

# *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 July council meeting.**

The meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 7pm by Mayor Hal Spielman. The minutes of the June meeting and the June treasurer's report were both approved as presented.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Dwayne Harris wanted it brought to the Mayor and Council's attention that a reported phoned him in regards to their decision to not use the Mark A. Smith Park for their garden. He stated that he wanted to let them know that he did not bash the Town or any business in Sharpsburg when speaking about the Park.

Mr. Harris also reported that due to the lobby of the bank closing, that the Victory Garden Ranch would have complete rights to the bank parking lot. He stated that the bank lot would be re-stripped and re-done in the near future.

Mr. Harris also wanted to let the Mayor and Council know about the vehicles that are not stopping for pedestrian's in the cross walk. He stated that he and his son were almost hit. Mayor Spielman stated that he and the Council are aware of the problems with the crosswalks and have been for some time. The Town has repeatedly spoken with State Highway in regards to this issue, but State Highway has denied us stop lights, four-way stops and the cross walk signs that some jurisdictions have in the middle of their cross walks. Mr. Harris was encouraged to phone State Highway as well.

### **Committee Reports**

**Parks and Railroad Station:** Mr. Smith is finishing up the required information to apply for a grant for the playground. Mayor Spielman stated that Shepherdstown Lawns is doing a wonderful job with the mowing and care of the park. It was suggested to price out placing additional electricity at the park for

the addition of cameras.

**Building:** Estimates for demolition of the Legion Building are being collected. The building will be demolished and prepped for a parking lot.

**Streets:** Ms. White was not present to present

**Planning & Zoning:** Mr. Weaver stated that the commission will be on a break for the summer.

**Battlefield Advisory Committee:** The meeting will be held Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup>

**Public Safety:** Signs have been ordered to place at the alleys that are not a thru alley.

Mayor Spielman met with the Sheriff's Department in regards to Sharpsburg having a PT Deputy in town. Details are still being worked out.

**Town Archives & Historical Planning:** Mr. Beeler was not present, however; he provided the Council will information as to where he is with the archives, i.e. documentation, displays, etc.

**Mayor's Report:** None

### **Old Business**

**Potential to add a grant writer:** The Town is gaining information with the possibility of hiring a grant writer.

### **New Business**

**Approval of Floodplain:** This was deferred until the August meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

## **Town News**

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

The Mayor and Council will be having a Workshop Session on Thursday August 3, 2017 at 7pm in Town Hall. Agenda items include the budget, tree policy and Town archives. Workshop meetings are open to the public.

### **Town Office Closures**

The Town office will be closed Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Normal hours will resume on Thursday August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Potential to add a grant writer to the Town Staff**

The Town is in the exploratory mode for the potential to add a grant writer to the staff. If you have grant writing experience and would like to obtain more information, please send a resume to the Town at PO Box 368 Sharpsburg, MD 21782 or email [townofsharpsburg@comcast.net](mailto:townofsharpsburg@comcast.net). 5+ experience of working with a small government a plus.

# 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 August 5, 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.

## **Happy Birthday to Sharpsburg Resident Ethel Clipp!! Ms. Clipp turned 92 in July.**



## Antietam Unit Presents Blue Star Service Banner



Antietam Unit 236, Sharpsburg American Legion Auxiliary, presented Hagerstown residents Sharon and John Bell with a Blue Star Service Banner at the June 13<sup>th</sup> unit meeting. President Ava Gift, upon presenting the banner on behalf of the unit advised the Bell's "just know that every time our heads are bowed in prayer, your son is being remembered, as well as all of our military men and women."

The Bell's son, Cody Delauney, a 2009 Boonsboro High School graduate, joined the United States Navy in 2012. He is a Machinist Mate Nuclear aboard the USS George H.W. Bush, whose deployment mission they are supporting is Operation Inherent Resolve, the military intervention against the Islamic State of

Iraq and Syria (ISIS.)

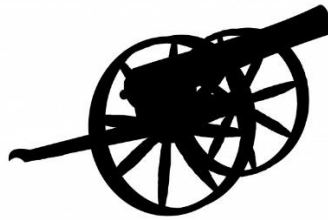
Cody's wife is Katie Delauney and his father is David Delauney of Sharpsburg. His paternal grandfather Rudolph "Rudy" Delauney was in the United States Air Force during the Korean War.

The banner, displayed in the home of a member of the armed forces, is an American tradition that started during World War I. The tradition was not observed during the Korean or Vietnam wars, but was revived at the start of the war on terrorism.

Anyone who has a child or spouse serving in the military and wishes to receive a Blue Star Banner may call Ava at 301-432-6658.

- Ava Gift

## Battlefield Advisory Committee



- On July 5 the Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke visited Antietam National Battlefield and announced that President Trump's donation of \$78,000, his first quarter salary, to national battlefield park maintenance. The Civil War Trust, National Park Foundation, and Save Historic Antietam Foundation also made contributions, bringing the total donation to about \$265,000. These funds will support two projects at Antietam: repairing the exterior of the Joshua Newcomer house and replacing about five thousand linear feet of rail fencing along the Hagerstown Pike.
- Park Ranger Keith Snyder briefed the committee on two other upcoming projects at the battlefield. In the first of these, the walkway to the Burnside Bridge will be rebuilt and a railing added to it. This project is in the contracting process; funds will be committed to it before October 1. In the second, the central walkway to the National Cemetery will be rebuilt. This project is part of a larger effort to return the National Cemetery to the more formal, more symmetrical appearance it had during the 1930s.
- Keith Snyder also took the committee on a tour of the Miller Pasture, the East Woods, and the Bloody Lane. He told the group about some of the park staff's concepts for locating tour stops in these places and for interpreting the history of them.

- Perry Jamieson

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

On September 19, 2017, the County Commissioners will be holding an evening meeting at the Sharpsburg Town Hall at 7:00pm.

This is an opportunity for town residents to express their concerns and ask questions to the Commissioners.

## **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.

### **Solar Energy for Kids**

Phil Kelly from Millennium 3 Energy, will be giving a presentation on solar energy to children and their families at the Sharpsburg Library on August 24 at 7pm.

This presentation is geared towards parents with children ages 14 and younger.

# 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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