



Town of Sharpsburg Town Crier



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Town Council Minutes

These are not the official minutes of the meeting; they are an overview of the business conducted. The official minutes can be obtained at the clerk's office.

The meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:02pm by Mayor Spielman. All members were present. The minutes of the June 2013 meeting were approved as read. The June and July treasurer's reports were both approved as submitted.

Public Comment – None

Committee Reports:

Parks and Railroad Station- Brush, Mulch and furniture has been dumped at the park. Mayor Spielman and Vice Mayor Gabriel will look into contacting someone to haul it away. It is blocking several parking spaces for the little league field.

Building – The bricks are being repaired/replaced on the side of town hall. This should be completed soon.

Streets – Chapline Street extended is not completely blacktopped, causing several drainage issues. We will have someone come to give a price on the possibility of widening and blacktopping the road. There are also some alleys and additional streets that are in need of blacktopping/patching. Estimates will be obtained for these areas.

Planning and Zoning – As long as we can obtain a zoning map from the County in time, we will have the second reading of the Comp Plan in September.

Battlefield Advisory Committee – This meeting will take place this Wednesday. Mr. Jamieson will drop notes off to Kimberly for the Crier.

Old Business:

- FY 2013-2014 budget was approved.
- It was approved to proceed with repairing and sealing the floors on the second floor of town hall. Kimberly will schedule this.
- Curbs in town – it was suggested to change the ordinance that makes homeowners responsible for curbs in front of their property, to making the town responsible for the curbs in the town. This will be approached again and voted on at the September meeting

New Business:

- It was decided to give the Heritage Festival \$2,000 towards the 2013 festival.

- It was decided upon to give the EMS and Fire Department each \$2,000. A donation to these companies was overlooked last fiscal year, so an additional \$2,000 will be given to each department.
- The Miller House in Hagerstown is having an exhibit on Sharpsburg from August 18th-September 27th. Several town artifacts will be loaned to the Miller House for this exhibit.
- The September meeting will be held on Monday, September 9th at 7pm, due to the first Monday being Labor Day.
- The County Commissioners will be having a joint meeting at town hall on Tuesday, August 20th at 7pm. The community is welcome to attend this meeting and voice their questions and concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharpsburg Showcased at the Miller House

The Washington County Historical Society is sponsoring a Sharpsburg display at the Miller House, 135 West Washington Street in Hagerstown. Sharpsburg artifacts will be on display from August 17 through September 27, in an exhibit titled "Sharpsburg, More Than Antietam." Before visiting the exhibit, it is recommended that you contact the Miller House at 301-797-8782 to make sure that staff and volunteers are available to conduct a tour for you. Admission prices for the Miller House are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors and students and children 14 and under are free.

Trash Collection Delayed!!

Due to the Labor Day holiday on September 2nd, trash will be delayed by one day. Therefore, you will place your trash out on Wednesday evening instead of Tuesday evening. Please pass this along to your neighbor's, as not everyone checks our website, or reads the crier.

Joint County Commissioner Meeting

The County Commissioners will be having a meeting at Sharpsburg Town Hall on Tuesday, August 20 at 7pm in the council chambers. The meeting is open to the public.

Town Office Closures

Due to having the floors of town hall refinished, the town office and the Historical Society will be closed September 4-6th. The town office will reopen on Monday, September 9th, and the Historical Society on Wednesday, September 11th.

Sharpsburg Heritage Festival

Don't miss the Sharpsburg Heritage Festival, Saturday September 14th on Main Street and Mechanic Streets. The festivities begin at 10am with living history demonstrations and lectures, vendors, great food and history. The festival closes at 6pm. Come out and continue the celebration of Sharpsburg's 250th Anniversary!

Church News

The Sharpsburg Bible Church held Vacation Bible School the week of June 23. The last night everyone sent a balloon up with a card, with the person's name attached, asking the finder to return the card to the church. 11 were returned, most with a note from the person who found it. The one that went the longest distance went to New Jersey! The second longest was close to Valley Forge, PA sent by our own Kim Fulk. A thank you card is sent from the church to these people and the senders are encouraged to write to them also.

- Darlene Hoffman

Battlefield Advisory Committee

- ❖ Washington County Commissioner Ruth Anne Callaham attended the advisory committee's August 7 meeting.
- ❖ Superintendent Susan Trail reported on this year's "Salute to Independence," held on July 6. She noted that the weather was hot, but much cooler than last year. She estimated the attendance at 8-10,000.
- ❖ A draft White-tailed Deer Management Plan and Environmental Impact Study has been completed for the Antietam, Monocacy and Manassas Battlefields. There will be a public open house on the plan, at the Antietam Visitor Center on August 27 from 6-8pm.
- ❖ The environmental study for the Shepherdstown battlefield also has been completed. The meeting for public comment on it, originally scheduled for July 20, was postponed to September 14.

- Perry Jamieson

Town Government

Town Office – 301-432-4428

Hours of Operation: Monday - Thursday 8:30am-2:00pm, additional hours available by appointment

Mayor and Council

Hal Spielman – Mayor	301-432-6854
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Brenda Gabriel – Councilperson	301-432-2478
Cathy Hull – Councilperson	304-279-8440
Brandon Smith – Councilperson	301-491-4866
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