



## Town of Sharpsburg Town Crier

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**The minutes of the meeting are an overview of the business conducted. They are not the official minutes of the meeting. The official minutes can be obtained from the Town Clerk.**

The meeting of the Sharpsburg Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Spielman at 7:12pm. The minutes of the February meeting and the February treasurer's report were both approved as presented.

### Public Comment

Ernie Wetterer, who lives on Main Street, let the Council know that since the street scape project in the 1990's, he has had issues with water and ice that accumulates in front of his home. He has sent a letter to the State Highway Administration, asking them to please come and evaluate this issue and hopefully fix the problem. Mr. Wetterer reported that he has contacted the State Highway Department before and that they came out and placed a blacktop area up near the BP Station, to divert the water away from his home, but that it has not been successful. He is hoping that this contact with them will result in a better solution to the problem. Mayor Spielman told Mr. Wetterer to let the Town know if he is unable to get a response from the State and that we would try to assist him with this issue.

### Committee Reports

**Parks and Railroad Station:** The amenities from the Trail Refurbishment Grant have shipped. We will have the inmates put them together and place them around town. We still need to get in touch with Clint's Welding to obtain a price for the clamps to place the crawling tube at the park.

**Building:** Need to have the elevator checked. It's not lining up properly at each floor.

**Streets:** Need to check with Frederick Seibert and Associates in regards to the Chapline Street Extended project. Need to check if they have completed their assessment of the street.

The winter has not been good to some of the alleys in town. Some of them have lost a lot of gravel, are muddy and have potholes. We will obtain a list of all of the alleys in need of attention, and when the weather breaks, we will begin to repair these areas.

**Planning and Zoning:** There is a BZA hearing on March 10, 2015 in regards to The Marketplace of Sharpsburg and the Sharpsburg EMS.

**Battlefield Advisory Committee:** Nothing to report

**Canal Towns Partnership:** Nothing new to report. The next meeting is March 18<sup>th</sup>, at which time we will find out more about the Town Brochures.

**Public Safety:** Nothing to report

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Spielman read a thank-you note from Tolson's Chapel, thanking the Town for

organizing the fundraising efforts for Ms. Virginia Cook's gravestone. Overall, \$1,035 was raised.

### **Old Business**

**Legion Building:** The Structural Engineer will be at the building on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am to perform a walk-thru on the building. After we receive her report, a decision can be made as to how to proceed.

**Brush Pick-up:** Bartlett Tree Experts will perform the brush pick up on May 4<sup>th</sup>. This will be placed in the crier and will post around town as well.

### **New Business**

**Parade Meeting:** Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm is the next meeting, at Town Hall

**Fishing Rodeo:** This will be on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7am-11am for children 15 and under, at the Town Pond.

**Shelving for storage room:** Ed mentioned that it would be helpful to install shelving in the back storage room to get the area re-organized and keep the wreaths nice. It was approved to purchase four 6'x4' shelves from Sam's Club.

**Cleaning of Carpets:** We will obtain three estimates for cleaning the carpets.

**Public Hearing:** There will be a public hearing on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to add Sharpsburg to the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area.

**Donation for Jeff Saylor Family:** It was moved and approved to donate funds to the Emily Saylor fund that was set up at the time of Jeff's passing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. The next meeting will be Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

## **Town News**

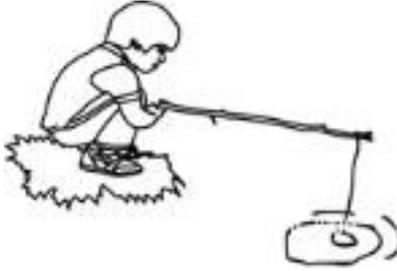
### *Town Office Closures*

The office of the Zoning Administrator will be closed on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. The office of the Town Clerk will be closed on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

### *Parade Meeting*

The next parade meeting will be held on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on the second floor of Town Hall.

## Fishing Rodeo



The annual fishing rodeo will be held on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7am-11am at the Town Pond, located off of South Church Street, beside GeGe's. The rodeo is open to children ages 0-15. Prior fishing experience is not necessary and pre-registration is not required. Come out and enjoy a fun-filled morning of fishing. For more information, or if you would like to volunteer to help, contact Brandon Smith at 301-491-4866.

## Brush Pick-Up

Brush pick-up will be held on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. All brush must be placed in the rear of your property, at the alleys. Please be sure that your brush is visible to the crew, but make sure it is not a travel hazard to those in the alleys. If you do not have an alley to the rear of your property, place your brush out by the curb where you place your trash. Per the tree company, brush is defined as "any woody material, 4 inches in diameter and smaller." Garden waste, plants and anything with a root ball is not permitted and will not be picked up. Brush should be placed all facing the same direction, and should not be mixed with non-brush.

## BULK TRASH PICK-UP



Bulk Trash pick-up will take place on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Bulk items are to be placed out on Tuesday evening beside your household trash items. Unacceptable items are televisions, paint; unless it is completely dried out, automotive parts, tires, remodeling/construction material, poisons, acids, caustics, gasoline, oil and other flammable substances, explosives, ammunition, or other hazardous or dangerous materials, yard waste.

## *148<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Commemoration*



The 148<sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Day Commemoration activities will take place on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The wreath laying ceremony will take place in the square at 11am. Come out and honor those that have fought for you and your freedoms. The parade will step off from the Sharpsburg Elementary School at 1:30pm.

Individual sponsorship of the parade is available for \$2 and includes the printing of your name in the parade book. Memorial sponsorship of the parade is also available for \$2 and includes the printing of your memorial for a loved one in the parade book. Parade books are available to pre-order for \$2, and generally arrive at Town Hall approximately two weeks prior to the parade. If you would like to place a memorial, or sponsor the parade, send your information and payment to the Town of Sharpsburg at PO Box 368, Sharpsburg, MD 21782. You can also place your sponsorships in person at Town Hall Monday-Thursday from 8:30am-2pm. The town churches also have representatives that are collecting the money and information for the Town as well. Deadline for submission is Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

If you or your business would like to place an advertisement in the parade book, contact Kimberly at Town Hall at 301-432-4428, or email at [townofsharpsburg@comcast.net](mailto:townofsharpsburg@comcast.net) for more information.

Organizations that would like to participate in the parade are encouraged to call or email Kimberly for a participation form.

### **From the Office of the Zoning Administrator**

Spring is now here and it won't be long before mowing season will begin.

Chapter 16, Article 2 of the town ordinance states that property owners must not allow such vegetation to grow more than 12 inches. The ordinance states that said growth needs to be cut to a height not to exceed three (3) inches.

With Memorial Day just around the corner, let's take pride in Sharpsburg and clean up dead branches and brush so that it can be picked up on May 4<sup>th</sup> during the town's brush pick-up. Let's help one another; if you see trash, pick it up. If you know someone next door to you, or down the street that is elderly or handicapped, give them a hand and help keep Sharpsburg looking great!

-Howard Long, Zoning Administrator

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Antietam Auxiliary Unit 236 to hold Annual Soup and Sandwich Sale



Antietam Auxiliary Unit 236 will be holding their annual soup and sandwich sale on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9am-6pm and Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from noon until they are sold out in front of the Jefferson Security Bank. Items tend to sell out fast, so get there early!

The unit members take pride in the fact that all monies raised at their annual fundraisers, are put back in the community through the many worthwhile programs supporting our veterans, active military personnel, children and senior citizens.

### **Washington County Commissioners to hold public hearing on water and sewer rate increases**

Released Wednesday, March 25, 2015 – The Board of County Commissioners will be holding a public hearing for the purpose of considering modification of water and sewer rates and certain other fees.

The hearing is set for Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 4 pm during the County Commissioners' regular weekly meeting in Room 227 of 100 West Washington Street, in Hagerstown.

If the new rates are adopted, they would go into effect on July 1, 2015. A list of the proposed rates is available for review in the County Commissioners Office, Room 226, of 100 West Washington Street, Hagerstown. You can also view at the County's website at: [http://washco-md.net/public\\_info/press\\_release/2015/03/150324\\_Rates.pdf](http://washco-md.net/public_info/press_release/2015/03/150324_Rates.pdf).

All interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place. Written comments will also be accepted at the Office of the County Commissioners, 100 West Washington Street, Room 226, Hagerstown and via email at [commissioners@washco-md.net](mailto:commissioners@washco-md.net) until the close of the public hearing.

## **Public Hearing to include Sharpsburg in the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area scheduled for Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

The public hearing originally scheduled for Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 6pm in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, located on the second floor.

The public hearing is to discuss adding Sharpsburg to the Heritage Area, which participates in the Maryland Heritage Areas Program and encourages residents, businesses, governments and nonprofits to join together to preserve, enhance, promote and celebrate their historic, cultural and natural resources.

### Events at the Sharpsburg Library

#### **NO SCHOOL MOVIE!**

#### **Big Hero 6**



Come out and celebrate Spring Break with a free showing of Disney's "Big Hero 6" on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 4pm in the library. Baymax, a lovable robot, joins robotics prodigy Hiro Hamada on an adventure to bring peace to the streets of San Fransokyo. The movie is rated PG and is a fun adventure for the whole family!

## Lego Club



Come out on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am and try your hand at the Lego building challenge! Try the challenge, or come up with your own design!

## Books with Babies



Parents and Babies are welcome to Books with Babies on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm to enjoy stories, songs, puppets and bonding time with baby.

## **Frauds, Scams and Identity Theft** **Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

Join DFC Carly Hose from the Washington County Sheriff's Office for a discussion on how criminals are trying to steal identities and how you can protect your information.

## **Town Government**

**Town Office – 301-432-4428**

**Hours of Operation: Monday - Thursday 8:30am-2:00pm, additional hours available by appointment**

**Office of the Zoning Administrator Hours of Operation: Tuesday 10:00am-6:00pm, additional hours are available by appointment**

### **Mayor and Council**

<b>Hal Spielman – Mayor</b>	<b>301-432-6854</b>
<b>Bryan Gabriel – Vice Mayor</b>	<b>301-432-2478</b>
<b>Ed Beeler – Councilperson</b>	<b>301-800-6877</b>
<b>Darryl Benner – Councilperson</b>	<b>301-991-2230</b>
<b>Brenda Gabriel – Councilperson</b>	<b>301-432-2478</b>
<b>Brandon Smith – Councilperson</b>	<b>301-491-4866</b>
<b>Russ Weaver – Councilperson</b>	<b>301-432-5907</b>

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