagon shaped court, hitting and rolling the ball with their hand to eliminate other players.

- Edited from an article submitted by Ms. Tammie Harden, Advancement Chair, Scout Troop 2119

Sharpsburg Community Calendar July

July 27 at 7PM: Kevin Pawlak & Dan Welch – "Ohio at Antietam"
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

July 28 at 3:30PM: Special Story Time, Story walk "Hello Ocean" and other "ocean" activities at the Sharpsburg Park
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

July 30 at 11AM: Chicken BBQ
Potomac Valley Fire Company
2202 Dargan School Rd, Sharpsburg, MD
301-432-2130

August 1 at 6 PM: Town Council Meeting
Sharpsburg Town Hall
townofsharpsburg@comcast.net
301-432-4428

August 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 10AM:
"Growing With God" Bible School,
Ages 2 to 4
Christ Reformed Church
117 West Main Street
RSVP: 240-329-1223/
risksharpsburgucc@gmail.com

August 3 at 7PM: Aaron Holley –
"Mapping the Antietam Battlefield in the 21st Century – the Cope Maps Revisited"
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
<https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn>

August 4 at 3:30PM: Special Story Time
Summer Reading Club Puppet Show at the Library and the Book Mobile!
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

August 5 at 7PM: Sinclair Family of Sharpsburg (Presented by Dr. Emilie Amt)
Sharpsburgh Museum of History
301-800-6877 or Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

August 6, 9:30AM to 11:30AM:
Come All Who Are Thirsty (CAWAT)
Veterans Group Breakfast & Meeting
Burnside First Church of God, 3904 Mills Road, Sharpsburg
cawatveterans@gmail.com
www.comeallwhoarethirsty.org

August 6 at 2PM: Joe Stahl Christian's Brigade
Pry House Field Hospital Museum, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike
Rachel.Moses@civilwarmed.org

August 10 at 7PM: Dr. Emilie Amt –
“An African American Family at the
Battle of South Mountain”
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
[https://www.facebook.com/
JacobRohrbachInn](https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn)

August 16, 18, and 20: Ocean Li-
brary Scavenger Hunt
Come into the library anytime we
are open that week. Find the things
on the list and win a prize! For ages
8 & up.
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

August 17 at 7PM: Jim Rosebrock –
“The Artillery at Antietam – New In-
sights”
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
[https://www.facebook.com/
JacobRohrbachInn](https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn)

August 20 at 2PM: Laura Marfut,
Caldwell’s Brigade
Pry House Field Hospital Muse-
um, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike
Rachel.Moses@civilwarmed.org

August 20, 9AM to 4PM: History of
Schools in Sharpsburg
Sharpsburgh Museum of History
Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com or
301-800-6877

August 24 at 7PM: Steve Cowie –
“When Hell Came to Sharpsburg:
The Battle of Antietam and its Im-
pact on the People Who Called it
Home”
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
[https://www.facebook.com/
JacobRohrbachInn](https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn)

August 25 at 3:30PM: End of Sum-
mer Reading Celebration!
Ocean word find and stories at the
Sharpsburg Park
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

August 25 at 6PM: Hidden Treasures
in the Sharpsburg Library
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825
(Four Civil War books that are
signed by Civil War soldiers)

August 28: Door opens at 11AM:
CASH BINGO
Limited seating-call 301-991-2230
for tickets.
The Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire
Company
sharpsbugvfc@gmail.com

August 31 at 7PM: Troy Cool – “The
Locust Spring Hospital and the far-
reaching consequences of Antietam”
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
[https://www.facebook.com/
JacobRohrbachInn](https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn)

September 3 at 2PM: Jim Buchanan,
Gorman’s Brigade
Pry House Field Hospital Muse-
um, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike
Rachel.Moses@civilwarmed.org

September 7 at 7PM: John Schildt –
“Hunter Holmes McGuire: Doctor in
Gray”
Jacob Rohrbach Inn
[https://www.facebook.com/
JacobRohrbachInn](https://www.facebook.com/JacobRohrbachInn)

September 17 at 2PM: Marty Pritchett, Gordon's Brigade
Pry House Field Hospital Museum, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike
Rachel.Moses@civilwarmed.org

October 1, 2022 (9AM to 4PM): Sharpsburg Days
301-800-6877 or Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

October 1 at 2PM: Jim Smith, Fairchild's Brigade
Pry House Field Hospital Museum, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike
Rachel.Moses@civilwarmed.org

October 15 at 2PM: Matt Borders, Ransom's Brigade
Pry House Field Hospital Museum, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike
Rachel.Moses@civilwarmed.org

Recurring Events 2022

1st Wednesday of the month 1PM
Adults: Book Share
What are you reading? Come share with our group and find some new titles to read.
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

Kid's Zone: Ages Eight and Up
Sharpsburg Library anytime we are open
301-432-8825

August : Come in anytime and make a tote out of recycled T-shirts!

Thursdays at 3:30PM: Storytime
Masks are required for those 2 and up during Storytime in the library.
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

Second Thursdays every month, Lion's Club 7PM, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 W. Main St, Sharpsburg, MD 21782

Area Churches

Christ Reformed Church
117 West Main Street
Sharpsburg
301-432-6182
Sundays: 9AM

United Christian Fellowship
18823 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville, MD 21756
301-432-0110
Sundays: 8:45AM Fellowship, 9AM Sunday School, 10AM Worship & Children's Church

Sharpsburg Church of the Brethren
123 E Main St, Sharpsburg
Sundays at AM, Sunday School at 10:30AM
301-432-4944

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
209 West Main Street
Sharpsburg
301-432-7098
Sundays: 10AM

Burnside First Church of God
3904 Mills Rd, Sharpsburg

Sharpsburg Bible Church
5134 General Stuart Court, Sharpsburg
301-432-5309
Sunday School 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM, Sunday Morning Worship & Children's Church 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Mayor & Councilpersons

Russ Weaver – Mayor

Jacob Martz – Vice Mayor

Mia Parsons – Council

John Hammond – Council

Ed Beeler-Council

Robbie Waters – Council

Joe Kudla – Council

(Carrie Estell – Town Clerk)

106 East Main Street

PO Box 368

Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782

Phone: [301-432-4428](tel:301-432-4428)

Fax: 301-432-8990

<https://sharpsburgmd.com/>

townofsharpsburg@comcast.net

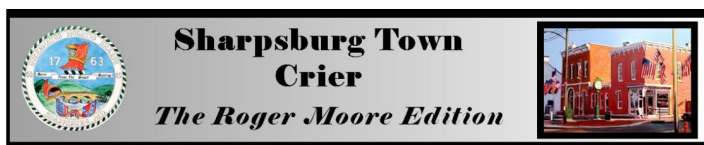
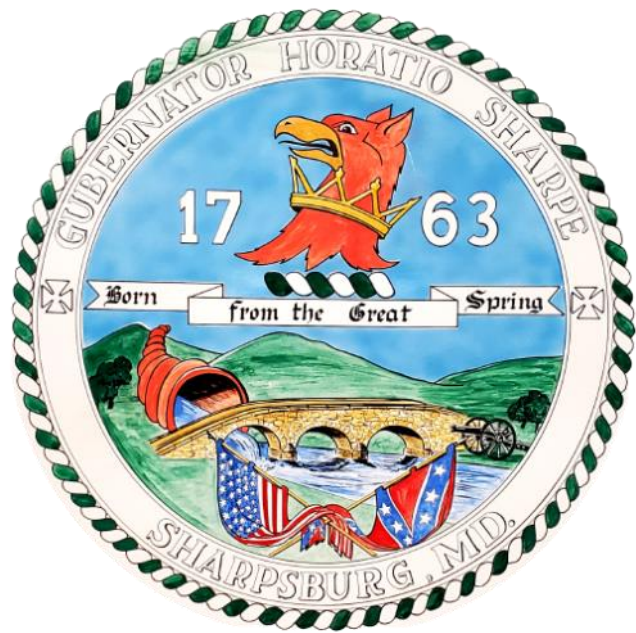
[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/TheTownOfSharpsburg)

TheTownOfSharpsburg

Zoning Administrator-Tim Lung

Sharpsburg.md.zoning@gmail.com

msa 7/26/22 Ver1.0



ATTACHMENTS:

In attendance: Russ Weaver, Jacob Martz, Ed Beeler, John Hammond, Mia Parsons, Tim Lung (via speaker phone), Carrie Estell, Chris Vincent, Jen Bruni, Perry Jamieson, Ron Bowers, Matt Kudla, and Michael Fitzgerald

Call meeting to order and pledge-Mia

Approve June Meeting Minutes-vote was conducted via email, mayor asked for a “formal” vote, Ed motioned, Joe seconded and all were in favor, Mia abstained from voting as she did not read over the minutes.

Public Comments

Ron Bowers-Mr. Bowers was introduced and spoke to residents and council on his reasons for running for county commissioner. He is re-entering politics as he sees that there is a need in the county for common sense zoning and more conservative projects to preserve farm land and open space. zoning and

Mike Fitzgerald-Mr. Fitzgerald spoke of an easement that was not properly written due to language that did not fulfill the Board of Zoning Appeals that is connected to one of his properties that is a short-term rental unit/Airbnb. Tim spoke to him and they will meet this Friday to work on the language of the document. Tim suggested he consult with his lawyer.

Mayor's Report

Accounting & Audit-audit will be done mostly electronically and the accounting is completely in QuickBooks; there should be a seamless transition from Russ' excel sheets to QuickBooks' budget reports. Second payment of Recovery Act will be electronically received soon. The next reporting date is April, 2023 and would be good if all monies were spent.

Sidewalk Policy-No Mow Worries has done a great job with some of the sidewalks that Joe chose to get repaired. The sidewalks are owners' responsibilities and there has not been a reinforcement of this policy. Moving forward, the council will discuss a sidewalk policy that will benefit the town and assist some residents with the high cost of repair. Joe offered to write up a policy for council to review.

Update on Wells-the county is offering to drill the well; Russ went over many scenarios of % of water flow and % of profit, councilmembers spoke of asking the county for most of the profits. The wells, after they are dug, won't be operational for almost a year due to testing during different scenarios.

Zoning-Tim Lung (via speaker phone)

Continue to work on obtaining the necessary information to complete the zoning permit application for the Short-Term Rental at 110 S. Mechanic Street, owned by Gideon Properties. Per the involved parties, the offsite parking agreement/easement as required as a condition of the BZA's approval has fallen through. Have be in contact with Mr. Fitzgerald regarding possible alternatives and a means to move forward. As long as Mr. Fitzgerald can provide an off-street parking space behind the house on his property, he would only need an access easement from the adjoining property owners to obtain access to the space. Mr. Fitzgerald would need to prove to the satisfaction of the Town that the access easement would be valid for as long as he is operating a short term retain on his property. This change would not require going back to the BZA.

The subdivision plat of the Hull property to create a lot Town Spring to be conveyed to the Town has been recorded in the County Land records. A deed of conveyance is being prepared by the Town Attorney. There has been some discussion regarding the adequacy of the easement to provide access to the area behind the wall that is not accessible from the alley.

Received a building permit application for a detached deck surrounding a previously permitted above ground pool at 123 W.

Antietam St.

Regarding the expired building permit for the Stephen Crampton property. Informed Mr. Crampton that he may reapply for a new permit and that the designated side yard setbacks on the original permit were incorrect. The permit will need to be reviewed by the Planning Commission per section 406 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Have been working on a resolution to the complaint regarding the electronic sign at the Fire Department.

Need to schedule a Planning Commission meeting to discuss and take action on several items.

Council comments

- Joe Kudla-streets, roads & culverts
 - o Walls-ownership/responsibility was transferred to MDOT; nothing was officially transferred. The town would like the walls repaired as they are a historic feature. The latest letter from an MDOT department housed in Baltimore was of the mindset that they did not feel the walls were in need of repair, the walls do not pose a safety issue. Carrie and Russ sent an email letter requesting assistance from Corderman, Wivell and MDOT on securing historical grants to see about the repairs, hoping for some historical grant monies
 - o Antietam Bridge work is almost complete, No Mow Worries will be taking out the cracked pipe and replace with PVC and smooth out the area.
 - o Sidewalk near the Hull resident was a major safety hazard, there was some discussion on creating a sidewalk policy as home owners are responsible. All sidewalk work will be put on hold until Joe drafts a policy to have council review adopt.
 - o MDOT will be showing mayor and council some ideas for the parking on Main up towards the national cemetery. Parking that is close to the intersection makes for a safety issue.
 - o After the couple of storms, there were a few complaints on flooding, there was some in the 300 block of Main. This may be due to the school construction, there was a pond that assisted with rain water, but since the school construction completion the pond was filled in.
 - o Tim suggested to seek out the county's storm water inspector and will reach out to them this week.
 - o John Hammond-Building and Infrastructure-JS electric estimate needs to be more specific. He did not like the language used, it was vague and Carrie will reach out to get a more specific estimate on the outside electrical work. The circuit breaker estimate, John felt was too high for what the work entailed. Russ asked if anyone wanted to vote on doing the circuit breaker to be rehoused from Nutter's Ice Cream to Town Hall, no one motioned. This issue will be set aside.
 - o Robbie Waters-parks, railroad station, town operations (not present)
 - o Ed Beeler-museum, historical records, communication
 - o Attendance for June 2021: 209 Attendance for 2022: 211
 - o Attendance for Founder's Day Exhibit: 11
 - o Donations: Two pictures-train station and Burnside Bridge from Kreitzer family
 - o This month we received a new computer, a museum software package for better record keeping and a website is being developed
 - o On Coming Events:
 - ✦ Sharpsburg School History Exhibit on August 20th
 - ✦ Discussion by Dr. Emilie Amt on the Sinclair's of Sharpsburg on August 5th at 7pm.
 - ✦ Jacob Martz-Vice Mayor, communications, Memorial Day Parade, grants
 - o Post parade meeting discussed observations and improvements, the parade committee did a great job. At this meeting Jake and Russ awarded Ava Gift the Sharpsburg Community Award. The parade committee also branched out to have a traffic committee that included Officer Peyton and the Washington County Fire Police to discuss improvements to parade line up and traffic direction.
 - o Mahan/Rykiel finalized contract and have set up a project profile to invoice us on their upcoming work on the historical pocket park.
 - o Flag policy-flags will be out a week before and a week after Memorial Day and the weekend of Fourth of

July. Instead of relying on volunteers, we will have Robbie/RW Properties to do this task. Many flags were being flown damaged because of the weather. (Russ' suggestion)

Mia Parsons-Planning-(Streetscape), grants Planning Commission (sea containers, alley names, peddlers) Tolson's Chapel & School banners, vet banners. Planning meeting to be scheduled the later part of July. Antietam Cable 5G will also be a subject to discuss.

Community Partners

Officer Tracey Peyton (submitted electronically)

Security Checks: park-6, ball field-3, school-6, Antietam Station-8

Patrol- 2 hrs. foot patrol, traffic enforcement 3 hrs., 3 citations & 3 warnings. Traffic accident investigated, assisted with EMS overdose, emergency petition filed, assisted county with 911 call to Snyder's Landing, presented traffic survey to council and attended parade traffic review meeting. One full day was lost due to personal emergency.

Chris Vincent-Antietam Advisory board-provided a written report; he emphasized the battlefield would like public opinion on the ground use plan. Carrie will post on Facebook.

The committee met on Wednesday, June 22, 2022. The following members were in attendance: Supt. Susan Trail, Chris Vincent, Justin Mayhue, Mike Barnhart and Vernell Doyle. John Schildt was absent due to medical appointment. The committee held it's first in-person meeting since January of 2020. The committee was provided applications of volunteers to serve on the committee. Based on these, three individuals were selected for consideration and their names will be provided to the County Clerk. The three selectees are: George Franks, Miriam Cunningham, and Gerard Kendle.

Superintendent Trail discussed the rehabilitation project of the Visitor's Center. The project is moving along nicely. The completion date has been adjusted to October with a possible ribbon cutting expected the 3rd week of the month. Work continues indoors with some drywall and the elevator shift. Outside, the stonewall, siding and roofing is being completed with work on the walkway starting. The museum exhibits fabrication has started. The film company has started work on the new orientation film. The script is being reviewed and seasonal photos have been taken. The new film will be approximately 23 minutes. Filming will be conducted in October. Most of the filming will be off site, near the park except for some filming at the Burnside Bridge. The film is expected to be completed at the end of 2023. Part of the film will be used on the video screen that will be in the Visitor Center lobby.

The 160th Battle Anniversary schedule will be posted soon. Due to the work at the Visitor Center and other projects the event will be much like last year with the two weekends in September. Many of the events and activities will be concentrated around the Visitor Center and the Mumma farm.

New arrivals in Law Enforcement; Joshua Baldwin replaced Jay Cooper and Conner Lacour is serving in a seasonal position. Other Projects: HPTC continues to work on the preservation project at the Piper house. The metal roof replacement and window repairs are complete.

Work continues on the exterior and the outbuildings. Work will begin soon at the David R. Miller house, focusing on the porch, windows, and the stucco. The Pry House rehab of the front portico and windows continues. The grass has been noticeably high throughout the park. Park maintenance has been working to manage grass cutting over the spring along roads, monuments, and trails. A new mowing contract will begin in July to manage all the additional areas.

The public review of the Land Use Management Plan / Environmental Assessment is scheduled for July. This plan and the EA defines the framework for the treatment of the battlefield landscape and describe specific guidelines and tasks aimed to maintain and enhance the park's historic character. The purpose of this Landscape Management Plan is to develop comprehensive, sustainable land use strategies that will preserve significant landscape elements and integrate natural and cultural resource values, including a framework to: - Sustainably manage agricultural uses and forests. - Protect critical view sheds from surrounding development. - Restore historic viewpoints, currently obstructed by overgrown vegetation. - Protect witness trees that were standing at the time of the Battle of Antietam. - Stabilize eroding shorelines and trails. - Advance watershed stewardship goals. - Increase resiliency to climate change impacts; and - Improve opportunities for park visitors to learn about the battle's events and significance. Public participation is vital to the planning process. You are invited to review and provide comments on the EA from July 7 through August 8. The Public Comment site can be found at: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=173&projectID=104934&documentID=121932>

The next meeting is scheduled for September 14th, 2022

Mike Arant-Town Crier (not present)

Old Business/ACTIONS:

Electrical estimates-JS Electric was reviewed and we will request a more precise wording. Carrie will reach out again to Shifler Electric for their estimate.

Council furniture-there were two formats-curved at 17,000 and not curved at 7,500. Council all agreed to go with the American Design non curved format in Whiskey color. DSL will be contacted.

New Business

Meeting adjourned at 8:46, John motioned, Mia seconded and all were in favor.

Next meeting is scheduled Monday, August 1, 2022

