

Town of Sharpsburg
Town Crier



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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 are available at the Clerk's office.

The meeting of the Sharpsburg Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:02pm by Mayor Hal Spielman.

The minutes of the April meeting and the April treasurer's report were both approved as presented.

Public Comment

Ernie Wetterer was questioning if the communication between Ewing Oil and the Town has improved. Yes, they seem to be communicating with us and keeping us up to date on what is being done.

Committee Reports

Parks and Railroad Station: Kimberly has begun work on the lease extension for the Hagerstown Model Railroad Museum at Antietam Station. This will hopefully be complete by the July meeting for the Council to review.

Building: Leak in the roof was repaired. The roof is in disrepair and should be replaced. Estimates will be obtained for the cost of a new roof.

Streets: Mayor Spielman will contact the paving company that is working on the E Chapline Street project in regards to fixing the numerous potholes in the alleys and streets and to take a look at the intersection at E Antietam Street to see if that can be improved upon; since the water seems to lay in that location. The State Highway was contacted to fix the sink hole that has appeared at the square, at the end of S Mechanic Street. The County Water Department was contacted to fix the manhole cover that has disappeared at the square.

Planning and Zoning: This was sent out by Russ through Dropbox. Kimberly will forward to David Cotton at the Maryland Department of Planning.

Battlefield Advisory Committee: This meeting will be held Wednesday. Perry Jamieson will get the notes to Kimberly for the Crier.

Public Safety: Nothing to report

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report

Old Business

BP Station: Work began today on the demolition of the BP Station. Kimberly has obtained approximately 1,000 pages of documents from the Maryland Department of the Environment. She is

working on printing those all out and they should be available by the end of the week for any citizen that would like to review them.

Parade: The parade went well this year. We had some complaints about candy being thrown hard and people being hit in the head with it. The parade committee will evaluate this and make a decision for next year as to whether candy will be distributed at the parade.

Fence at pond: Smith Renovations submitted a proposal to place a wooden fence at the pond to replace the chain link fence that was damaged beyond repair during the blizzard. The Council approved the new fence; with Brandon abstaining from voting during the process.

New Business

Sustainable Communities Resolution: The Town has applied to become a Sustainable Community through the State of Maryland. This would allow the Town to focus on economic sustainability and allow the Town to apply for grants to help with projects to keep Sharpsburg sustainable. Kimberly read the resolution allowed and the Council was all for it.

Town garage: The old wagon has been returned to its original owner. There are various items in the garage that need to be gone through, organized and thrown away. It was suggested to pave or concrete the floor and add shelving to the garage. A day will be organized when the Council can get together to clean out the garage and decide what stays and what goes. Darryl will get estimates on having the floor completed.

Inmates: Right now we will have the inmates once per month. The Town of Hancock is trying to organize a meeting to sit down with interested municipalities that would like to have them more than that, to see what cost is involved and how the Towns could possibly split this cost. It was suggested by Russ that when we do have the inmates, that perhaps they could work on cleaning up the alleys.

Zoning Administrator: Howard Long has resigned his position as Zoning Administrator, but has agreed to stay on as needed until a replacement can be found.

July Meeting: Due to the July 4th holiday, the July meeting will be held on Monday, July 11th at 7pm.

The meeting was moved to closed session to discuss personnel matters at 7:45pm. It returned to open session at 8:45pm and was adjourned.

TOWN NEWS

Town Office Closures

The Town Office will be closed June 20th-June 24th. Howard Long, Zoning Administrator will be in the office on Tuesday from 8:30am-1:30pm. Emergencies should be directed to Mayor Hal Spielman at 301-432-6854.

Question and Concerns regarding Trash Collection

If you have a question, concern, or complaint about trash collection, please contact Kimberly at Town Hall at 301-432-4428, or by email townofsharpsburg@comcast.net.

EAST CHAPLINE STREET EXTENDED TO BE CLOSED FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Effective Monday, June 20th, East Chapline Street Extended will be closed from 7am-4pm for improvements. Emergency vehicles will be able to get through the site. Residents should plan on making other arrangements for parking cars, other than along the street.

The closure will last approximately two (2) weeks, weather permitting.

If you have any questions in regards to this closure, contact Kimberly at Town Hall at 301-432-4428.

Community News and Events

Got History? Need a T-shirt?

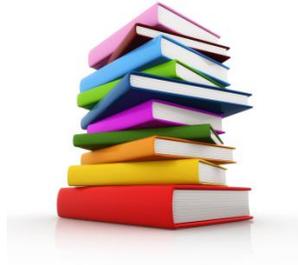
The Sharpsburg Historical Society is selling t-shirts that feature The Great Spring. Shirts are available in sizes S, M, L, XL and XXL and may be purchased at 100 East Main Street. For further information, call 301-992-9767.

Save the Date



Star Wars The Force Awakens will be shown on the big blow up screen at the Sharpsburg Little League field on Friday, August 5th at around 8:30pm. The rain date will be Sunday, August 7th. The movie is sponsored by the Sharpsburg Library and the Town of Sharpsburg.

Events at the Sharpsburg Library



GSK Science in the Summer

Science in the Summer, funded by GlaxoSmith Kline in partnership with AAAS, introduces children entering grades two through six to the wonders of science. Work with other girls and boys to build models of plant animal cells. Use magnifying glasses and microscopes and learn about bacteria. Brief, experiment-oriented courses will be taught by a certified teacher at the Sharpsburg Library. The program is free and all materials will be supplied.

Classes are small with 15 students each, so register early. Registration opens May 23. Register on line at www.scienceinthsummer.com, find the location your child wants to attend, click and the registration form will come up.

Level II: Children entering grades 4-6: June 21+22 from 2:00-3:30, June 23 from 2:00-3:00

Level I: Children entering grades 2-3: June 28+29 from 2:00-3:30, June 30 from 2:00-3:00

Summer Reading Kick-Off

June 9th – sign up for the program online at www.washcolibrary.org. All ages are welcome and encouraged to sign up.

Woolie Storytime Visit

June 18th at 10:30am

Join us for a special story time featuring the Hagerstown Sun's mascot, Woolie! Woolie will be available for photos before and after story time. A Hagerstown Suns player may also make a special appearance.

Battlefield Advisory Committee



- The annual Salute to Independence concert will be held on Saturday, July 2nd, beginning at 7:30pm. For the first time in several years, the program will include a military flyover. This year is the centennial of the National Park Service and the Maryland Symphony Orchestra will play music with a national parks theme. The concert will be followed by fireworks.
- Later this year Antietam Battlefield will begin a study of how visitors make use of the battlefield, including examining the location of tour stops and trails, accessibility to people with special needs, and the role of the Visitors Center and the area around it, and other subjects. The study will begin with a public open house, during the first week of August.
- After the committee's business meeting, the group visited the Burnside Bridge, which is being completely renovated. The Historic Preservation Training Center's project manager and two contractor representatives led the battlefield superintendent and the committee members on an informative and interesting tour of the work site. The project is expected to be completed by November.

- **Perry Jamieson**

Town Government

Town Office – 301-432-4428

Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 1:30 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
Ed Beeler – Councilperson	301-800-6877
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Brenda Gabriel – Councilperson	301-432-2478
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Russ Weaver – Councilperson	301-432-5907
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