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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 Sharpsburg Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:03pm by Mayor Spielman.

Members in attendance were: Vice Mayor Bryan Gabriel; Councilpersons Jennifer Silbert, Darryl Benner, Cathy Hull and Brandon Smith. Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk was also present.

The minutes and the treasurer's report from January were both approved.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Shantz was on hand to ask the council's permission to have runners run through Sharpsburg for the American Odyssey race on April 28th. They would be running through the town from approximately 2:30-4:30am, so most residents would not even know that they are here. Mayor Spielman signed off on this request. Heidi Vertrees was present to express concern about vandalism that her property has sustained. Her husband has witnessed individuals behind their property. She was advised to call the police department when this happens. Mayor Spiel-

man will also talk to the police and inform them what is happening so that they can patrol the area.

G.E. Ingram of the little league was present to express concern for the amount of water that gathers and lays at the base of the concreted area near the water tower when we have rain or snow melting. He stated that the water lays there for a long time and they use this area for parking during little league events. Mayor Spielman will contact the county, as well as contractors/engineers for possible solutions to this issue.

Steve Kemmet, owner/operator of Captain Bender's Tavern approached the town in regards to having an outdoor area out front during the heritage festival. This area would allow drinking of alcohol, would be roped off with one entrance/exit and would be monitored. The space would be equivalent to what each vendor of the festival is allotted. The council approved this request with the provision that it would close at 7pm on Saturday evening and 5pm on Sunday evening.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Parks and Railroad**— Brandon is still working on getting an electrician to the park so that we can have a better camera system installed.

**Building**— The town would like

to get estimates on tree removal from the front of the building. We have one estimate of \$200. The council would also like ideas as to redesigning the area around the building/in front of the library. We will look into possible options for this.

**Streets**— The bridge project is near completion. We will need to have a final walk through with Building Systems and Frederick Seibert & Associates to assure that the project has been completed according to the contract specifications.

**Planning & Zoning**— Still working on the Comp Plan.

**Battlefield Advisory Committee**— The Battlefield is working with other surrounding battlefield's to have activities for the 150th Anniversary of the Battle in September. The Salute to Independence is slated to take place on Saturday, July 7th. Funding will be needed for this event and efforts are underway.

**Archives**— Nothing to report

**Public Safety**— Nothing to report  
**Mayor's Report**— The Sharpsburg Elementary School is accepting donations to buy books for their library in honor of Rosemarie Shade, a long-time first grade teacher of the school. Mrs. Shade retired in 2005 and passed away in December. The council voted to donate \$50.

A letter was read from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith of Main Street, thanking the council for pushing the State to place pedestrian signs at the square.

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#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Parade Meeting:** This will be held on Wednesday, February 15th at 7pm at town hall. Anyone that would like to help with the planning of the parade is welcome to attend.

**Zoning Administrator:** The job description was reviewed at the meeting and it was decided to advertise the position.

**Parking Signs at the Post Office:** It was discussed that the signs in front of the post office read "No Parking." However, there are many patrons of the post office that pull in that area to run into the post office. It was decided that new signs stating "Postal Business Only", or something to that effect would be placed in this area and the "No Parking" signs removed.

**Parking Spaces in the town:** The possibility of painting parking spaces on Main Street was discussed. Mayor Spielman will contact John Wolford of the State Highway Administration to get his insight on this.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**150th Celebration:** It was decided that the town would work with and support the heritage festival, September 15th and 16th.

**Recycling:** The county is looking at possibly removing all of the community recycling bins in the county. This would mean that our recycling bin at the Fire Department and EMS parking lot would be removed as well. Possible options discussed were curb-side recycling, replacing the recycling bin through a private company, or having residents opt-in for curb-side pick up at their own expense. Kimberly has gotten rates for all but a recycling drop-off bin. She will call Apple Valley Waste for this quote. We will follow what the county decides and weigh all options at the March meeting.

The meeting went into closed session at 8:23pm to discuss personnel issues. It was brought back to open session at 9:13pm and was adjourned.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 5th at 7pm.

#### **TOWN OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **Job Opening for a Zoning Administrator**

The Town of Sharpsburg is currently seeking an individual to fill the position of Zoning Administrator.

This position is a part-time position at a rate of \$20/hour. This individual would be responsible for working with the Planning Commission to interpret the town's zoning ordinances and administer building permits according to the town and county ordinances. A complete job description can be obtained from the town clerk during normal business hours. Interested individuals are encouraged to submit a resume to the town by Thursday, March 15th. If you have any questions, contact the town clerk, Kimberly Fulk, at 301-432-4428. The Town of Sharpsburg is an equal opportunity employer.

#### **Recent Acts of Vandalism**

Recently there have been a string of vandalisms throughout the town. These include destruction of private property, destruction of town property, graffiti and the setting of fires. The police department has been notified and is making more of a presence throughout the town. However, if you see suspicious/malicious activity you are encouraged to contact the police department.

#### **WORSHIP INFORMATION**

##### **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**

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](http://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

**Local Businesses**

*Accommodations*

**Antietam Guest House**  
111 W. Chapline Street  
301-992-9017  
[www.antietamguesthouse.com](http://www.antietamguesthouse.com)

**Jacob Rohrbach Inn Bed and Breakfast**

138 W. Main Street  
301-432-5079  
[www.jacob-rohrbach-inn.com](http://www.jacob-rohrbach-inn.com)

**Mary Hill House**  
211 E. Main Street  
301-432-7984  
[www.maryhillhouse.com](http://www.maryhillhouse.com)

*Automotive Care*

**B&B Automotive**  
113 E. High Street (Rear)  
301-432-2478

*Accounting & Banking Services*

**David H. Peters & Assoc. CPA's**  
100 E. Main Street  
301-432-5501

**Jefferson Security Bank**  
103 W. Main Street  
301-432-3900  
[www.jeffersonsecuritybank.com](http://www.jeffersonsecuritybank.com)

*Dining*

**Captain Benders Tavern**  
111 E. Main Street  
301-432-5813  
[www.captainbenders.com](http://www.captainbenders.com)

**GeGe's Place**  
208 S. Church Street  
301-432-1150

**Pete's Tavern**  
144 W. Main Street  
301-432-2591

**Nutter's Ice Cream**  
100 E. Main Street  
301-432-5809

*Gas Stations*

**Sharpsburg BP**  
139 E. Main Street  
301-432-6330

*Library*

**Sharpsburg Library**  
106 E. Main Street  
301-432-8825  
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*Salons and Spas*

**Hair Garage**  
244 W. Main Street  
301-432-8171

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244 W. Main Street  
301-432-8171

**Kathy's Hair Care**  
106 N. Potomac Street  
301-432-6542

**Valetta V's Salon and Spa**  
109 E. Main Street  
301-432-4993

*Shopping*

**Collectable Quilts and Dry Goods**  
118 E. Main Street  
301-491-7045

The league will also begin junior league girls softball for those ages 13 and 14. Any girl with a 1997 and 1998 birth year is eligible.

For more information, contact G.E. Ingram at 240-675-8140.

**COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS**

**Sharpsburg Heritage Festival**

The Sharpsburg Heritage Festival Committee is hard at work planning the 2012 Festival. However, there is always room for more members! The festival committee meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the council chambers of town hall, all are welcome to attend.

**Sharpsburg Historical Society Monthly Meeting**

The Sharpsburg Historical Society invites you to its February—the month of “Romantic Love” - general meeting. The meeting is Leap Day, Wednesday, February 29, at 7pm in the Town Hall, Main Street, Sharpsburg, MD.

The guest presenter is Charles Mills, author and producer from Alexandria, VA. His talk, “Love, Romance and Marriage in the Civil War,” will examine courtship, manners, morals and marriage in the middle of the 19th century. Come to hear and learn how society’s practices have changed as love has remained constant.

The program is free. Please bring any 19th century valentines, love letter, marriage certificates you would like to share. Contact 301-992-9767 with questions.

- Vernell Doyle, President

**Sharpsburg Little League Signups**

Sharpsburg Little League will hold baseball and girls softball registration at the Sharpsburg Bible Church Community Center (the corner of South Potomac and West Antietam Streets) on Saturday, February 18th from 12noon-4pm

<b>Town Office Hours:</b> <b>Monday-Thursday 8:30am-2:00pm</b> <b>(Additional hours by appointment)</b>	
Hal Spielman, Mayor	432-6854
Bryan Gabriel, Vice Mayor	432-2478
<b>COUNCIL</b>	
Darryl Benner	991-2230
Cathy Hull	304-279-8440
Jennifer Silbert	432-7984
Brandon Smith	432-1941
<b>TOWN OFFICIALS</b>	
Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk	301-302-7347
Debra Jamison, Tax Collector	432-6572
Patti Hammond, Planning Com.	432-5965
Anna Jamison, Election Board	432-6572

<b>TOWN ORGANIZATIONS</b>		
Am Leg. Aux.	Ava Gift	432-6658
Am. Legion	Lawrence Hoffman	432-8957
Hist. Society	Vernell Doyle	992-9767
Mt. View Cemetery	Hal Spielman	432-6854
Cub Scouts	Michael Miles	432-0275
Boy Scouts	John Stewart	432-0564
<b>CHURCHES</b>		
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

The Sharpsburg Town Crier  
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County  
Founded July 9, 1763

