

# Town of Sharpsburg

## Town Crier



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**The minutes of the town meeting are not the official minutes; they are an overview of the business conducted. A copy of the official minutes can be obtained at the town office from the clerk.**

The monthly meeting of the Sharpsburg Mayor and Council was held at the Antietam Train Station on Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Spielman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

The June minutes and the June Treasurer's report were both approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Parks and Railroad Station-** The railroad station is in need of a new roof. This must be kept within the standards of the Maryland Historic Preservation. The group at the train station has been in contact with local contractors to obtain pricing.

The aerator at the pond seems to be blocked; this will be checked and repaired.

**Building** – We are obtaining estimates for the trim of Town Hall to be painted. Most companies that have been contacted state they are too busy. One company did come out to take a look at the building and we are awaiting their estimate. Brandon stated he would also try to get some estimates.

**Streets** – It was moved to have Frederick Seibert go ahead with the engineering portion of the East Chapline Street Extended project. We will also contact the County in regards to issues with runoff from the townhomes that were built on county property on East Chapline Street, to see if they will be willing to help with the Chapline Street project.

**Planning and Zoning** – We are still awaiting the Comprehensive Plan's return from the state with their comments. We have several interested persons to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission. These individuals will be contacted in regards to training that they need to complete.

**Battlefield Advisory Committee** – This meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Jamieson will get Kimberly the information for the Crier.

**Mayor's Report** – We have a citizen that is bringing out of town trash into the town for pick up. This will not be tolerated and the citizen will be charged each time they continue to do this, including any additional cost or fees that the town incurs when we need to ask the trash company to return to pick up the trash.

## Old Business

1. **Grants for old Legion building** – Russ has been unsuccessful in reaching Steve Goodrich for assistance in this process. He will call some of the County Commissioners to see if they are able to help out with reaching Mr. Goodrich, or another individual that may be able to help.
2. **Budget** – The budget for Fiscal Year 2015 was moved for approval. The motion passed.
3. **Miss Virginia's Headstone Fund** – It was decided that we would close the donation period on July 31<sup>st</sup> and at that time present the monies to the Friends of Tolson's Chapel so that they may select a marker that they feel is appropriate for Miss Virginia and the Cemetery.

## New Business

1. **Flag Removal** – Will plan to take down the flags on Main Street on July 9<sup>th</sup>, as long as the weather cooperates.
2. **September's Meeting** – The first Monday in September is Labor Day, so September's meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:30pm at Town Hall
3. **Zoning Administrator Hours** – Zoning Administrator Howard Long will have hours at Town Hall on Tuesdays from 10am-6pm, with additional hours available by appointment.
4. **Trimming of alleys** – Members of the council will begin to work on trimming of the alleys when their schedules permit.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at Town Hall.

We appreciated the hospitality of the members of Antietam Station. After the meeting concluded, we received a tour of the station and were able to see the trains in action.

## Town News

### *Headstone Fund closing in July*



The response to Miss Virginia Cook's headstone fund has been amazing. The last day to donate to this worthy cause will be July 31<sup>st</sup>. At that time, the Town will be presenting a check to the Tolson's Chapel so that they may purchase a stone that is fitting for Miss Cook and the Tolson's Chapel Cemetery. Any monies that are remaining after the purchase of the headstone will be used by the Chapel to maintain the gravestones in the Chapel cemetery.

Thank you so much for the outpouring of love and generosity that you have shown to this amazing woman.

Donations can be mailed to the Town of Sharpsburg at PO Box 368, Sharpsburg, MD 21782.

Please place "Miss Virginia Headstone Fund" in the memo section of your check.

## **Town Office Closure**

The town office will open at 9am on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> and will be closed on Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

## *Community News and Events*

### *Reaching out to help a life-long town resident*



To many living in Sharpsburg, the name Jeff Saylor is not a new one. Jeff has lived in town for his entire life, in the same house. Mr. Saylor worked in the Washington County Public School system as an IA, which is where he picked up the name "Mr. Jeff." Many of the residents and people that interacted with him during his time at Sharpsburg Elementary still call him that. He worked at Kretzer's Market for Cy and Missy Kretzer for 22 years until its closing. He served on the town council as a councilman and as Vice Mayor for many years. Mr. Jeff works at the Boonsboro Pharmacy delivering supplies and medicines and I'm sure a friendly smile, to those that are unable to get out and pick them up themselves.

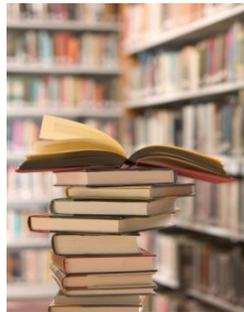
Mr. Jeff was diagnosed with liver cancer in the spring. His journey with this terrible disease has not been an easy one, for him or his wife Karen and daughter, Emily. He is in the process of traveling to and from Johns Hopkins Hospital for treatments and chemotherapy.

Mr. Jeff has spent his life helping and serving others and now he is in need of our help.

As with most medical treatments, insurance only covers so much. Mr. Jeff's church, the Sharpsburg Bible Church, has opened a fund at Jefferson Security Bank to assist with his medical bills. If you would like to donate to Mr. Jeff's medical fund, checks are to be made out to the Sharpsburg Bible Church, with "Jeff Saylor Fund" placed in the memo section. Mail your check to the Sharpsburg Bible Church, 5134 General Stewart Court Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782. Donations are tax deductible.

I know that Mr. Jeff, his wife Karen and daughter Emily appreciate your generosity.

### Events at the Sharpsburg Library



**July 24<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm** – Join in the fun to see “impossible magic tricks, weird mind reading stunts and off the wall comedy all themed around science and experiments. This show features audience participation as well!

**July 31<sup>st</sup>, 3:30pm** – Dr. Fizzle and the Magic Bookmobile will be at the library. Come on out for a puppet show and an interactive Readers’ Theater performance, followed by a craft.

## *Appreciation from Miss Poppy 2014*



Antietam 236 Miss Poppy 2014, Skyler Borum, would like to thank everyone for making her Memorial Day a memorable one with your support, wearing the poppies and for donations given to be used for our current and past military members. You all made her feel special in the parade with your waves and comments. Thank you to Breeze for lunch and Wayne for driving her through the parade in his dad's car.

- Darlene Hoffman

## **Church News**

### *Sharpsburg Church of the Brethren honors new member*



Sunday, July 13, 2014 was a momentous day at the Sharpsburg Church of the Brethren.

Sonny Edleblute, a long time member of the church and a resident of West Antietam Street was recognized for his faithful, furry friend, Meya. Sonny had been bringing his little companion to church every Sunday for over a month. Meya is a well behaved little pup. You would never know that she was even there, she is so quiet. It was decided to honor Meya with an honorary membership to the Sharpsburg Church of the Brethren. She was presented with a pink ribbon for her hair, a bag of treats, and a certificate, created by Darlene Albritton that read:

"This certificate is awarded to Meya as an honorary member of the Sharpsburg Church of the Brethren, for your patient silence, your steadfast constancy, your weekly attendance and your ability to bring joy to all around you. You are truly a member of the church." Signed by Pastor Jim Peyton of Bunker Hill, WV.

Kathy Gustafson wrote a poem for the occasion entitled "Meya Worships" for the occasion. Godparents Pam and Ralph Dodson, also residents of Sharpsburg, were present for the service

*Meya Worships*  
*By: Kathy Gustafson*

*God created the earth in just 6 days  
People, places and things.  
The people were asked to worship Him  
But what were the animals to bring.*

*God did not expect for dogs and cats,  
Or even birds to perch,  
To worship him by any means  
Especially not in church.*

*Yet as we sit here in our pews  
There is one that is a plus.  
A furry little creature  
That has become just one of us.*

*Meya is her rightful name  
Beloved by all she sees  
But in God's eyes a faithful dog  
In which he is very pleased.*

*So feel free to pet her or call her name,  
For her attendance here is sure.  
As long as Daddy Sonny's game,  
A member she'll be evermore.*

# *In Remembrance*

*Mrs. Jan Wetterer*



We are saddened by the passing of Mrs. Jan Wetterer on July 8, 2014. Mrs. Wetterer started the Sharpsburg Town Crier in 1990 and was the editor of the Crier for 20 years. During her time as editor, she contributed many noteworthy articles for the townspeople to enjoy and kept the townspeople up to date on what was going on in the town and with the town council.

We send our condolences to her family and dedicate this issue of the Sharpsburg Town Crier to her memory.

# 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
Bryan Gabriel – Vice Mayor	301-432-2478
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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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