Mayor & Council of Sharpsburg

Meeting Minutes-Approved

Monday, October 3, 2022

6 PM

1. Call meeting to order and pledge-John led pledge
2. Minutes and September expenses approval-meeting minutes were motioned by ed, Joe seconded and all were in favor of accepting the minutes; Russ reviewed September financials along with year-to-date budget and Jake motioned and Ed seconded, all were in favor of the financials.
3. Attendance: Russ Weaver, Jacob Martz, Joe Kudla, Mia Parsons, John Hammond, Ed Beeler, Dave Williams, Jen Bruni, Carrie Estell, Perry Jamieson, and Tim Lung (via speaker phone).

**Public Comments**

**Dave Williams-**candidate for County Commission

Mr. Williams gave a brief synopsis of his experience, (45 years in Washington County, 40 years as a public-school librarian), who would like to bring a bipartisan model to the county. This would result in a diversity of though, accountability and a sense of checks and balance is what he seeks in his candidacy. His campaign slogan is “Turn the Page with Washington County Government.” He values school and public services including safety. To learn more about him and his platform, residents are encouraged to check his website: electdavewilliams.com or check his Facebook page, Elect Dave Williams.

**Mr. Jamieson** asked about warehouses in the county, Mr. Williams shares Mr. Jamieson’s concern and would like a list of facts to have the number of warehouses, their purpose and if they are operating.

**Zoning-Tim Lung**

* Received a zoning variance application from Jenna Smith who is interested in purchasing the vacant lot along South Hall Street behind 120 W. Antietam Street, for the purpose of locating a single-family dwelling. The variance request is a reduction of the minimum 8’ side yard setback along the alley to 6’- 8”. The Board of Zoning Appeals will hear the request at a public hearing on Oct 17 at 7pm at Town Hall. Thanks to Randy, Lauren, and Matt for stepping up to hear this case. The Planning Commission has the option to review the application and forward to the BZA prior to the hearing. If the variance is approved, a building permit will follow. The permit must be reviewed by the Planning Commission. application will be sent.
* Have been corresponding with Antietam Broadband regarding their plans for fiber cable infrastructure upgrades in the Town and the requirements for a Utility Permit to be issued by the Town. The Town does not have a Utility Permit application form or permit. I will create them.
* The person that inquired about establishing a retail business at the corner of E. Main and S. Mechanic Street in front of Nutters has decided not to pursue this space.
* The County issued the building permit for repairs to a garage located at 223 E. main Street.
* The unsecured/unsafe structure at 316 W. Main Street was handled by the County building inspector and was corrected.
* Have issued several tall grass/weed violation notices. Several properties were mowed.
* Finalizing the minutes of the last Planning Commission meeting for the Chairpersons signature. Research several items of concern requested by the Planning Commission for follow up and discussion at a future meeting.
* Will not be in the office on Friday the 7 and Friday the 14th but will be able to respond to emails if needed.

**Council reports (written reports only)-Russ requesting council members to have written reports and to report on items that need action or voting to**

**Ed Beeler-Museum**

* Attendance: September 307, YTD: 2035
* Book signing w/ Steve Cowie was well attended with over 50 people.
* History in the Vineyard on Sept. 30 had 30 people, Sharpsburg Days will be rescheduled for this month.

**Jacob Martz-**

* Memorial Day parade committee will be tomorrow October 4, 2022 at 6 pm at Town Hall

**John Hammond** (nothing to report)

**Mia Parsons-**

* Will gather bids to replant trees for Main Street, this will be in two phases, a fall planting and a spring planting.

**Joe Kudla-**

* MDOT stated that we own Church Street and any repairs would be town financed. Waiting on FSA for their report from the meeting last month.
* Meeting for wall will be next week, (October 12th @ 9:00a.m., via ZOOM) with Wivell, a rep from Corderman’s office, Tony Crawford from MDOT, Russ, and Jake
* Will reach out to FSA for contractors for curbing

**Robbie Waters (not present)**

* Bid for Big Spring was sent out electronically and council will review and vote via email.

**Community Partners**

* Officer Tracey Peyton (submitted electronically)
  + Dedicated patrol checks-Antietam Station-6, Little League-3, Park-6, School-7
  + Foot patrol-2 hrs., traffic enforcement-3 hrs.-yielded 2 warnings   1 citation
  + Calls for welfare check of individual, parking complaint on Main St., suspicious person at Battleview Market and suspicious vehicle on Antietam St.
  + Saturday the 1st will be spent entirely in town, and Keedysville gets the 4th in return.
  + I spoke with Aidan McCoy's father about his behavior in the park and at the pond.  Dad is aware that he can be held responsible for Aidan's destruction.
* Chris Vincent-Antietam Advisory board-not present but emailed the Antietam Advisory Committee meeting will be Dec. 14th

**Old Business/ACTIONS:**

* Snow contract & Trash contract are both up at the end of the calendar year; Keedysville bid packets and our contracts were reviewed and input from council members were taken into account. Russ made some edits and Carrie will get both bid packets together this week.

**Old Business/ACTIONS:**

Wells-our well proposal will be submitted to the county commissioners on Oct. 11th

Electrical estimates-CR Electric’s bid was not available for tonight’s meeting, when Carrie gets the estimate, she will send out to council members for input. This work will be put off until after Veteran’s Day.

Election-applications will be ready; the last day to submit an application for council or vice mayor is November 1st

**New Business**

None-meeting adjourned at 7:55, next meeting November 7, 2022