



Town of Sharpsburg

Town Crier



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The minutes of the meeting of the Mayor and Council are an overview of the business conducted and are not the official minutes from the meeting. The official minutes can be obtained at the town office from the Town Clerk.

The meeting of the Sharpsburg Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Spielman. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as read. The treasurer's reports from August and September were both approved as submitted.

Public Comment

Jay Brandenburg with the Sharpsburg Fire Department approached the council with some changes to the proposed building permit that was submitted to the town. Originally the fire department and the EMS department were merging together to build a larger facility. Since these plans were submitted for approval, the EMS department has elected to remain in their current location. The fire department will be moving forward with the project, however; in a smaller capacity. They are hoping to break ground within the next three months.

Committee Reports

Parks and Railroad: Brandon will remove the couch that has been dumped at the park. Kimberly will be moving forward with the grant that was awarded to the town for trash receptacles, benches, etc.

Building: Nothing to report

Streets: The town will obtain bids to blacktop some areas throughout the town

Planning and Zoning: The second reading of the Comprehensive Plan was completed. We are awaiting the correct information from the director to include the town as being a part of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area. This will be included and hopefully we will be able to have the final reading of the Comprehensive Plan in November.

Old Business

Nothing to report

New Business

Trick-Or-Treat: Will be held Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 6pm-8pm throughout the town limits. Participants are asked to stop by the Sharpsburg Pharmacy table near the town clock in the square to pick up a glow necklace to be worn while trick-or-treating. Homes wishing to distribute candy should turn on their porch lights

Bulk Trash Pick Up: Kimberly will contact Apple Valley Waste to set up a date in November.

Brush Pick Up: There will be no brush pick up this fall.

Christmas Ornaments: The town will once again be selling Christmas ornaments this year. They will feature the Big Spring. Details will be released once the ornaments are received.

Christmas tree Lighting: This will be held Saturday, November 30th at 7pm in front of town hall. A letter will be sent to the Sharpsburg Elementary School to see if they plan to participate in decorating a tree this year.

Purchase of the "Legion Building": The town has purchased the building at 104 South Mechanic Street.

Grants: It was suggested to find/hire someone to write grants for the town. Mr. Weaver has some contacts and he will speak with them in regards to possibly doing this.

Snow Contract: The town will re-bid the snow contract this year. This will be advertised and bid packets can be picked up at town hall during normal business hours.

The next meeting will be held on November 4, 2013 at 7pm at town hall. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

TRICK-OR-TREAT



Trick-or-Treat will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 6pm-8pm in the town limits. If you would like to participate by distributing treats to the children, please turn your porch light on. Children and parents are reminded to use the cross walks during trick or treat. Children are also encouraged to stop by the Sharpsburg Pharmacy table near the town clock in the square to obtain a glow necklace to be worn during trick-or-treat. Girl Scout Troop 4005 will also be having a "Sightful" trick or treat. They will be collecting unwanted glasses, hearing aids and cell phones to be given to the local Lions Club to be distributed to those that need, but cannot afford these items. If you have these items lying around, please consider donating them.

Community News and Events

Sharpsburg Heritage Festival

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 7pm. **This meeting will determine if there will be a festival in 2014.**

If you would like to see the festival continue **and** if you are willing to help with the planning, organizing and setting up of the festival please plan to attend this very important meeting! Without the help of the community and volunteers, the festival **will not** continue. For further information, contact Ed Beeler at 301-800-6877.

Veteran's Day Ceremony



The annual Veteran's Day program will take place on Monday, November 11, 2013 at 11am at the square in Sharpsburg. This is organized and sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 236. Veterans, please plan on attending this special event to receive recognition and thanks for your service. Citizens, please come out to support and thank these very special people.

Bulk Trash Pick Up



There will be a bulk trash pick-up for in town residents on Wednesday, November 20th. Bulk items may be placed out beside your household trash on the 19th.

Unacceptable Items

- * paint - Unless it is completely dried out
- * soil, rocks, sod, tree trunks, limbs, or stumps resulting from tree removal;
 - * parts of motor vehicles;
- * Poisons, acids, caustics, gasoline, oil and other flammable substances, explosives, ammunition, or other hazardous or dangerous materials
 - * bricks, blocks, concrete in any form
- * Any Commercial Waste (For example if someone is remodeling their home any of the remodeling debris would not be accepted.)

Community Christmas Tree Lighting



Plan to attend the second annual Community Christmas tree lighting on Saturday, November 30, 2013 at 7pm in front of town hall. You are welcome to bring an ornament to place on the tree. Town Christmas ornaments will be available for purchase for \$10.00. The event is still in the planning stages, so if you would like to help with the planning and organizing of this event, contact Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk at 301-432-4428. Be sure to check the crier next month for the complete details.

Antietam Unit 236 Presents Blue Star Banner to Miller Family



**Pictured from left to right: Girlfriend Amanda Deavers, Father Bo Miller
Mother Melissa and Sister Hannah**

Antietam Unit 236, Sharpsburg Legion Auxiliary President Ava Gift, on behalf of the Unit, presented Blue Star Banner to Hagerstown residents Bo and Melissa Miller and daughter Hannah during their October 8 meeting.

Their son, Gregory is a member of the Hagerstown Army National Guard located on Roxbury Road, Hagerstown and is currently in training with the 1st Battalion, 48th Infantry Regiment, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He graduated from South Hagerstown High School in 2013.

His maternal grandfather, Frank Corsi, is an Air Force veteran who served in the Korean War.

Gift advised the family that they have presented numerous of these banners, but each time is with as much sincerity as the first because it is a privilege and honor to personally thank them for their family members service to our Country. Also, she added that they should be assured that every time their head is bowed in prayer, that their son is included, along with all service men and women.

Created in 1917, Blue Star Banners were a common site during World War I and World War II. Resurrected by the Legion in 2001, the banner is displayed to show that a family member is currently serving in the armed forces.

Town's Purchase of 104 South Mechanic Street

The town has purchased the property at 104 South Mechanic Street, known to the locals as "the old legion building." The town is currently looking to the townspeople for ideas on what you would like to see happen to the property and what suggestions that you may have to put in the new building, (i.e. a community center, new library, parking lot, etc.) Suggestions can be called to town hall at 301-432-4428, or emailed to the town at townofsharpsburg@comcast.net.

Town Government

Town Office – 301-432-4428

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

Mayor and Council

Hal Spielman – Mayor	301-432-6854
Bryan Gabriel – Vice Mayor	301-432-2478
Darryl Benner – Councilperson	301-991-2230
Brenda Gabriel – Councilperson	301-432-2478
Cathy Hull – Councilperson	304-279-8440
Brandon Smith – Councilperson	301-491-4866
Russ Weaver – Councilperson	301-432-5907
Kimberly Fulk – Town Clerk/Treasurer/ Tax Collector	301-432-4428

Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council should be contacted through the Town Office, unless it is an emergency situation.

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