



# TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

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**The following is an overview of the business conducted at the meeting of the Mayor and Council. They are not the official minutes. A copy of the official minutes can be obtained from the Town Clerk.**

Ava Gift, President of Antietam Auxiliary Unit 236 of the American Legion and Darlene Eichelberger, Poppy Chairperson was present to present Miss Poppy 2015. Miss Poppy, Cheyanne Thacker, presented Mayor Spielman with a poppy, kicking off the poppy season for the Auxiliary unit. She also presented the Mayor with an article about Mona Mitchell, the woman who began the poppy campaign.

Mayor Spielman called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. The minutes of the April meeting and the April treasurer's report were both approved as presented.

### **Public Comment**

Meredith Poffenberger, owner of The Marketplace of Sharpsburg, presented the Mayor and Council with a document asking them to allow her to become a "retail store", which would include the selling of local meats and produce items. She would also like to host a Farmer's Market on the property along the parking lot. Ms. Poffenberger states that her attorney and the Town Attorney, Brian Kane, spoke and they agreed that if she wanted to do anything else with her business that she would only need to come to the Mayor and Council and ask for permission.

She provided the Mayor with a petition of signatures from residents and visitors to the Town who would like to see a Farmer's Market. She states that local residents and Veterans would like to have a Community Garden on the premises as well.

Mayor Spielman stated that he contacted Brian Kane in regards to the "agreement" that she only needed to come and ask for permission and not go back to the BZA and informed her that the conversation between the two attorneys never happened. He also stated that as she has been told in the past, the Mayor and Council cannot give her permission for such matters and that she needs to go to the Zoning Administrator and fill out the paperwork for what she is asking for.

Ms. Poffenberger was also concerned about the square and how difficult it is to see when pulling out of the square. Mayor Spielman informed her that the State Highway Administration has been contacted several times about the square and that they have done studies on the square, but state that there is not enough traffic to warrant a stop light, four-way stop, etc. She stated that she personally called the State and asked them to come and evaluate the area. Mayor Spielman stated that he did see State employees looking at the area and then they left. Ms. Poffenberger is also concerned about the No Parking signs and the red curbs that are painted at the square, she feels that they should be painted further. Mayor Spielman informed her that the State mandates how many feet can be painted to prevent cars from parking and that the curbs are painted to their specification.

Ernie Wetterer is concerned about the 3 dead trees on Main Street, two beside his property and one across the street. The Mayor will contact the company and have these removed.

### **Committee Reports**

**Parks and Railroad Station:** The inmates have been busy installing the new benches and trash cans. They should be here tomorrow to hopefully finish up with this project.

The Basketball Court at the park is getting in bad shape and the hoops and nets are in need of replacing. Darryl will get some pricing and we will look into grants that may be able to help out with this project.

Apple Valley Waste still has not picked up the old slide. Kimberly will call them again and provide them a gentle reminder of this. Bryan knows someone that can take the pipe and concrete away from the old slide.

The park will need mulch this year, but an entire tractor trailer load is not needed. Mayor Spielman will inquire about getting a half load of mulch

**Building:** The carpets were cleaned by Lookin' Nu

**Streets:** Brush pick up is underway. Russ is concerned with the non-residents that are bringing brush into the Town for pick up. Next year we may have to re-visit how to accomplish brush pickup to avoid this from happening, or perhaps not provide this service if this continues.

The speed bump by the pond has not been replaced yet. Since the weather has finally cooperated, this will be replaced soon.

Old bench in front of Dave Peters' office – many of the older residents have many stories about this bench, which appears to have been in that location for at least 82 years, perhaps longer. Russ stated that he feels the bench should stay and be repaired. It was decided to replace the board and paint the pipe to match the amenities in the square. For now, the new benches will remain beside of it, and two will be placed against Mr. Peters' office

**Planning and Zoning:** Mr. Weaver states that Planning should be on track to complete the Comp Plan by September

**Battlefield Advisory Committee:** There was no meeting in May. Russ asked Mr. Jamieson if the O.T. Reilly monument is owned and protected by the Battlefield. Mr. Jamieson stated he would look into that information for the next meeting.

**Canal Towns Partnership:** New brochures are available now. These will be distributed to local businesses and placed on the Canal for distribution.

**Public Safety:** Deputy Ken Cain will be retiring next month, so we will be receiving a new deputy sheriff in the area

**Mayor's Report:** Nothing to report

**Old Business: Fishing Rodeo:** Brandon reported that 50 children participated in the event and caught 67 fish. The Fire Department sold drinks and snacks

**Legion:** Need to have drawings of the building so that the structural engineer can complete her assessment. She stated that the shell of the building is structurally sound, but the drawings would help determine load amounts. The American Legion has been unsuccessful in locating any drawings from when they had the building. We will need to obtain drawings or have new ones drawn up before proceeding.

**New Business: Outstanding Small Business:** Nutter's Ice Cream was awarded the Outstanding Small Business Award for Sharpsburg. Nutter's was nominated by the Mayor and Council for this award. The Economic Development Council began the awards this year and reached out to each municipality for a nominee.

The meeting was moved to closed session to discuss legal matters at 7:45pm by Russ and seconded by Bryan.

The meeting was returned to open session and adjourned at 9:04 pm.

# TOWN NEWS

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



The 148<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Commemoration activities will take place on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The wreath laying ceremony will take place at 11 am in the town square. The parade will begin at the Sharpsburg Elementary School at 1:30 pm and travel to the Antietam National Cemetery.

Please note that Main Street from Pete's Tavern to the BP Station and North and South Mechanic Streets will be closed from 11 am- approximately 11:45 am.

Route 34 (Main Street) will be closed from 1:30pm- approximately 3:00 pm.

Detour routes:

To Shepherdstown from South of Main Street, take Harpers Ferry Road to Millers Sawmill Road. Follow Millers Sawmill Road to the end and turn right on Canal Road. Follow Canal Road to Rt 34 (across from Ferry Hill.) Turn left to go over the bridge to Shepherdstown.

To Shepherdstown from North of Main Street, take 65 to Rt 68 (Lappans Rd) turn left onto Rt 68. Follow Rt 68 to Interstate 81 South. Take Interstate 81 South and exit on Exit 16E for W Virginia 9 toward N. Queen Street. Take WV-45E to WV-45 ALT to Shepherdstown.

If you need additional information, contact Kimberly at Town Hall at 301-432-4428.

Parade books are available for purchase for \$2 at Town Hall and are available at these businesses: Nutter's, the BP Station, Sharpsburg Pharmacy and Battleview Market.

### **Trash Collection delayed for Memorial Day**

Trash collection will be delayed by one day the week of May 24th, in observation of Memorial Day. Trash is to be set out on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for Thursday pick up.

### **Town Square receiving a face lift**

You may have noticed that the square has received new benches and new matching trash receptacles. Over the past few months, the inmates from MCTC have been hard at work putting the new amenities together and getting them settled in the square. The old wooden bench in front of Dave Peters and Associates also received a face lift. Many thanks to Vice Mayor Bryan Gabriel for donating the material and labor to restore this piece of Sharpsburg history.

## Community News

### *Miss Poppy kicks off Poppy Campaign*



Miss Poppy, Cheyanne Raine' Thacker  
and Mayor Hal Spielman

Miss Poppy, Cheyanne Raine' Thacker, 11 year old daughter of Jeff and Tonya Thacker of Hedgesville, West Virginia, presented Sharpsburg Mayor Hal Spielman with a poppy before the May 4 town meeting.

The presentation was planned to coincide with the upcoming Memorial Day holiday and officially opened the annual poppy campaign of Antietam Unit 236 American Legion Auxiliary.

Darlene Eichelberger, this year's poppy chairwoman, said the memorial poppy is never sold, but given in exchange for a donation. Wearing a poppy has come to mean honoring the dead and helping the living.

### Local Resident leaves for Basic Training

Sharpsburg native Garrett Churchey, son of Tracey Stride and Brian Churchey; grandson of Sharpsburg resident Dallas Churchey, left for basic training at Paris Island, SC with the Marines on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. We wish him the best of luck and thank him for his service.

## Players and Sponsors Wanted!

### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Shepherd's Spring Golf Tournament and Fundraiser Black Rock Golf Course, 20025 Mt. Aetna Road, Hagerstown June 15, 2015

Black Rock Golf Course is the newest addition to great golf in Western Maryland. This course takes you on a golf journey from its opening holes that are nestled in the Shenandoah Valley, to its spectacular back nine with scenic views of the Appalachian Mountains. We invite you to join in the fun as a player or sponsor and, in turn, support our summer camp ministry. Again this year, ALL proceeds from this golf tournament will go toward camper scholarships!

*Shepherd's Spring Outdoor Ministry and Retreat Center is a beautiful 220-acre retreat setting of rolling, wooded land along the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal and the Potomac River near Sharpsburg. We offer year-round programming, featuring summer camps for children and youth, retreats for individuals and groups, non-profits, businesses, and governmental entities. Children are our future, and the skills learned and relationships fostered at camps are life-changing stepping stones on the road to adulthood. Children come to camp from all walks of life, eager to learn, yearning to make new friends, ready to take on new challenges and discover gifts they didn't know they had... your generosity and participation ensure more children have that opportunity!*

Entry Fee \$80.00 per golfer includes the following:

- Greens fee and Cart
- Range facilities & Complimentary Continental Breakfast (Registration: 7:30am - 8:30am)
- Complimentary Range Bucket of Golf Balls
- Shotgun Start, Four Person Scramble, Captains Choice (8:30 am start)
- Complimentary Beverages - on the course
- Goodie Bags you will use that day and not throw in your trunk to forget about!
- Flight Winners rewarded, Longest Drive (in the fairway), Closest to the Pin.
- Delicious Lunch & Prize Ceremony
- DOOR PRIZES (Must be present to win!)
- Keepsake Photographs of your 4-some taken & emailed to you as our gift

Increase your opportunities to win and provide additional support to the scholarship fund.

- Purchase a "Superticket" which includes: 2-Mulligans, 1-Power Ball, 2 attempts (Putts) to qualify for the \$5,000 putting contest. Tickets will be available for \$20 at registration.
- Putting contest: 1 Golfer gets 1 Putt for a chance to win \$5,000. Additional qualifying chances will be available for \$5 at registration.

For more information, call Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., 301-223-8193.

## Town Government

Town Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm. Additional hours are available by appointment. Phone: 301-432-4428

Office of the Zoning Administrator Hours: Tuesday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. Additional hours are available by appointment. Phone: 301-432-4428

## Mayor and Council

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