



# The SHARPSBURG TOWN CRIER

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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 was called to order at 7:30pm by Mayor Hal Spielman. Members present included Vice Mayor Bryan Gabriel and Councilpersons Cathy Hull, Brandon Smith and Darryl Benner. Town Attorney Brian Kane and Town Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Fulk were also present.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved by Brandon and seconded by Darryl, with all ayes for approval. The treasurer's report was approved by Darryl and seconded by Brandon, with all ayes for approval.

First on the agenda was Tim Robertson, Zoning Administrator. He has met with the county permits department in regards to them taking over the process for Sharpsburg. The steps of the new process for building applications is as follows:

1. Applicant fill out application.
2. Town Clerk will call Tim to let him know a permit application is at town hall.
3. Tim will approve or deny the permit.
4. If approved, the applicant will be phoned to pick up the application from town hall and then

they will take it to the county office.

5. The county will take the application and collect all fees.
6. Once the county has completed the permit, it will be delivered to town hall.
7. Tim will check the permit for zoning compliance.
8. The applicant will be called to pick up their permit at town hall

Brandon moved to accept the new permit process and Bryan seconded the motion. This process will begin immediately.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

A citizen from main street was concerned regarding trees that are dead and need to come down. The question was, who has the ultimate say in if the trees are removed, the town or the property owner. Per Mayor Spielman, if it is a town tree, it can not be touched until the Maryland Forestry Service is contacted. Even though it is not felt to be a town tree, Brian suggested having the forestry service take a look first. Another main street citizen was on hand voicing concern about yards and properties in town that have become left by the wayside and are in need of attention. She was questioning if the town could do anything to make the owners clean things up. Per Brian Kane, it is a touchy subject because the

town ordinance does not really state anything about properties in disrepair. Brian will talk to the county office to see if there is anything that they can do to correct the issues.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Parks & Railroad**—The "No Dumping" and "No Trespassing" signs were delivered to Bryan. Brandon will have final estimates for the fencing at the park at the March meeting. It was moved by Darryl and seconded by Brandon to allow the Little League to place lights at the ball field. Everyone was in agreement.

**Building**—There are missing bricks on the side of the building on the library side. Brandon will have a gentleman that works with him to take a look at it.

**Streets**—Nothing to report  
**Planning & Zoning**—Brian received a draft of the growth element of the Comprehensive Plan.

**Battlefield Advisory Committee**—The February meeting was cancelled due to weather. Mr. Perry Jamieson reported that no successor has been found to replace John Howard. The next meeting will be March 2.

**Archives**—The Historical Society will be leaving the Armory at the completion of their lease in February. The owner of the Armory raised the rent to continue the lease for another year, and this is just not possible. The Historical Society would like to move their headquarters to town hall. The council was in agreement to allow this move to

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take place. The back room will be organized and arranged at the February 15th work session to allow this move to happen.

**Safety**—Nothing to report

**Town Attorney**—Animal Control Ordinance; this was moved by Cathy and seconded by Darryl to review and consider adopting the county animal control ordinance. This will be voted on in March.

⇒ Bussard Annexation—this process is moving forward. There will be a public notice posted at town hall for review. There will also be a public hearing regarding the annexation in April.

⇒ State Ethics Ordinance—Brian reviewed over the ordinance that governs the actions of the mayor and council.

⇒ Independent Contractor Agreement—Brian asked that the town consider filing an Independent Contractor Agreement that states that he is not an employee of the town, but that his services have been hired by the town. This will help protect us with the IRS. This will be voted on in March.

**Mayor's Report**—Mayor Spielman informed the council that Governor O'Malley did not reinstate the Highway User Revenues that were drastically cut this past fiscal year.

**Old Business**—Vacant Council Seat—we had three individuals submit a letter of interest to fill the slot. Darryl recommended interviewing the candidates. This will be done on February 15 and interviews will begin at 6:30pm.

-Progress of Website—the website is just about finished and should be up and running within the next week. The website address is [www.sharpsburgmd.com](http://www.sharpsburgmd.com) or [www.sharpsburg-md.com](http://www.sharpsburg-md.com).

**New Business**—Parade Meeting—there will be a parade meeting on February 15th at 7:30pm.

⇒ Bulk Trash/Brush pick up—it was discussed to have these services this year since they have not been provided for a while. Mayor Spielman will have JP Phillips of Apple Valley Waste come to the March meeting to discuss what they can do in terms of how to collect the bulk trash and a price. Mayor Spielman will check with companies regarding picking up brush from the alleys on April 30th or May 7th

⇒ Closing Fire Hall Alley—the fire department and EMS are currently working on possibly tearing down the small building behind the fire station to make room for a new station that would face Fire Hall Alley. This would mean that the trucks would exit the station via the alley and not onto Chapline Street. This is still being discussed and no decisions have been made.

⇒ Donation to EMS and Fire Department—It was moved by Brandon and seconded by Cathy to do-

nate \$3,000 to each the Fire Department and the EMS. Darryl abstained from voting, but the motion passed.

At 9:55pm, Cathy moved to convene in a closed session to obtain legal advice and Brandon seconded the motion.

At 10:44pm, Brandon moved to reconvene in open session and Bryan seconded the motion.

At 10:45 pm, Cathy moved to adjourn the meeting and Brandon seconded the motion with all ayes for approval.

The next meeting of the Mayor and Council will be on Monday March 7, 2011 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 BRETHREN 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.stpaulssharpsburg.org](http://www.stpaulssharpsburg.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**

#### **Sharpsburg Church of the Brethren**

The Sharpsburg Church of the Brethren, located at 123 East Main Street, will be having a hymn sign for Camp Shepherd's Spring on February 19, 2011 at 6:30pm. Snow date will be February 26, 2011 at 6:30pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Come and join us!

- Lilly Grayson

#### **Sharpsburg Bible Church**

The Sharpsburg Bible Church, located at the corner of Potomac and Antietam Streets, will have a bible seminar featuring Dr. George Rundle, President of Antietam Bible College. The seminar is titled "Spiritual Gifts." and will be held on March 6, 2011 at 10:30am and at 6:00pm; March 7th-March 9th at 7:00pm. Call 301-739-1882 for more information.

- Pam Rutherford

#### **From the Desk of the Mayor**

I would like to thank everyone for their understanding and patience while I was recovering from hip replacement surgery. Thanks to Bryan Gabriel for helping with tasks and duties during my recovery.

- Hal Spielman

#### **Town Hall Announcements**

The website is up and running! The website address is: [www.sharpsburgmd.com](http://www.sharpsburgmd.com) or [www.sharpsburgmd.com](http://www.sharpsburgmd.com). Take a few minutes to look around the site. We hope that you will find it a very useful tool.

Town Hall is available to use for meetings, conferences and organizational meetings. Arrangements must be made with Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk, prior to use. To book a meeting room, or for more information, contact Kimberly during business hours.

There are still open positions on the Planning Commission committee. If you are interested in signing up, or would like further information, contact Kimberly.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS**

#### **TOWN HALL MEETING WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Washington County Commissioners will be at Town Hall on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 7pm. This is a public meeting, which gives the public the opportunity to question the commissioners on issues that directly affect Sharpsburg. All are encouraged to attend.

#### **BATTLEFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Battlefield Advisory Committee did not have a meeting in February due to the snow. The next meeting will be in March and highlights from the meeting will be in the March crier.

Many thanks to Perry Jamieson for keeping us updated on the events and happenings at the battlefield.

#### **Sharpsburg Heritage Festival**

The next meeting of the Sharpsburg Heritage Festival will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 7pm in the council chambers of town hall. It is not too late to help with the planning of the 2011 festival. Everyone is welcome.

### **Sharpsburg Parade Committee**

Planning is underway for the 144th Memorial Day Parade Celebration. The next meeting of the parade committee will be held on Monday, March 14, 2011 at 7:30pm in the council chambers of town hall. The committee is open to everyone that wishes to help plan this annual celebration. This year the parade will be held on Saturday May 28th. More details will be released when they are available.

If you would like to help with the planning of this celebration, come and join us on March 14th. All are welcome.

### **ATTENTION SENIORS**

Graduation is right around the corner, what are your future plans?

Are you a Boonsboro High School Student? Do you plan to attend college in the fall? Do you plan to major in history?

If you answered "yes" to these questions, then rush to the Boonsboro High School Guidance Office and apply for the Kirk L. and Page T. Otto scholarship. This scholarship is a \$500.00 award and will be awarded to a lucky individual at graduation. See the guidance office for more details.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

February 22— Town Hall meeting with the County Commissioners 7:00pm

February 24— Sharpsburg Heritage Festival Meeting 7:00pm at Town Hall

March 7— Meeting of the Mayor and Council 7:30pm

March 14—Parade Committee Meeting 7:30pm

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  
 Brandon Smith 432-1941

**TOWN OFFICIALS**

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

**TOWN ORGANIZATIONS**

Am Leg. Aux. Ava Gift 432-6658  
 Hist. Society Vernell Doyle 992-9767  
 Mt. View Cemetery Jeff Saylor 432-2255  
 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  
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 Founded July 9, 1763



Sharpsburg Town Hall





