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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 January meeting of the Sharpsburg Mayor and Council was called to order at 7pm by Mayor Spielman. Members present: Mayor Spielman, Vice Mayor Gabriel; Councilpersons Cathy Hull, Brandon Smith, Darryl Benner and Jennifer Silbert.

The minutes of the December meeting and the December treasurer's report were both approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Perry Jamieson stated that the battlefield committee was questioning whether or not Sharpsburg was or had any plans to be denoted a "historic district." Vernell Doyle stated that it was approved as "historic" in late December, 2008 and that Jennifer Silbert was a key person in getting this approved by the state. Jennifer stated that what this basically means is that a homeowner with a qualifying property could apply to the state for a tax credit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Railroad—Brandon is working with an electrician to get power to the park to run the cameras

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full time. Once warmer weather returns. The slide will be repaired at the park.

Building— Verizon was to fix the phone line, however we are still having issues with it cutting out, thus triggering the Glessner alarm. Kimberly will call again and ask them to return to evaluate the line and make the needed repairs. The elevator has been repaired and has been restored to working order. Brandon suggested that maybe the trees out front of town hall need to be removed or trimmed back. He stated that they do hide a lot of the architecture of the building and maybe they should be ripped out and replaced with something smaller. The possibility of removing the shrubbery in front of the Library was also discussed. This will be evaluated and discussed at another meeting.

Streets— Bridge project is underway

Planning and Zoning—Comp Plan should be completed by February 29th.

Battlefield Advisory Committee— The battlefield has decided to go in with other battlefields from around the area and work on a 150 Anniversary Celebration together, to make better use of the money that is available for this event. Further details of the report will be printed in the crier.

Archives—Nothing to report
Public Safety—Mayor Spielman spoke to Deputy Cain in regards

to issues that seem to be re-occurring with pedestrians, bicycles and skateboarders. He stated he would keep an eye on this. The pedestrian signs in the square so far do not seem to be making much of an impact. Motorists continue to ignore them. This will be monitored.

OLD BUSINESS

Elevator Contract— We have obtained three possible contracts for the elevator service. Currently we pay approximately \$219.16 each month for a full maintenance contract. It was felt that with the age of the elevator and as infrequently as it is used that a Quarterly Contract should be sufficient. The council would like to have an addition to the contract that the technician has to contact the town clerk and arrive when she is in the office to perform their quarterly check. It was moved and approved to go with the quarterly option from Eastern Elevator.

Vacant Council Seat— Two interested persons have sent in letters of interest to fill the vacant seat. Ed Beeler of South Mechanic Street and Stephanie Taylor of West Main Street. It was the consensus of the council to conduct interviews of the candidates prior to the next meeting. Kimberly will call these individuals to arrange these interviews.

Zoning Administrator— Hours, salary, job description would need to be determined prior to this position being advertised. A Code Enforcement Officer was also discussed at the last meeting. How-

ever; this position would need to be registered with the state and would require further investigation prior to hiring someone for this position. Further information will be obtained on both positions and this will be tabled until next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Parade Meeting— This will be held on Monday, February 13th at 7pm at Town Hall. Cathy will notify the battlefield of this. This will be placed in the crier for any interested parties to attend.

Heritage Festival— The committee would like to have a two-day festival this year, September 15th and 16th. Darryl was asking if this would be a problem to have this because the streets would need to be closed overnight to facilitate this. The council suggested that they check with the state to make sure that this is not a problem. There is also an Open House for the festival on January 26th from 7pm-9pm at Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2012 at 7pm.

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 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.stpaulssharpburg.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

CHURCH NEWS

The Sharpsburg Church of the Brethren would like to thank everyone that attended the Christmas Bazaar in November. Thanks to each of you for your support over the years. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces next time. We enjoy your fellowship and our doors are always open. Come see us! God Bless

- Lilly Grayson

Local Businesses

Accommodations

Antietam Guest House
111 W. Chapline Street
301-992-9017
www.antietamguesthouse.com

Jacob Rohrbach Inn Bed and Breakfast
138 W. Main Street
301-432-5079
www.jacob-rohrbach-inn.com

Mary Hill House
211 E. Main Street
301-432-7984
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

Dining

Captain Benders Tavern
111 E. Main Street
301-432-5813
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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301-432-8825

Salons and Spas

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

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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

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Sharpsburg Heritage Festival

The Sharpsburg Heritage Festival Committee will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, January 26th from 7pm to 9pm at Town Hall. Come and hear the plans for this year's festival, offer suggestions and comments, sign up to be a vendor or member, hear the purpose of the festival and meet the committee members.

This year's festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 15th and 16th. For further information, contact Meredith at 301-991-0265.

C&O Canal Towns Partnership

Sharpsburg is one of the eight towns in the C&O Canal Towns Partnership, a coalition designed to help and inform travelers on the towpath. The next meeting of the partnership will be January 18th at 10am, at the Harpers Ferry Town Hall. Any questions about the Partnership can be directed to Walt Stull, President at stull@brunswickmd.gov.

Sharpsburg Historical Society Monthly Meeting

All are invited to the February 29th monthly meeting at Town Hall at 7pm. The focus of the meeting will be Love and Marriage at

the time of the Civil War. Charles A. Mills, historian and author, has been invited to present our program for the romantic month of February.

Please bring any love letters, valentines, wedding pictures, or marriage documents to show and share. Questions may be directed to 301-992-9767.

Year end report from the Sharpsburg Historical Society

In March, 2011, the historical society moved to Town Hall, thanks to the generosity of the Town Council.

We set up our headquarters, displays of society and town archives, and continued the family research center activities begun in 2010. Donations of books and other items have been added to displays and to the office resources. The society could use more display cases.

Ed Beeler is our genealogist and is in the headquarters on Wednesdays from 9am to 6pm. He reports that visitors from Minnesota, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Texas have come to see him. Among those were Warren Chapline, a descendant of town founder, Joseph Chapline, Sr. Ed has also had internet inquiries from people from New Jersey and Ohio, as well as Maryland and Virginia residents researching family history.

The society owns a complete set of *Valley News*, a compilation of newspaper items published during the four years of the Civil War, thanks to Mrs. Fred Kretzer. The monthly issues are displayed in the library. Stop by to see what was happening 150 years ago.

The society is a member of the Washington County Association of Museums and Historic Sites and participated in last year's Museum Ramble. 29 visitors came to the headquarters that day. The Museum Ramble will be May 5th this year. We welcome your help for it and during the Memorial Day Commemoration.

We always welcome your membership and attendance at our meetings. Please join us as we work to find and protect the history of Sharpsburg and the surrounding area. All donations are appreciated and are tax deductible.

Please call with questions, requests, and information. We are always interested in program topics. Thanks for your interest and support.

- 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 the following days:
Thursday, February 9th from 6pm-8pm
Friday, February 10th from 6pm-8pm
Saturday, February 11th from 10am-2pm
Saturday, February 18th from 12noon-4pm

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.

Sharpsburg Memorial Day Parade Meeting

The first planning meeting of the Sharpsburg Memorial Day Parade Committee will be on Wednesday, February 15th at 7pm at Town Hall. **THIS HAS CHANGED SINCE THE TOWN MEETING AND THEREFORE IS A DIFFERENT DATE THAN WHAT IS LISTED IN THE MINUTES.**

Anyone who would like to help with the planning of the parade is invited to attend.

Battlefield Advisory Committee

The board had its first meeting with the new superintendent of the Antietam National Battlefield, Dr. Susan Trail, on January 4th. She gave an overview of the battlefield's current activities and asked the board members for their comments about the battlefield's present status and their ideas for its future.

This year's events at the battlefield will be centered on the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Antietam, which will fall on Monday, September 17, 2012. The planning for this milestone anniversary will include not only Antietam, but other National Park sites where important events of the Maryland campaign took place, including Manassas, the C&O Canal, Monocacy, and Harpers Ferry. To make the best use of limited funding and to recognize the significance of the entire Maryland campaign, these sites will coordinate their programs and publications for the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary celebration.

Meeting, to brief the new superintendent on the specific plans for the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary celebration. Because of the timing of this meeting, the board will get more detailed information about the plans for the anniversary at its next meeting, February 1st.

-Perry Jamieson

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Crier was distributed late this month. My apologies for this. Next month's crier should arrive the middle of February, as regularly scheduled.

Town Office Hours:	
Monday-Thursday 8:30am-2:00pm	
(Additional hours by appointment)	
Hal Spielman, Mayor	432-6854
Bryan Gabriel, Vice Mayor	432-2478
COUNCIL	
Darryl Benner	991-2230
Cathy Hull	304-279-8440
Jennifer Silbert	432-7984
Brandon Smith	432-1941
TOWN OFFICIALS	
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

TOWN ORGANIZATIONS		
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
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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County
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