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The Black Things

(Trigger Warning! The Editor is obliged to provide warning about allowing children to read this story. Likewise, those adults of weak emotional disposition should not read past this point. You are warned.)

I testify that this story is a reliable account of a conversation with Claude F. (The names in this recounting are changed as is his precise address. The astute Sharpsburg Historian will immediately identify the “whos” and “wheres”. Pray they are not familiar with the “what”!) He told me this story in 1969 when I was a young man about town. Now in my eighth decade, it needs to be told to you. Your task is to remember and pass it on. The story has no beginning or end; in fact, it may be on-going. To this day, it is for me a bare stone slab upon which I can read no clear sign.



I'll share this, though. Starting then, and even now, when I walk past the house at ### Main Street, I cross the street for I am distantly related to the F. family.

Claude was born in 1898 to a Sharpsburg family of French origin. As you will see, these facts have a role to play in this story and even a small role on the world stage. At the time he told me this story, I was “front porch friends” with several old men around town and stories like this were part of that time. There was Bourbon. Chauncey died three years after recounting the story; it was his heart that gave out.

Claude said...



“It was late Fall in 1910 and I was twelve. We lived right here at ### Main Street. This one evening I was doin’ arithmetic in the sittin’ room. My granddaddy Francis, he was sittin’ there, too. Mom was in the kitchen and pop walked in from the smokehouse. They was just talkin’ quiet. Granddaddy Francis was readin’ the newspaper when I noticed he lowered it a little bit and was lookin’ and listenin’ to mom and pop in the kitchen. I sat real still and listened, too.

Mom said, “I saw it again.” Pop, “Saw what?”

“You know, The Black Thing. It was passin’ from the back bedroom out into the hallway, didn’t look at me though.”

Dad's voice got a edge on it, "Florence, stop this. There ain't no such a thing. An' it scares the boy."

Then they saw granddad an' me watchin' and listenin' and they stopped, an' looked away, an' got real quiet. Granddaddy Francis looked back down at his newspaper, but I could see he wasn't readin' any more.

Now that wasn't the first time I heard about The Black Thing. My cousin Patty and me, we often heard grownups talk about it when they didn't think we was listenin'. Patty was four years older than me an' she died of the flu back in '18. I was in France at the time. Anyway, sometimes the old folks used the word "layvoners", which sounded silly. But there wasn't anything silly on their face when they said it.

(A tractor rumbled past and we took a sip of Bourbon.)

Now, me and Patty, we saw it once. We was carryin' some blankets from the rear bedroom to the cedar closet in the upstairs hallway. There it was! On the upper shelf... clear as day...black as night...starin' at us. Then it moved! Well, we bolted down the steps and Patty, who was older and bigger n' me, she ran me clean over an' I fell down the whole staircase. Look here; still got a bump on my noggin'. We didn't stop though; I felt it on the back of my neck. We didn't stop til' we got to the back alley...Patty's eyes was as big as pie tins!

What WAS that thing? Was it The Black Thing? Was it "layvoners"?

Mom and pop didn't want to talk about it. Me n' Patty, we decided not to talk any-more about it either. Tell ya' what though, we didn't go back upstairs without mom or dad or granddaddy Francis. I forget jes' when I stopped bein' scared; maybe it was later on when the Krauts taught me about real fear an' that cured me. Maybe it was.

And I'll tell what else the old folks didn't want to talk about. Like, how come we never heard more about what happened to granddaddy's brother Maurice? We heard he was murdered right out back there in the carriage house. There was blood everywhere. They said it looked like it was

done with a thousand little knives. It turns out there was lots of such deaths in the F. family. We even had a couple of newspaper articles in French from long ago, from the 1790s, from Paris. Granddaddy Francis had rewrote them in American because he talked a little French. More unsolved murders in the F. family. We also had a letter from a distant cousin about this F. woman Margaret who followed a man out to the California Gold Rush in '49. Murdered. Always bloody. Never a murderer. I always figured there was something followin' us F. family folks around.

(Another sip.)

Well, life went on. Eight years later, President Wilson sent me to France to fight the Bosch and in the Fall of '18 I was sittin' in a trench by the Meuse River in all that wet... and all that cold... and all that dark. It was me n' my Springfield n' my soggy socks. My eyes and throat was still stingin' from the Frenchie gas attack two days before; I believe it was blowing back over at us from the German side, poor Devils. Bet they was cold, too, that night. Anyway, sittin' there that night I figured somethin' out.

See, I knew the family was French, so I was learnin' some of their talk, along with drinkin' their cognac and flirtin' with the *jeune filles* and generally stayin' quiet an' low. Anyways, it came to me all alone there in the dark, "layvoners". My God, it was French! My grandparents were sayin' "*Les Vieux Noirs*"...The Old Dark Ones. It was many of them, not one! My folks had got caught up in a tribe of demons! God knows how or why. These things had followed my family across the water from France long, long ago.

After the War, I married Hazel (Hazel D.) right there in the Lutheran Church. We lived in this house here on Main Street. I tried a little farmin' and then worked at Fairchild through the next two wars, sheet metal work. I never heard any more about The Black Things nor



about "layvoners" nor about any more bloody murders.

I often wonder if they still follow the F. family around. Prob'ly, I don't really want to know. Yeah, prob'ly I don't. Laws, I haven't thought about this in years."

- Editor

From the Mayor's Office

Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company: Eighty Years of Service

Mayor Weaver and I were pleased to present this citation at last night's Council meeting to the Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company in



Left to right: Vice Mayor Jake Martz, Mr. Jay Brandenburg, and Mayor Russ Weaver

recognition of their 80 years of service to the Sharpsburg Community.

There really is no higher calling than to pledge one's life to the service of others, as the brave men and women of the Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company do on a daily basis, and the selfless courage and professionalism they exhibit on every call only underscores the fact that they truly exemplify some of the best that our community has to offer. They are an outstanding group of people who form the backbone of safety in our community, and we are truly fortunate to have them in our town.

On behalf of the Mayor, Council and citizens of the Town of Sharpsburg, I would like to thank the Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company for their continued dedication and commitment to our citizens, and may their next 80 years be as prosperous and successful as the last.

- Vice Mayor Jacob Martz

About the Town

Dames of the Loyal Legion and the Grave of Capt. McKendree Cronise

Recently, several national officers of the Dames of the Loyal Legion (DOLLUS) came to the Mountain View cemetery to clean the grave of Capt. McKendree Cronise, a union officer in the Civil War and a Sharpsburg native. John Cronise, his grandfather, was a DAR Revolutionary War patriot. The Cronise and Wilson families owned the brick building on the corner of the town Square where Nutters is now located. Pictured cleaning the grave is the DOLLUS national historian, past national president and national first vice president. The DOLLUS national historian attended Sharpsburg elementary school and grew up in the Joseph Chapline Homestead.



The Dames of the Loyal Legion DOLLUS and Military Order of the Loyal Legion MOLLUS, are hereditary organizations whose members are descendants of Union Civil War Veterans.

The LBNCC, Lincoln's Birthday National Commemorative Committee along with other Civil War hereditary societies, including MOLLUS, DOLLUS and the National Park Service are hosting a wreath laying at the Lincoln Memorial on February 12 at 10:30 AM. All are welcome to attend.

There is also a local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution – Antietam Chapter, NSDAR. Visit the website at Antietam.Marylanddar.org.

If you are interested in more information about DOLLUS, MOLLUS, or the Daughters of the American Revolution. Please contact the following email: organizing@dcdar.org

- Ms. Sheri O'Connell, DOLLUS, National Historian, LBNCC National Treasurer

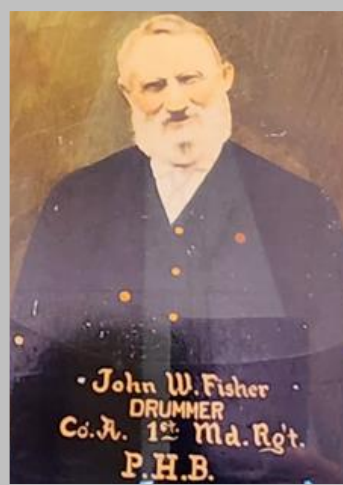
Artifacts of the Month: Fisher Business Ledgers

These books were recently donated to the Sharpsburgh Museum of History by Mr. Jeffrey Swain. The two business ledgers are those of John W. Fisher who was a carpenter and undertaker in Sharpsburg in the late 1800s. According to the Editor's grandmother ("Miss" Sue DeLauney), he operated out of the house in the photo on West Main Street, later to become the Main Street Post Office. As a young lad, John W. Fisher was a



drummer in a Federal infantry unit. He was captured and spent much of his Civil War as a prisoner of war. We see him in the photographs at two later stages of his life. In one of the

photos, he wears his Grand Army of the Republic¹ badge.



The entries in these ledgers are a showcase of Sharpsburg names, including those of families still in town. Stop by the Museum and let Ed Beeler, Director, or one of the volunteers show them to you.

¹ - The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was a fraternal organization composed of veterans of the Union Army (United States Army), Union Navy (U.S. Navy), and the Marines who served in the American Civil War.

- Editor

Volunteer Opportunity: Tolson's Chapel

The Director of Tolson's Chapel and School extends the offer to volunteer to help with parking cars for their "Christmas By Candlelight", Saturday December 16th from 4:30PM to 5:30PM. Volunteers would help with parking from 4:00PM to 5:00PM. Anyone interest-

ed should contact Ed Beeler, Executive Director /Town Archivist/ Volunteer Coordinator Sharpsburgh Museum of History/ Town of Sharpsburg, Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com - ed.beeler@sharpsburghmuseumofhistory.com 301-800-6877 - sharpsburghmuseumofhistory.com

Community Calendar

October 26 at 3:30: **Special Story Times, Halloween Party!**

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

October 31st from 6 to 8PM: **Trick or Treat**

For information, contact Sharpsburg Town Hall

106 E Main St, Sharpsburg, MD 21782
301-432-4428

Week of October 31 Anytime We Are Open: **MD STEM Festival Challenge**, All ages!

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

November 2 at 3:30PM: **Special Story Times: Special STEM story time** in honor of the MD STEM Festival

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

November 6 at 6PM: **Town Council Meeting**

Sharpsburg Town Hall
106 E Main St, Sharpsburg, MD 21782
301-432-4428

November 8 at 7PM: **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

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November 8 at 1PM: **Homeschool Book Club, On the Banks of Plum Creek by Laura Ingalls Wilder**

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

November 9 at 3:30PM: **Story Time for National Native American Heritage Month**

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

November 9 at 5:30PM: **Movie Night "Indian Horse"**

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

November 11 at the Eleventh Hour: **Veterans Day Wreath Laying**

Town Square

Town of Sharpsburg

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

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<https://sharpsburgmd.com/>

301-432-4428

November 18 from 10AM to 2PM: **Native American Artifacts**

Sharpsburg Museum of History

Sharpsburg Town Hall

301-800-6877 / Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com

November 18 – **Sharpsburg Rifle Reunion**

Sharpsburg Museum of History

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December 1 at 7PM: **Sharpsburg Christmas Tree Lighting**

Town Square

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December 5 at 7PM: **Annual Holiday Jazz Concert**

Sharpsburg Library

301-432-8825

December 13 at 2PM: **Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

December 16 (time to be determined):
Wreaths Across America: Antietam National Cemetery
Town of Sharpsburg
<https://www.facebook.com/TheTownOfSharpsburg>
<https://sharpsburgmd.com/>
301-432-4428
See poster on Page 11

December 16th from 4:30PM to 5:30PM:
"Christmas By Candlelight"
Sharpsburgh Museum of History/ Town of Sharpsburg
Loveshistory.1866@gmail.com -
ed.beeler@sharpsburghmuseumofhistory.com

December 21 at 3:30PM: **Santa will be here!** Bring a camera for a picture with Mr. Claus.
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

January 6 from 9:30AM to 11:30AM:
Come All Who Are Thirsty (CAWAT) Veterans Group, Quarterly Breakfast & Meeting
Burnside First Church of God
3904 Mills Road, Sharpsburg
comeallwhoarethirsty.org (or go to their Facebook page)

Recurring Events

Thursdays @ 3:30PM: **Themed Story Time**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

Fourth Wednesday of the Month from 11AM to 1PM: **Community Action Council Assistance**
Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company Annex
301-791-4161

Third Wednesdays of the Month from 10AM to 11:30AM: **Sharpsburg Writers Club**
(For details and location, please contact Ms. Heidi Vertrees by personal message)

Any Time the Library's Open: **Art of the Month**
(Each month a different art form will be displayed along with books pertaining to that art.)
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

First Wednesdays of the month at 1PM
Adults: Book Share
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

Thursdays at 3:30PM: **Storytime**
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
sharpsburglions@gmail.com

First Saturdays at 10AM: Lego Club
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

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 10AM, Sunday School at 10:30AM
301-432-4944

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

209 West Main Street

Sharpsburg

301-432-7098

Sundays: 10AM, Sunday School (Second and Fourth Sundays starting September 25)

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

(Debbie Smith – Town Clerk)

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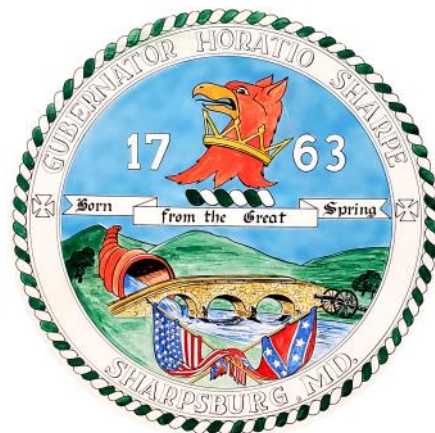
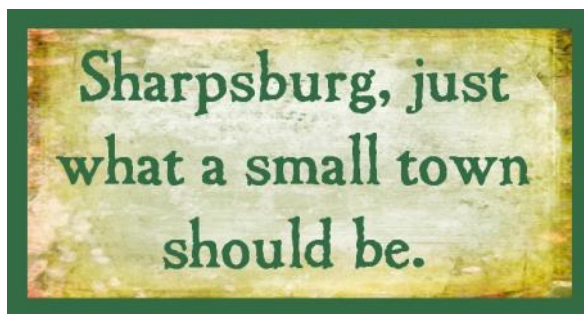
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Zoning Administrator-Tim Lung

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ATTACHMENTS:

**SHARPSBURG MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

The Mayor and Council of Sharpsburg, MD held their monthly meeting on Monday, September 11, 2023 in the Council meeting room of Town Hall located at 106 E. Main Street in Sharpsburg. In attendance were Mayor Russell Weaver, Vice-Mayor Jacob Martz, Councilmembers Ed Beeler, John Hammond, Joseph Kudla and Mia Parsons. Councilmember Robbie Waters was absent. Town Clerk Debra Smith was also in attendance and Zoning Administrator Tim Lung attended via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE: Mayor Weaver called the meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 6:00 PM with Councilmember Beeler offering the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS - Robert Grogan of 105 W. Main Street addressed ongoing safety concerns regarding activity that takes place on the JSB Bank lot which is connected to his property. Deputy Watkins verified that the Sheriff's Dept. has received several calls for this property. Mayor Weaver stated that he recently met with Sheriff Albert regarding the matter and Deputy Watkins schedule can be adjusted to cover Wednesday nights which is when most of the activity occurs. Deputy Watkins added that he can only address matters that are criminal in nature and because the lot is privately owned, he cannot do anything about the congregating or loitering. This will have to be addressed civilly with the property owner. Mayor Weaver encouraged citizens to file a police report when they see something which will in turn prioritize the officers time and schedule. He also asked Council to report at the October meeting a list of priorities that they would like to see Deputy Watkins address in town. (ACTION ITEM)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The July minutes were approved by email vote and there was no meeting held in August.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT – The June and July Financials were approved by email vote. **Motion** by [Councilmember](#) Beeler second by Vice Mayor Martz to approve the financial report for the month of August 2023. Motion carried.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – Zoning Administrator Tim Lung submitted the following report:
Work on the MDE Waterway Construction Permit application for the Big Spring wall restoration project is on hold pending funding.
The Board of Zoning Appeals held a public hearing on Aug 22nd for a Special Exception to establish a short-term rental use at 204 E. Main Street, zoned TR. The Planning Commission met and recommended approval. BZA approved the request with conditions.
Reviewed and signed off on 2 Building Permit applications for County approval at 207 W. Chaplin Street. Interior renovations and a rooftop deck on the existing dwelling.
Reviewed and issued a zoning permit for a small storage shed to be located on the Fire Department property on E. Chaplin Street.
Working with State Highway Administration on a sight distance issue at the corner on Church St (MD 65) and E. Main St. (MD34).
Deadline for review comments on the County's Draft Comprehensive Plan update are due by October 31st.
Several public input meetings are being held throughout the County. 9/21/23 in Boonsboro.

MAYORS REPORT – Mayor Weaver submitted the following update on town projects:
Wells - Received MDE requirements and surveyed area where pump and treatment facility will be located. Will be meeting with well drillers over the next several weeks.

Town Hall – Still have serious plumbing issues. Solution on hold pending recommendations from Councilmember Kudla.

Community Park - New equipment being installed. See Councilmember Waters report.

Historic Park –FSA will be here on 9/18/2023 to go over detailed designs. Council is welcome to attend. Once detailed design is complete, we will create bid packages and go out for bids.

Develop a “Wayside Exhibit Proposal” which identifies for each wayside display the topic, theme, location, base style, direction of view, and preliminary list of proposed graphics, images, artwork, or maps.

Big Spring – We were not selected for a grant and have this project on hold.

Boyer House – We have received County funding. We are in process of negotiating easements with SHAF, should be completed this week.

Streets & General Maintenance – Moving forward on parking sign and moving electronic sign from fire hall to route 65. Speed awareness monitor is on hold until after we understand how much the wells will cost. Looking at street scape issues with MDOT.

Planning – Comprehensive plan review starts in September. County has released theirs. Looking for a resource to help. Be actively integrated into and critiquing the County comprehensive plan. Hold session late August early September to improve working knowledge of County GIS tools. Roulette sale details available upon request.

Public Safety – Met with Sherriff Albert and we started measure to improve focusing police activity on areas of concern. Initial steps will be to encourage people to file a police report and make funds available for overtime.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Vice Mayor Jacob Martz – (*Communications/Memorial Day Parade*):

Secured funding from the County for Memorial Day.

The Memorial Day Committee will be meeting on October 3rd at 6PM.

Councilmember Beeler – (*Historical Planning/Town Archives/Town Museum*):

August 2023 Archives and Museum Report:

Attendance: 118 and year to date is 1141.

Still working on our new look of the museum.

All the artifacts that have come from the Boyer house has been recorded and giving an accession and catalog number and once any other items are found in the Boyer house, they will be added to the Boyer collection list and a total list of all artifacts found within the Boyer property will be made and given to the mayor by the staff of the Sharpsburgh Museum of History. As of right now we have gathered over 400 artifacts for the Boyer house.

We were given a 1910 Antietam Quadrangle map and three copper plates from a donor from Ashburn, Virginia. These were also offered to Antietam but refused by the park.

Sharpsburg Days is only a month away and we have as of right now 23 vendors which include three food vendors, crafts, nonprofits and demos, History tours and a ghost tour in the evening, talks sponsored by Antietam Institute at St. Paul's, music and other activities.

Councilmember Hammond – (*Infrastructure/Water/Sewer/Town owned buildings*):

Inquired if there have been any updates on the flow issue. Councilmember Kudla said that he is waiting on the report from FSA.

Inquired if the town had any plans on how to handle the amount of traffic that will coming through town due to the 340 Rockslide repair project that begins this week and is due to last at least 3-months. [Councilmember Kudla](#) stated that he has placed a call to MDOT but has not received a call back and will also try SHA.

Councilmember Kudla – (*Streets/Culverts/Historic Walls*):

Call out to MDOT (Linda Puffenberger)-

On City Scape-gave message about sidewalk in front of 132 East Main.

On repair of historic walls- gave message to ask for timeline. Last update was that it was to happen in Sept or Oct.

On bridge ownership for Chapline Rd.- no input gotten yet

Looking for survey and recommendation from Frederick Siebert for intersection of Antietam and Church
Calls to USAA for wall in front of Greeley home. Still waiting to talk to appropriate customer representative from USAA.

Councilmember Parsons- *(Grants/Streetscape/Planning Comm Rep):*

Nothing to report.

Councilmember Waters- *(Town Maintenance/Parks&RR Station/Public Safety):*

the playground has been delayed because of missing equipment parts.

Inquired if the town planning to schedule brush pick-up for the first week of October. Will be added to the October agenda for further discussion. (ACTION ITEM)

COMMUNITY PARTNER REPORTS

Officer Dakota Watkins reported the following for the month of August;

Antietam Station - 15 checks.

Elementary School - 15 checks.

Park - 16 checks.

Little League Field - 16 checks.

Foot Patrol - 3 hours.

Calls For Service (in and outside town) - 19

Training - 1

Court - 3

Chris Vincent; Park Advisory Board Representative – not in attendance. Next Battlefield Advisory Meeting will be held on Wednesday.

Mike Arant; Sharpsburg Town Crier – not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Plumbing Repairs at Town Hall – Mayor Weaver stated that a decision has not been made to resolve the sewer backup issues in town hall. Councilmember Hammond stated that he would pay someone to replace it all. Mayor Weaver stated that all but a 14ft section of cast iron pipe has been replaced with PVC by Plumbingwurx because the unreplaced section is inside of a crawl space. After some discussion a **Motion** was made by Vice Mayor Martz, second by Councilmember Hammond to have the Town Clerk contact Plumbingwurx to complete the repair in the amount of \$8,500. Motion carried.

Roulette Farm Activities – discussion on whether the town is at risk to being exposed to development by the Bowman North, LLC purchase of the Roulette farm located on Snyders Landing Rd and borders the towns Chapline Street alley. Discussion on whether to invest an estimated \$3,000 to conduct a survey. Further discussed at the October meeting. (ACTION ITEM)

NEW BUSINESS

Building Security -Mayor Weaver stated that the cameras located inside of town hall do not record and for safety purposed, they should. Recommendation to contact the company that installed the park security cameras for a quote. Measures to better secure the town office were also discussed. Ideas will be further discussed at the October meeting. (ACTION ITEM)

Board of Elections Ballot Box Request/Agreement – Washington County Board of Elections has approached the municipalities to request the installment of a Ballot Drop Box through the November election. **Motion** was made by Councilmember Hammond, second by Councilmember Kudla against the placement of the ballot box being placed in front of town hall. Motion carried 4-0 with Councilmember Parsons abstaining.

Parking in Front of Town Hall – discussion on limiting the parking time on the spaces in front of the town hall and library. **Motion** by Councilmember Beeler, second by Councilmember Kudla to limit the parking in front of the town hall and library to 2 hrs. Motion carried.

Trick or Treat – consensus to hold Trick or Treat on Tues. October 31st from 6 – 8PM.

Motion by Councilmember Beeler, second by Vice Mayor Martz to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Motion carried.

October 2, 2023 Meeting Action Items:

- Council to report at the October meeting a list of priorities that they would like to see Deputy Watkins address in town.
- Brush collection cost and collection date
- Further discussion on Roulette Farm Survey
- Town Office Security

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Smith
Town Clerk

Support Leathernecks Nation MC, Peleliu Chapter

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

PLEASE HELP US REMEMBER, HONOR, AND TEACH

Antietam National Battlefield, 302 E Main St, Sharpsburg, MD
Contact us with questions: lnmcpeliliu@gmail.com

**YOUR HELP IS ALSO APPRECIATED TO GATHER
THE WREATHS WE LAY TOGETHER**
Clean up: TBD

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Sponsor a wreath online at <https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/>
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

November 8, 2023

Town Hall, 106 East Main Street, Sharpsburg, MD at 7:00 p.m.

DOCKET NO. BZA-23-003: An appeal was made by Virginia Scrivener for a Special Exception to establish a short-term residential rental (STR) use in an existing owner occupied single family dwelling and, owned by the applicant and located at 201 West Main Street, zoned TR-Town Residential.

Pursuant to the Maryland Open Meetings Law, notice is hereby given that the deliberations of the Board of Zoning Appeals are open to the public. Furthermore, the Board, at its discretion, may render a decision as to some or all of the cases at the hearing described above or at a subsequent hearing, the date and time of which will be announced prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Debbie Smith, Town Clerk at 301 432 4428 no later than November 1, 2023. Any person desiring a stenographic transcript shall be responsible for supplying a competent stenographer.

Applicants shall have ten (10) minutes in which to present their request and may, upon request to and permission of the Board, receive an additional twenty (20) minutes for their presentation. Following the Applicant's case in chief, other individuals may receive three (3) minutes to testify, except in the circumstance where an individual is representing a group, in which case said individual shall be given eight (8) minutes to testify.

For extraordinary cause, the Board may extend any time period set forth herein, or otherwise modify or suspend these Rules, to uphold the spirit of the Ordinance and to do substantial justice.

Timothy Lung
Zoning Administrator