

# *Town of Sharpsburg*



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**The minutes of the Council meeting are an overview of business conducted and are not the official minutes of the meeting. The official minutes will be available at the Clerk's office after they are approved by the Mayor and Council at the September council meeting.**

The meeting of the Mayor and Council was held Monday August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Mayor Hal Spielman called the meeting to order at 7pm. The minutes of the July meeting and the July treasurer's report were both approved as presented.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Clay Herzog of Sharpsburg stated that the log is still on the wires on North Mechanic Street. Mayor Spielman stated that it is entangled in Verizon's wires, and they have been notified several times. Kimberly will call them again. Mayor Spielman noted that he told Verizon that if that log falls and damages property or hurts someone, that they are liable.

Anne Dittrich of Sharpsburg was concerned that the stump in front of her home is still there. Mayor Spielman stated that we would get the tree company there and try to coordinate with her so that no vehicles are parked in front of the area.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Parks and Railroad Station:** Brandon stated that the paperwork for the playground grant is all in and together and will be submitted hopefully this week.

The pond is in need of a new aerator. Mr. Smith will look into replacing this.

The trees at the pond are in need of trimming and pruning. Some trees are so low that you cannot walk under them. Mayor Spielman will have them taken care of when Ms. Dittrich's tree stump is taken care of.

Mayor Spielman discussed some large trees at the Railroad Station, some of which are dying. We will need to see property lines and determine the owner of these trees and then act on having them

removed or the dead taken out to prevent any issues from occurring.

**Building:** Michael had nothing to report. Mayor Spielman is still getting estimates on the demolition of the old legion building

**Streets:** Tamara reported that there is a rather large pot hole in the alley that runs behind East Chapline Street. This will be added to the list of potholes to be fixed and once we have a few, we will have all of them completed at once.

**Planning and Zoning:** Nothing to report, as the committee is on break until September

**Public Safety:** Work is still being done on the new EMS facilities, progress has been hampered by the rain

Mayor Spielman is still in talks with the Sheriff's Department in regards to a deputy in Sharpsburg. He will be attending a meeting August 12<sup>th</sup> with the Sheriff's Department and the County Commissioners in regards to this.

**Battlefield Advisory Committee:** Mr. Jamieson will be resigning from the committee in October. It is not due to any issues or problems with the Town, the committee, or the battlefield or its personnel. Mayor Spielman appointed Chris Vincent as the representative for the town. This was approved unanimously by the Council. Mr. Vincent accepted this position, which will begin in November.

**Town Archives and Historical Planning:** Ed reported that he has been shifting display cases around and displaying more archives in the council chambers. He is about to begin photographing and cataloguing the archives. The Town will be sponsoring a Founder's Day program July 6-8, 2018 for the Town's 255<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Local churches and organizations will be asked to assist and help with this activity. An informational meeting will be held in the Council Chambers on Thursday August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm for interested parties and citizens wanting to assist.

**Mayor's Report:** Nothing to report

## Old Business

**Approval of Floodplain:** The Floodplain for the Town was approved. The County enforcing the Floodplain was also approved. The documentation was signed and will be forwarded to the County and FEMA tomorrow.

**Crosswalk:** State Highway has approved signs in the middle of the crosswalks. We will still need to get all of the information from the State so that we can proceed with installation. The Mayor and Council would still like to see petition's from citizens so that we can push the State to do more and to attempt to slow down the traffic.

**Fire/EMS Donations:** It was moved and approved to provide both companies with \$2,000 each, as it was in the budget for last fiscal year, but never given. Darryl abstained from voting on the donations.

## New Business

**Approval of Budget:** The budget included a compensation package for the Town Clerk and was approved.

**Joining of the Maryland Town Clerk's Association:** This was perceived as a good idea, as it will provide Kimberly with networking and workshop opportunities.

**Sending the Town Clerk to the MML Convention:** This will be addressed in March when the convention materials are released.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm. The next meeting will be held Monday September 11, 2017, due to the Labor Day holiday.

## **Town News**

### **Workshop Session for the Mayor and Council**

The Mayor and Council will be having a Workshop Session on Tuesday August 29, 2017 at 7pm in Town Hall. Agenda items include town property and a sheriff's deputy.

### **Date Change for September Council Meeting**

The meeting of the Mayor and Council for September will be held on Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Council Chambers. This change is due to the Labor Day holiday.

### **County Commissioners to hold meeting in Sharpsburg**

The Washington County Commissioners will be holding a meeting in the Town Hall of Sharpsburg on Tuesday September 19, 2017 at 7pm. This is an opportunity to address any questions and/or concerns to the Commissioners.

### *Town planning Founder's Day Celebration for 2018*

Ed Beeler, head of the Town Archives and Historical Planning, will be heading up a Founder's Day celebration for 2018 to celebrate the Town's 255<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This event is slated to be held July 6-8 2018, with many events and activities in the planning stages.

Town organizations, churches and townspeople are encouraged to attend a planning/informational meeting on Thursday August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in Town Hall.

### **Delay in trash collection for Labor Day holiday**

Due to the Labor Day holiday, trash collection for the week of September 3<sup>rd</sup> will take place on Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup>. Trash should be set out on Wednesday evening, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Change in Recycling Schedule for Apple Valley waste**

For residents that have Apple Valley Waste collecting your recyclables, recycling pick up has now changed to Mondays, effective Monday August 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **BULK TRASH PICK UP**

Bulk trash pick-up will be held on Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup>. Bulk items are to be placed out beside your residential trash for Wednesday pick-up. Items must be on the ground, as they will not be removed from trucks and/or trailers.

Reminder: NO construction materials, televisions, hazardous materials (oils, paints, gasoline,

ammunition, etc.), yard waste, brush or garden materials.

## Community News and Events

### **COME ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY MONTHLY MEETING**

The monthly meeting of the local veterans group, Come All Who Are Thirsty, will be held on Saturday September 2, 2017 at 9:30am at the Burnside First Church of God, located at 3904 Mills Road in Sharpsburg. Breakfast is provided and the meeting is open to all Veterans and their families, First Responders and anyone who has an interest in supporting Veterans.

### **TOWN OF SHARPSBURG AND SHARPSBURG LIBRARY TO SPONSOR OUTDOOR COMMUNITY MOVIE**



The Lego Batman movie will be shown at the Sharpsburg Little League Field on High Street on August 11 at 8:00pm (or dusk). Rain date will be August 13 at 8pm (or dusk.) Bring your flash light, chair or blanket, and enjoy this free event. The concession stand will be open for snack purchases.

# Town Government

Town Office – 301-432-4428

Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Zoning Administrator hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Additional hours for the Clerk and Zoning Administrator are available by appointment

## Mayor and Council

Hal Spielman – Mayor	301-432-6854
Russ Weaver – Vice Mayor (Planning & Zoning)	301-432-5907
Ed Beeler – Councilperson (Town Archives & Historical Planning)	301-800-6877
Darryl Benner – Councilperson (Public Safety)	301-992-2230
Michael Carr – Councilperson (Town Buildings)	301-991-6988
Brandon Smith – Councilperson (Parks & Railroad)	301-491-4866
Tamara White – Councilperson (Streets)	301-432-7754
Kimberly Fulk – Town Clerk/Treasurer/ Tax Collector	301-432-4428

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