

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 April council meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Sharpsburg Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:04pm by Mayor Hal Spielman. Members in attendance included Mayor Hal Spielman, Vice Mayor Russ Weaver; Councilpersons Michael Carr, Tamara White, Ed Beeler and Brandon Smith. Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector was also present.

The minutes of the last meeting were amended to state that the park would be closed temporarily to spray and spread mulch. Also that Beth and Dwayne Harris would look into the Joint Veterans Council and the monument project. The minutes were approved as amended. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hugh Warner of the US Flag Service in Frederick, MD came in regards to the parade. He stated that he has been a participant since the 80's. He stated that last year he was placed under trees to set up, which is difficult to do with a flag float, but he set up his cones and began to set up. He was then told that he had to move his cones and take the flags off to move to another location. He was very upset, as it is not an easy task to tear down or set up his float. He stated that until different people line up the parade, that he will not be returning to participate. The Mayor and Council stated that they were sorry to hear that, and that they hoped that he would reconsider.

Mowing Bids: The mowing bids were opened publicly on Thursday March 2, 2017 at 12noon. The Mayor and Council discussed and it was moved to award the contract to Shepherdstown Lawns. The motion carried. The contract would be for one year, with a two-year renewal option available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

At the workshop meeting of the Mayor and Council, it was decided that each council member would take a committee and look after that subject and report problems and/or concerns to the rest of the

council at the monthly meetings. If the public has a concern about a particular topic, they should contact the member in charge of that committee.

Parks & Railroad – Brandon – The slide at the very top has a hole in it. It is not jagged or sharp, but it will need repaired at some point. Some shingles were blown off of the pavilion. Brandon stated that he can replace the shingles, as they are still in good shape and there are not that many that blew off. The playground equipment area will need to be sprayed for weeds and a truck load of mulch would need to be brought in and spread according to specifications from the National Program for Playground Safety. Brandon will check with Shepherdstown Lawns to see if this is something that they can do. Brandon also reported a downed tree limb at the park.

Building – Michael – Michael moved that the town go ahead and purchase the chair caddy for storing the chairs. The motion carried. Michael stated that he or Darryl would pick this up. Darryl will be setting up a meeting with a security camera gentlemen, so that we can determine how many cameras would be the best and get the ball rolling. He will notify everyone when a meeting has been established. Michael stated that the lettering on the window of Town Hall needs replaced. He stated that he would take care of this.

Brandon stated that he spoke with a welder and that he would be able to construct something to hang the backdrop on that is currently in the hallway. Brandon stated that we really won't know what condition it is in until we get it hung up.

Streets – Tamara – Tamara stated that the alley behind West Chapline Street is bad with potholes and divots, as it is just stone. It was recommended to purchase some dirty crush and put it there. Tamara stated that Pat White could take a look at it and see what he thinks may take. Brandon also stated that the railings near the Jacob Rohrbach Inn are bad and in need of repair. It was also a concern that the alley that runs between 120 and 122 West Main Street really isn't an accessible alley to traffic. It was suggested to place a sign and a barrier at the bottom of the alley to prevent cars from trying to travel through.

Planning & Zoning – Russ – Planning Commission will be meeting in March. Russ will let Kimberly know when the meetings are, so that she can get the word out, as these meetings are open to the public. Some items that the Planning Commission can discuss are the BP Station property, legion building, trees, etc. They can assist with a plan for items and then present their ideas to the Mayor and Council for approval. The Planning Commission meets and is at the guidance of the Mayor and Council.

Battlefield Advisory Committee – Perry Jamieson – The meetings for the committee have gone from monthly to quarterly, so the next meeting will be in April.

Public Safety – Darryl – Darryl was unable to attend the meeting, but Mayor Spielman stated that he would talk to Howard Long and set up a meeting with the Boonsboro Police Department about possible coverage for Sharpsburg.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Spielman – Mr. Spielman read a thank you note from the Joint Veterans Council for our donation.

It was stated that each person in charge of each committee would have a discretionary fund of \$1,000. If there is a need for something, they would need to check in with the Mayor and the two of them could make a decision, as long as it is under the \$1,000.

Old Business:

Canal Boat Hatch from Washington County Historical Society – After much discussion, it was decided by the Council that Sharpsburg would decline the canal boat hatch. We were not clear of its mammoth measurements when we stated that it could come to town hall to be displayed. The Council felt that it would not fit in town hall and that we really have no place to hang it securely. Ed stated that he would contact the Historical Society to decline the hatch.

Joint Veterans Council Monument – Dwayne Harris of Sharpsburg stated that he spoke to Jim Kline, the member from the Joint Veterans Council that is in charge of the monument. Mr. Kline stated that the cost of the project would be \$130,000 and that 50% was needed for the project to begin. Mr. Kline stated that they have raised \$10,000 so far for the project. Mr. Harris stated that he felt the gentleman was very nice and that he is genuinely trying to get this project off the ground.

New Business:

Veteran Flags – Other towns have veteran banners that they hang throughout their towns for special events such as Veterans Day, Memorial Day, etc. After several attempts to get in touch with the gentlemen that started that project, we decided to get our own pricing and see if there would be interest in the public purchasing a flag for their loved one to be hung on Town Hall. Michael stated that he would look into pricing and making the banners, along with how to hang them and would get back to the Town with his findings. We will also get the information to Come All Who Are Thirsty, as they can get the information out as well.

Mr. Weaver stated that he was surprised that the monuments in front of town hall do not include WWII.

Town News

Town Meetings

Town meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7pm in the council chambers of Town Hall. All town meetings are open to the public and agendas for the meetings will be posted on the door to Town Hall and on the town Facebook page the Wednesday prior to each meeting.

Mayor and Council workshop session

The Mayor and Council will be having a workshop session on Tuesday March 28th at 7pm in Town Hall to discuss Workshops are open to the public and agendas for the workshop meetings will be posted on the door to Town Hall and on the Facebook page a week prior to the meeting.

150th Memorial Day Parade



Planning is underway for the 150th Memorial Day Commemoration, which will be held Saturday May 27th. The wreath laying in front of Town Hall will begin at 11am, with a concert by the Rohrersville Band to follow. The parade will begin at 1:30.

Memorials and Sponsorships for the commemorative parade book are now being accepted. The cost is \$2 for up to three lines. Submissions should be typed or printed legibly. Submissions can be mailed to the Town, or dropped off at Town Hall with payment no later than April 3, 2017.

Pre-orders for parade books are available at Town Hall as well. The cost of the book is \$3.

If you have old parade books, parade pictures or any other parade memorabilia that you would like to contribute to be included in the parade book, please contact Kimberly in the town office. The items would be scanned and returned to you the same day.

There are representatives at churches that are collecting this information as well.

Sharpsburg Brethren Church: Kathy Gustafson

United Church of Christ: Ann Marie Downey

St. Paul's Episcopal Church: Cindy Weaver

Sharpsburg Bible Church: Darlene Hoffman

Dargan Area: Doris Shumaker

*If you attend the Sharpsburg Lutheran Church and would like to collect sponsorships, memorials and parade book orders, please contact Kimberly at Town Hall at 301-432-4428 or via email at

townofsharpsburg@comcast.net*

A reminder from the Tax Collector



If you have not paid your fiscal year 2017 taxes, that were billed in July, 2016, they must be paid as soon as possible. Final bills went out the first of March. Taxes that have not been paid by May 5, 2017 will be forwarded to the County Treasurer, and will be at risk to be sold at tax sale.

If you need to know what you owe, or have further questions, contact Kimberly at Town Hall at 301-432-4428, or via email at townofsharpsburg@comcast.net.

Community News and Events

Friends of Tolson's Chapel to hold 4th Annual Gala Fundraiser Dinner

The Friends of Tolson's Chapel will be holding their 4th annual gala fundraiser dinner on Saturday April 8, 2017 at the Academy Theater Banquet Hall, located at 58 E. Washington Street. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6pm, with dinner at 7pm. A silent auction and raffles will take place throughout the evening! The evening will also feature the jazz piano and bass combo of Bob Sykes and Lou Hines and the storytelling genius of Renee Emanuel.

Single tickets are \$65 per person, or you can purchase a table of 6 for \$250. If you are a member of the Friends of Tolson's Chapel, tickets are \$55.

If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, contact Edie Wallace at 240-452-7389.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 236 to hold annual sandwich, soup and bake sale



The Ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 236 will be holding their annual soup, sandwich and bake sale in front of Jefferson Security Bank on Friday April 14th and Saturday April 15th beginning at 9am and ending when they are sold out, both days.

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.

Sharpsburg Historical Society to offer Scholarship

The Sharpsburg Historical Society is pleased to announce that it will offer the Sharpsburg Historical Society Scholarship of \$1,000. Applications will be available to Boonsboro High School graduating seniors planning to pursue a career in history, historic preservation, museum studies, or natural resource studies. For further information, call 301-432-8410.

Maryland Municipal League Scholarship

The Washington County chapter of the Maryland Municipal League is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a Washington County graduating senior. Applications are available at Town Hall and at the guidance office of Boonsboro High School.

Sharpsburg Bible Church takes home awards in Cardboard Derby



The church won 1st place in Best in Show for their Pontoon Boat and 1st in Best Design for their rocket at the annual Whitetail Cardboard Derby. With the help of Kathy and Mark Jones, members spent 50 hours putting these "sleds" together with just cardboard, duct tape, glue and paint. We never win the fastest but we do well in design.

- Darlene Hoffman



Victory Garden Ranch
Saturday, March 25th
Noon to 5 pm



Live Irish Band "*Sligo Creek*"

Vendor Meet & Greet for all our products, including:

Sanctuary Studio

Sweet Rebel Photos

Come All Who are Thirsty Veterans Group
and more!

101 West Main Street, P.O. Box 22, Sharpsburg, MD 21782
301-799-1420

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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