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COUNCIL NEWS

These minutes are not the official minutes, nor are they a complete review of the business conducted. Requests for a copy of the complete minutes may be requested from the town clerk.

The meeting of the Mayor and Council of Sharpsburg was called to order at 7:32pm by Mayor, Hal Spielman. Members present included Mayor, Hal Spielman; Vice Mayor, Bryan Gabriel; Councilpersons Darryl Benner, Jennifer Silbert, Brandon Smith, Cathy Hull and Mat Barnhart. Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk/Treasurer and Brian Kane, town attorney were also present.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and moved to approve by Darryl and seconded by Bryan with all ayes for approval.

The treasurer's report was reviewed and moved to approve by Mat, seconded by Bryan with all ayes for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Railroad Station – Mayor Spielman will order two truckloads of mulch for the park area. Once delivered, help will be needed to place the mulch. Brandon still needs to get estimates for the

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fence to be placed at the park and the pond. Bryan needs to call the company regarding the aerator for the pond. It was decided that the small empty area at the park will have the edging removed to prevent injury. This area previously housed play equipment that needed to be removed due to safety issues.

Building – Brandon received an estimate of \$1,500 to replace the bricks and fix the areas that were photographed (photos were passed around at meeting.) Mayor Spielman had gotten an estimate of \$4,400 to fix the same areas, plus bricked areas around the windows that are in need of repair. Brandon will check with his estimator to see what additional cost he would charge to fix the areas and he will get it in writing. This will be discussed and decided at the May meeting. Elevator contract – we are still waiting for estimates from companies regarding a new contract for an elevator service agreement. The County Roads Department will be contacted to see if they are able to assist with patching/fixing some of the alleys in the town. Prices will be obtained to blacktop the alley behind South Hall Street. Other alleys that are in need of repair are Big Spring Alley, at both ends; alley below the ball field. Darryl, Brandon, Jennifer and Bryan will set up a time to get together and walk through the town to photograph

curbs and other areas that are in need of attention.

Streets – Dale Settle stated that he has witnessed several people failing to stop at the stop sign at the intersection of Antietam and Church Streets. He states that he witnesses that it is mainly vehicles traveling Church Street. Bryan moved to have the white lines repainted on all four corners of the road, to try and bring attention to the sign. Mat seconded the motion. It was then decided that it would be a good idea to do this at all intersections. Mayor Spielman will ask the county roads department to take care of this. There are issues with parked cars on Chapline Street. There are several vehicles that are parked on Chapline Street where "No Parking" signs are clearly visible. The vehicles are out into the road, making it impossible for emergency vehicles to get through and difficult for cars traveling through the area. Darryl will contact the landlord of the home where the cars are parked and bring this to his attention. Mat will knock on the door and ask the tenants not to park there. Mayor Spielman will bring this to the attention of Deputy Cain and have him keep an eye on the situation.

Planning Commission – Brian reported that David Cotton of the Maryland Department of Planning is helping with the Comprehensive Plan, but he made it clear that neither him, nor the Maryland Department of Planning will write the actual plan. Michael Thompson, the outgoing director of the Maryland

Department of Planning has offered his services to help write the plan. Brian will get in touch with him to obtain the details of when he could begin to help and the cost of his services. Brian will also see if he is able to attend the May council meeting. Dale Settle was present in the audience and volunteered to be on the commission. Mayor Spielman stated that if the council knew of anyone else that would like to be on the commission, have them come to the May meeting. The council will meet with the group to give them guidelines as far as what to include in the Comprehensive Plan.

Battlefield Advisory Committee – Meeting will be held on April 6th. Perry Jamieson will get the information to Kimberly to place in the town crier.

Archives – Nothing to report

Safety Committee – It was decided that this committee would consist of Police, Fire and Rescue issues within the town and that the name will be “Public Safety.”

Town Attorney – Brian suggested that the town have a “Town Attorney Agreement”. This states that Brian and his firm, Poole & Kane, P.A., are independent contractors and that he is not an “employee” of the town. This will be voted on at the May meeting, after Jennifer has had a chance to review the agreement. Brian handed out a new draft of the Ball field Use Agreement. Essentially the only change that was made consists of a statement that says no other ball club can come to Sharpsburg and use the field. Brian also handed out a new draft for the lighting agreement with the little league. This was updated to state that the little league will purchase and pay for the lights, with a 25 year warranty. Should the club disband, they have agreed that the lights will go to the town and that the town will take over the payments of the lights. These agreements will be discussed at the May meeting, after GE Ingram, Little League President, and the council has a chance to review the agreements. Bridge project behind 130 East Main Street – we are awaiting the final specks from Frederick, Seibert and Assoc, so that the project can be put out to bid. The Maryland Department of the Environment will need to issue a permit as well before the work can begin. This will not be issued until after May, to allow for the spring run-off season.

Proposed changes to the Ethics Ordinance – Brian will get Jennifer a copy of this ordinance and it will be discussed at the May meeting.

Mayor’s Report – The Town of Boonsboro has invited the Mayor and Council to be in their parade on May 29th. Parade line-up is at 1:15pm. The Council decided that they would participate again this year.

Old Business – Darryl took care of finishing the pa-

perwork to be the third signer on checks for the town. Reminder – Bulk Trash is scheduled to be picked up on April 13th. Brush pick up will be on April 30th. Wall estimates for the back room – these have not been obtained.

Parking issues at Little League Field – per GE, he states that the new parking arrangements have been working out well, and that there has only been one issue so far. GE is working on getting permits for property owners so that they will have parking spaces.

Animal Control Ordinance – It was moved by Darryl and seconded by Mat to accept and adopt the county animal control ordinance, with all ayes for approval.

New Business – Fishing Rodeo – this annual event will be held on Saturday, May 7th at the town park from 7am-11am. The event is open to children aged 0-15years. Prizes will be awarded. Local businesses will be contacted to see if they are interested in donating prizes and/or money for the event. Bryan needs help getting the pond ready for the event. Brandon and Mat will get with Bryan to see when they can begin the work.

Raising Taxes – it was brought up whether or not to raise taxes for the 2012 tax year. Currently the tax rate is 0.20. Mat moved to increase the taxes to 0.23 and Brandon seconded the motion. The motion was rescinded and it was agreed that a work session will convene on Monday, April 11th at 6:30pm to discuss the issue.

Jennifer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17pm and Mat seconded the motion.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 2 at 7:30pm.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

The following is a list of churches in the area that would love for you to worship with them.

SHARPSBURG BIBLE CHURCH

Rev. Gene Renner
5134 General Stewart Court
Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782

Sunday School: 9:30am
Worship Service: 10:30am and 6:00pm
Wednesday Worship Service: 7:00pm

SHARPSBURG BROTHERS CHURCH

Rev. Tom Fralin
120 East Main Street
Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782
Worship Service: 10:00am
Children’s Sunday School: 10:30am

Adult Sunday School: 11:00am

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Mark Wastler
www.stpaulsharpsburg.org
209 West Main Street
Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782

Worship Service: 10am

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Delancy Catlett
117 West Main Street
Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782

Worship Service: 9:00am
Sunday School: 10:00am

SHARPSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Karen Valentine
201 East Main Street
Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782

Sunday School: 9:00am
Worship Service: 10:00am

NEW HOPE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elders: Bob Fraley and Eric Johnson
1800 Davis Lane
Fairplay, Maryland 21733

Worship Service: 9:00am

CHURCH NEWS

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Tuesday's Table at Holy Trinity
At the corner of Main St. and the Sharpsburg
Pike

Come and be our guest! Good food for the belly;
Good company for the soul!
The first Tuesday of every month
FREE!

United Church of Christ
117 West Main Street
Mother's Day Spaghetti Supper
Saturday, May 7, 2011
4-7pm
Cost: \$8, Mothers: \$6, Children under 8: FREE
Proceeds to benefit the Sunday School program

Town Hall Announcements

BRUSH PICK UP

The town will be having a brush pick up on Saturday, April 30th. Brush to be collected will need to be placed at the bottom of your yard at the alleys.

For those without an alley behind your property, place your brush out front along the curb, where you would place your trash for collection.

Maryland Municipal League Scholarship

The Maryland Municipal League is sponsoring the Warren M. Seymour Scholarship, in the amount of \$500, to a local senior planning to attend a college, junior college, university, or trade school after graduation. Applications can be picked up at town hall during normal business hours. Deadline to apply is Friday, May 6th.

Alley Clean Up

Just a reminder to those townspeople with property that backs to an alley; please cut the brush and debris back away from the alley and up eight feet. It has become increasingly difficult for vehicles to pass through alleys without damaging vehicles due to the trees, brush and debris that is growing.

With the warm weather approaching and the brush pick up on April 30th, now is the perfect time to complete this task. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Sharpsburg Historical Society

The Sharpsburg Historical Society has moved its headquarters to the second floor of town hall and is open on Wednesdays from 9am-8pm, or by appointment. The headquarters has various books, maps, documents and memorabilia from the Sharpsburg area, and is a very useful tool in researching families from this area. The historical society is always interested in obtaining new documents and information. If you have such items that you would like to donate or share, please contact Vernell Doyle at 301-992-9767.

Annual Fishing Rodeo Scheduled

The annual Sharpsburg Fishing Rodeo will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at the town pond. This event is sponsored by the Town of Sharpsburg and is held in memory of Mike Kline. The rodeo will take place from 7am-11am for children 0-15 years of age. This event will be held rain or shine. Prizes will be awarded. Grab your fishing rod, bait and get set for a morning of fun!

144th Memorial Day Parade

Mark your calendar for the annual Sharpsburg Memorial Day Parade festivities! The festivities kick off at 11am with the wreath laying ceremony in town square. The parade will begin at the Sharpsburg Elementary School at 1:30pm. Don't miss this event, deemed one of the oldest continual memorial day celebrations in the United States.

Individuals may sponsor the parade, with their name in the parade book, or by sponsoring a memorial. Individual sponsorships and memorials may be purchased for \$2.00 per entry. Entries may be submitted to town hall during normal business hours. Parade books are also available for purchase for \$2.00 each. Orders for parade books may be phoned in to town hall during normal business hours and payment is due at the time your book is picked up.

American Legion Auxiliary to Collect Worn Flags

Spring has arrived and yard cleaning has begun, making an ideal time to replace tattered, torn and worn American flags.

Antietam Unit 236, American Legion Auxiliary, will again be placing a collection barrel in front of Town Hall from April 15 to May 21, where residents may place their worn American flags for proper disposal. The Unit reminds all Americans that everyday is a good day to display an American flag in good condition, but it is especially important to display them for the upcoming patriotic holidays of Memorial Day May 30, (Sharpsburg festivities will be held on May 28.), Flag Day June 14, Independence Day July 4, Labor Day September 5, Patriot Day September 11 and POW/MIA Recognition Day September 16.

- Ava Gift

Antietam Unit 236 of the American Legion Auxiliary to hold Bake Sale

Antietam Unit 236 of the American Legion Auxiliary will be holding their annual bake sale and food sale on Good Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23 in front of the Jefferson Security Bank on Main Street in Sharpsburg, starting at 8:30am, featuring their famous chicken salad sandwiches, homemade chicken soup, baked goods and candy.

- Ava Gift

Mother's Day Flower Sale

Antietam Unit 236 of the American Legion Auxiliary will be holding their annual Mother's Day flower sale on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7 in the square of Sharpsburg.

The unit members take pride in the fact that all monies raised at their annual fundraisers, is put back in the community through the many worthwhile programs supporting our veterans, active military personnel, children and senior citizens.

- Ava Gift

Battlefield Advisory Committee

Work related to the road project will continue. Shoulder work on the south end will involve several days of road closures. Access to the maintenance shop and headquarters parking will be closed portions of next week for milling and paving.

The Maryland Symphony Orchestra Salute to Independence is set for July 2, 2011, However; the budget and scope of this event is still being considered. The MSO has done a press conference and is conducting a fund raising campaign. A final decision will be made after May 1, 2011.

Ed Wenschhof, Chief Ranger, continues to serve as the point of contact for the battlefield until a new superintendent is named. He can be reached at 301-432-2243, ext 11 or edwenschhof@nps.gov.

- Perry Jamieson

Town Hall Hours: Tuesdays 1:00pm-6:00pm,
 Wednesdays 9am-12noon and Thursdays
 1:00pm-6:00pm
 301-432-4428

Hal Spielman, Mayor 432-6854
 Bryan Gabriel, Vice Mayor 432-2478

COUNCIL

Mathew Barnhart 992-4335
 Darryl Benner 432-8331
 Cathy Hull 304-279-8440
 Jennifer Silbert 432-7984
 Brandon Smith 432-1941

TOWN OFFICIALS

Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk 240-675-7466
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 Patti Hammond, Planning Com. 432-5965
 Anna Jamison, Election Board 432-6572
 Kimberly Fulk, Crier Editor 240-675-7466

TOWN ORGANIZATIONS

Am Leg. Aux. Ava Gift 432-6658
 Hist. Society Vernell Doyle 992-9767
 Mt. View Cemetery Jeff Saylor 432-4428
 Cub Scouts Michael Miles 432-0275
 Boy Scouts John Stewart 432-0564

CHURCHES

Brethren Lilly Grayson 432-6174
 Bible Rev. Gene Renner 739-1882
 Episcopal Carolyn Shaw 791-3357
 Lutheran Rev. Karen Valentine 304-676-9974
 UCC Melissa Reiff 465-9411
 Church of Christ Ed Beeler 240-625-5552

The Sharpsburg Town Crier
 P.O. Box 368
 Sharpsburg, MD 21782

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SHARPSBURG
 Oldest Town in Washington County
 Founded July 9, 1763



Sharpsburg Town Hall

