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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 monthly meeting of the Sharpsburg Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:30pm by Mayor, Hal Spielman. Members present included Mayor Hal Spielman; Councilpersons Darryl Benner, Cathy Hull, Brandon Smith and Jennifer Silbert. Brian Kane, Town Attorney and Kimberly Fulk Town Clerk/Treasurer were also present.

The minutes of the July meeting and the July financial report were both approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rowekamp of West Main Street approached the council again about the speed of traffic through the town. He was questioning if the town could do anything to slow up the cars, such as speed cameras, etc.. Mayor Spielman shared with Mr. Rowekamp the findings of the State Highway Administration from their visit to the town with

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Vice Mayor Gabriel. According to their calculations, traffic travels through the town at a speed of 26-31 mph. Therefore, they will not take measures to slow traffic down, such as a stop light, stop signs. It was also discussed that many towns that use the speed camera equipment are having problems with collecting the monies from violators and it is turning into more of a headache for jurisdictions than anything. Mayor Spielman encouraged Mr. Rowekamp to contact the State Highway Administration with his comments and concerns. Hopefully if enough citizens complain it will force their hand in helping to correct the issues.

Jeff Hewett from the Boonsboro Police Department will be contacted to attend the September meeting so that he can discuss the possibility of Sharpsburg having more police coverage than what we are currently receiving.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Railroad—The fence has been installed at the park and the pond. However;

the gates have not. Kimberly will call to see what the situation is. Brandon will get locks for the gates.

Building— The ivy growing on the side of the building needs to be taken care of, as it is growing rapidly

Streets—According to Keith Moore at Frederick Seibert and Associates, the town can proceed with advertising for bids for the bridge project behind 130 East Main Street. However, the “Notice to Proceed” will not be granted to the bid winner until the Maryland Department of the Environment provides the town with the permit. According to Keith, this should be in the mail to the town soon.

Due to the illness and departure of a councilperson, business for this month was halted due to no longer having a quorum. The next meeting will be on Monday, September 12th 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 BRETHERN CHURCH

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

Town Hall Announcements

Town Hall Office Hours

Town hall office will be closing at 4:00pm on Tuesday, August 23, 2011. We will re-open on Wednesday morning at 9am.

Cleaning the town alleys helps Everyone!

The Mayor and Council would like for all residents to take a look at your property that backs up to an alley. Many of the alleys are experiencing brush, weed, grass and tree overgrowth from properties. This overgrowth makes it increasingly difficult for vehicles to travel the alleys without being damaged. Please trim the growth back and out of the alley so that everyone can enjoy the use of our alleys. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Mayor and Council accepting bids to complete the bridge project

The Mayor and Council are now receiving bids to complete the project behind 130 East Main Street. Bid packets are available for pick up from the town clerk on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm-6pm and Wednesdays from 9am-12noon. Bids are due back according to the specifications listed in the bid packet to the town clerk by **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th at 6pm**. The winning bid will be awarded at the September 12th meeting of the mayor and council. If you have questions, please contact the town clerk during business hours.

Trash Service Delayed for Labor Day



Trash service will be delayed by one (1) day the week of September 5th. Trash will not be picked up until Thursday morning and therefore should not be placed at the curb for pick up until Wednesday evening, after 4:00pm.

Community News

Sharpsburg Historical Society Awards Memorial Grant

The Sharpsburg District Historical Society has awarded the Kirk T. and Page T. Otto Memorial Grant to Justin N. Pleasant.

Justin is a 2011 graduate of Boonsboro High School. He will enter Shepherd University, where he will major in environmental sustainability.

Justin has worked with Antietam Battlefield's Youth Conservation Program for two years and is pursuing a career with the Department of Natural Resources. He lives in Boonsboro with his mother, Joanna Smith.

The \$750 grant is a combination of funding from the historical society and a donation in the memory of Page T. Otto and his son Kirk T. Otto. It is awarded to a Boonsboro High School graduating senior who will pursue a career in history or the preservation of historic structures or natural resources.

- Vernell Doyle

Community Events

SHARPSBURG HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The Sharpsburg Heritage Festival will be held in the town square on Saturday, September 17th from 10am-6pm. Come out and enjoy great food, arts, crafts, historical re-enactments, demonstrations, family fun and much more! For more information, contact the Sharpsburg Heritage Festival Committee at sharpsburgheritagefest@gmail.com.

Battlefield Advisory Committee



As always, thanks to Perry Jamieson for keeping us all informed about the battlefield and for providing the minutes for publication in the crier.

Re-paving: Targeted completion date is September 2nd, although some items will probably carry through until mid November.

Planning is underway for the 2012 Maryland Campaign Commemorations. Coordination of these events will be among national park service sites, as well as other organizations within the Heart of the Civil War State Heritage Area.

The Civil War Trading Cards were developed by the National Park Service to get youth (and parents) connected with the Civil War 150th Commemorations. They were a big hit at the July Salute to Independence and at the re-enactment of Manassas. 23 parks have 189 cards available. Antietam has 11 cards included in the set.

The visitor's center will continue 8:30am-6pm hours through September 18th. Pry House Field Hospital and Newcomer House Exhibit and Visitor Center are also open daily 11am—5pm.

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

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COUNCIL

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TOWN ORGANIZATIONS

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 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
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 Founded July 9, 1763



Sharpsburg Town Hall

