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COUNCIL NEWS

These minutes are not the official minutes, nor are they a complete review of the business conducted. Requests for a copy of the complete minutes may be requested from the town clerk.

The monthly meeting of the Sharpsburg Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:30pm by Mayor Hal Spielman. All Councilpersons were present, except for Mat Barnhart. Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk/Treasurer and Brian Kane, Town Attorney, were also present.

Mr. Rowekamp of West Main Street was present to address the ongoing issue with the stone wall that runs along Hall Street. This has been reviewed by two masons and we are awaiting estimates to correct the problem.

Jeff Hewett of the Boonsboro Police Department was present to discuss the possibility of Sharpsburg having police coverage. He provided the council with estimates for police coverage. This will be reviewed by the council and discussed next month.

GE Ingram of the Sharpsburg Little League approached the council about the possibility of installing an irrigation well at the ball field. This would allow the little league to water the field without using the county water. This would decrease the amount of water usage at the ball field and would decrease

the amount of the water bills.

This was moved for approval by Bryan Gabriel and seconded by Brandon. The motion carried. Arrangements and permits have already been worked out for the project and it will begin as soon as the contractor can begin.

GE also approached the council in regards to purchasing a second set of ball field lights for the girls soft ball field. The first set were actually paid for by a donation to the little league. Since the funds have been raised for the down payment, they would like to go ahead with purchasing a second set. They had a very high turn out of girls in the softball league, and they are expecting that number to increase next season. With the addition of the lights, Sharpsburg would be able to host state tournaments.

The motion was made by Darryl Benner and seconded by Cathy Hull to allow the second set of lights to be installed. The motion carried. GE will notify Musco, the light company and both sets will be installed at the same time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Railroad— the fence at the park and the pond has been completed. The park will now be locked at dusk and unlocked at dawn.

Building— the wall in the back room where the historical society is located will be completed to-

morrow evening. The ivy on the building still needs to be corrected. Kim will speak to Mat about this.

Streets—there were three bids received in the “Bridge Alley head-wall Project.” It was determined that there was not enough information about the companies and their experience to award the bid. Further information will be obtained from the bidders and a contract will be awarded next month

Planning and Zoning—we are still awaiting a return call/email from the county planning office in regards to receiving assistance with the completion of the plan.

Battlefield Advisory Committee— Mr. Perry Jamieson was unable to attend the meeting on Monday, however; he did provide Kimberly with the notes from the meeting. These will be placed in the crier.

Archives—Nothing to report
Public Safety—Jeff Hewett already presented his ideas and cost with the council earlier

Town Attorney—Brian handed out a possible ordinance in regards to establishing/maintaining a Planning Commission. This will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

Mayor’s Report—The Mayor and council were invited to participate in the Alsatia Mummer’s Day Parade. No one is able to participate in this event this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Tennis Court— It was moved by Brandon and seconded by Jennifer to allow town resident Curt Johnson

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to take care of repairing the tennis courts at the park. Mr. Johnson is also willing to install cameras at the park and is willing to find funding for this project.

Removal of trees/trimming of alleys—Preferred Arbor Care will be taking care of these tasks, more than likely when cooler weather hits.

Code Enforcement— A work session will be determined at a later date to discuss enforcing the town ordinances.

Elevator Contract— A letter was written to Eastern Elevator Co. to terminate the current contract effective January 11, 2012. Council members were given possible elevator companies and contracts at the June meeting. These will be evaluated and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Copier in town office— the town copier is more than five years old and the maintenance is due. With the age of the copier, the parts to repair/replace are obsolete, which would raise the cost of the maintenance significantly. Possible options were evaluated for purchasing a new copier, such as leasing, purchasing a copier, purchasing a laser printer. Kimberly received two quotes on both a color and black and white copier. She will look into different companies and obtain further estimates.

Audit— the audit will be due the end of October. It was suggested to attempt to locate other companies to provide an estimate to perform the audit. Kimberly will make phone calls and obtain the estimates/cost of this task.

Trick-or-Treat— this will be held on Monday, October 31st from 6-8pm.

Bike Racks— it was suggested that the town purchase bike racks to place in Sharpsburg. Possible locations being near the bank and near/in front of town hall. One concern of placing one in front of town hall are the monuments out front. Placing one at the bank is another suggestion. Locations and cost will be evaluated and this will be discussed at October's meeting.

Sesquicentennial Celebration— next year will mark the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. It was discussed what event the town could possibly sponsor/participate in to help commemorate this anniversary. A living history tour was suggested. Two other towns are going this direction and it was a suggestion for us as well. Jennifer has agreed to be the contact person of the town council for this event. She will get information regarding this event and see what other options we could possibly plan.

Time of town meetings— it was suggested by Bryan to begin the town meetings at 7:00pm instead of 7:30pm. It was the consensus of the group to begin the

meetings at 7pm, beginning with the October 3, 2011 meeting.

Lion's Club—the Lion's Club would like to plant a tree at the town pond in honor of a member's father. The group was in agreement to allow this to take place.

Heritage Festival—Darryl reported that the festival is ready to go on Saturday. Main Street will be closed from the BP Station up to Pete's Tavern, and North and South Mechanic Streets will be closed as well from 6am-6pm. Police will be on hand to assist in traffic control. The festival has 82 vendors signed up to attend. It will begin at 10am and end at 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm by Cathy and seconded by Jennifer.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 3, 2011 at **7:00pm**. The public is welcome to attend

Town Hall Announcements

Town Office Hours

The town office will now be open Monday-Thursday from 8:30am-2pm. Additional hours are available by appointment by calling the clerk during normal business hours.

Town Office Closures

The town office will be closed on the following days:

Tuesday, October 4th
Monday, October 10th
Thursday, November 24th
Thursday, December 22nd
Monday, December 26th
Monday, January 2nd

Trick or Treat



Trick or treat will be held on Monday, October 31st from 6-8pm. If you would like to participate in distributing treats to the children, please turn your porch light on.

Community News and Events

Canal Towns Partnership

Eight communities bordering the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park will announce a new collaborative visitor attraction initiative on Friday, September 23, 2011 at 10:00am at Ferry Hill Place at 16500 Shepherdstown Pike, Sharpsburg, MD.

The new initiative, known as the Canal Towns Partnership, is a regional cooperative effort among towns in Maryland and West Virginia bordering the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park to ensure that visitors to the region and cyclists and hikers on the C&O Canal Towpath find welcoming communities and a wide variety of services and amenities.

This effort began in 2009 among the C&O Canal's gateway towns: Cumberland, Hancock, Williamsport, Sharpsburg, Shepherdstown, Harpers Ferry-Bolivar, Brunswick and Point of Rocks, with the hopes of increasing hiking and bicycle tourism along the C&O Canal and increased visitors in the towns.

The Partnership, governed by a Board of two representatives from each of the towns, has developed interpretive kiosks along the towpath directing visitors into their communities. It has also created informational brochures for each town and worked closely with the National Park Service to improve signage on the towpath to better inform visitors of nearby services and amenities.

For more information, visit the partnership's web site at www.canaltowns.org.

- Vernell Doyle

Light up The Cumberland valley in Pink



Insurance agent, Gary Wright, has teamed up with the BCA-CV (Breast Cancer Awareness—Cumberland Valley) to Light up the Cumberland Valley in Pink during October. Stop by his office to purchase pink porch bulbs for \$5 each and/or pink

window candle bulbs for \$1 each. Proceeds benefit BCA-CV. To purchase your bulbs, visit the Gary Wright Allstate Agency, 1466 South Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD. Together let's strive to help others understand the impact of breast cancer and ensure that no one faces breast cancer alone... For more information about the BCA-CV and their efforts to raise awareness and help the community, please call 301-791-5843 or visit their website at www.bcacv.org.

-Meredith Poffenberger

Battlefield Advisory Committee



Handouts of the 149th and 150th battle anniversary events schedules and media sheets are available at the Visitor's Center and on-line.

Re-paving: Paving of roads is mostly complete. Paved walks, signage, punch list items remain.

Antietam National Battlefield staff are planning a new trail section from the Newcomer House to the Tidball Artillery position on Newcomer Farm. This new trail is open for the 149th Battle Anniversary and has a new trail brochure. Two wayside exhibits are currently being developed.

A new superintendent still has not been selected. A third round of interviews are taking place in September. Chief Ranger Ed Wenschhof continues to serve as the Acting Superintendent for the battlefield and he can be reached at 301-432-2243 X 11 or ed_wenschhof@nps.gov.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

The following is a list of churches in the area that would love for you to worship with them.

SHARPSBURG BIBLE CHURCH

Rev. Gene Renner
5134 General Stewart Court
Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782

Sunday School: 9:30am
Worship Service: 10:30am and 6:00pm
Wednesday Worship Service: 7:00pm

SHARPSBURG BRETHERN CHURCH

120 East Main Street
Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782

Worship Service: 10:00am
Children's Sunday School: 10:30am
Adult Sunday School: 11:00am

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Mark Wastler
www.stpaulssharpburg.org
209 West Main Street
Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782

Worship Service: 10am
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. Delancy Catlett
117 West Main Street
Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782

Worship Service: 9:00am
Sunday School: 10:00am

SHARPSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Karen Valentine
201 East Main Street
Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782

Sunday School: 9:00am
Worship Service: 10:00am

Local Businesses

With the rising gas prices, why travel anywhere else?
Sharpsburg has an array of businesses to fit your
needs, all within a short distance.

Accommodations

Antietam Guest House
111 W. Chapline Street
301-992-9017
www.antietamguesthouse.com

Jacob Rohrbach Inn Bed and Breakfast
138 W. Main Street
301-432-5079
www.jacob-rohrbach-inn.com

Mary Hill House
211 E. Main Street
301-432-7984
www.maryhillhouse.com

Automotive Care

B&B Automotive
113 E. High Street (Rear)
301-432-2478

Accounting & Banking Services

David H. Peters & Assoc. CPA's
100 E. Main Street
301-432-5501

Jefferson Security Bank
103 W. Main Street
301-432-3900
www.jeffersonsecuritybank.com

Dining

Captain Benders Tavern
111 E. Main Street
301-432-5813
www.captainbenders.com

GeGe's Place
208 S. Church Street
301-432-1150

Pete's Tavern
144 W. Main Street
301-432-2591

Nutter's Ice Cream
100 E. Main Street
301-432-5809

Gas Stations

Sharpsburg BP
139 E. Main Street
301-432-6330

Library

Sharpsburg Library
106 E. Main Street
301-432-8825

Salons & Spas

Hair Garage
244 W. Main Street
301-432-8171

Kathy's Hair Care
106 N. Potomac Street
301-432-6542

Valetta V's Salon and Spa
109 E. Main Street
301-432-4993

Shopping

Collectable Quilts and Dry Goods
118 E. Main Street
301-491-7045

Sharpsburg Armory
101 W. Main Street

Local Military News

Local Military Family Receives Blue Star Service Banner



On Saturday, August 27, 2011, Ava Gift, on behalf of Antietam 236 American Legion Family, presented a Blue Star Service Banner to the family of Major Chase Burnett, his wife Jamie, sons Eli and Ian and daughter Sophie. The presentation was made as part of the deployment party held in honor of Major Burnett at the Sharpsburg Bible Church. He is a member of the 29th Infantry Division of the Army National Guard, which has been deployed to Afghanistan.

A Blue Star Service Banner displayed in the window of a home is an American tradition started during World War I, but was not embraced during the Korean or Vietnam Wars. However; the program was rekindled at the start of the War on Terrorism. Today the banners displayed in the front window of a home shows a family's pride in their loved one serving in the military and reminds others that preserving America's freedom demands much.

If there is anyone in the Sharpsburg area who has a family member currently serving in the military and would like to participate in the Blue Star Service Banner Program, they may contact Ava Gift at 301-432-6658. Antietam Unit 236 of the American Legion would be honored to present a banner to them.

- Ava Gift

Town Office Hours:	
Monday-Thursday 8:30am-2:00pm	
(Additional hours by appointment)	
Hal Spielman, Mayor	432-6854
Bryan Gabriel, Vice Mayor	432-2478
COUNCIL	
Mathew Barnhart	992-4335
Darryl Benner	991-2230
Cathy Hull	304-279-8440
Jennifer Silbert	432-7984
Brandon Smith	432-1941
TOWN OFFICIALS	
Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk	240-675-7466
Debra Jamison, Tax Collector	432-6572
Patti Hammond, Planning Com.	432-5965
Anna Jamison, Election Board	432-6572

TOWN ORGANIZATIONS		
Am Leg. Aux.	Ava Gift	432-6658
Hist. Society	Vernell Doyle	992-9767
Mt. View Cemetery	Jeff Saylor	432-4428
Cub Scouts	Michael Miles	432-0275
Boy Scouts	John Stewart	432-0564
CHURCHES		
Brethren	Lilly Grayson	432-6174
Bible	Rev. Gene Renner	739-1882
Episcopal	Carolyn Shaw	791-3357
Lutheran	Rev. Karen Valentine	304-676-9974
UCC	Melissa Reiff	465-9411

The Sharpsburg Town Crier
P.O. Box 368
Sharpsburg, MD 21782

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Oldest Town in Washington
County
Founded July 9, 1763

