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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 meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:04pm by Mayor Spielman. All members were present, as well as Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

The minutes of the August meeting and the treasurer's reports were both approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Member's of the Freedom's Run Race were present to present the council with their ideas to have the race run through Sharpsburg as it has for the past five years. The race will be held on October 13th and runners will be running through town beginning at 9am. They predict that the last runners will be through around noon. Mayor Spielman gave his consent for the race to take place again this year, by signing the documentation for the State Highway Administration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Railroad— Since there is no fall ball at the little league field, Rich will begin to lock the lower park gate. The members of

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the railroad station are looking to replace the roof of the station in the near future.

Building— Nothing to report
Streets— If the town is unable to secure the grant to replace the bench in front of David Peters, CPA's on the square, the boy scouts are willing to re-build the bench. If the need arises for their services, they will come and discuss this with the town council.

Planning and Zoning— Mr. Willis Baker was granted permission, through a special exception hearing, to build his garage on the property adjacent to the BP Station on South Church Street.

Battlefield Advisory Committee— They will be meeting on September 5th. Mr. Perry Jamieson will be dropping off information to Kimberly to include in the crier.

Public Safety— Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report— Mayor Spielman read a letter from the City of Hagerstown inviting the council to a September 11th remembrance ceremony in City Park. Mayor Spielman was invited to speak at the battlefield for the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Battle of Antietam on September 14th, but is unable to. Cathy Hull has agreed to give the welcome at the ceremony on behalf of the town.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Audit—this is being performed by Smith, Elliott, Kerns and Co. The information has been delivered to them
2. Watershed Implementation Plan—there will be a meeting on September 14th at 9:30 in regards to the new plan. Vice Mayor Gabriel will attend this.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The county would like to speak with the towns in regards to the new "septic bill" that the state has introduced to the senate. Kimberly will contact the county and meet with them in regards to this
2. 250th Anniversary of the town—this will occur next year. It was suggested to have the town, heritage festival and historical society all meet together after the heritage festival to discuss possible activities for this special occasion
3. Christmas Decorating—it was suggested to have a community tree lighting this year, in addition to the students from Sharpsburg Elementary decorating. Kimberly will get a committee together to help plan this.
4. Trash and snow plowing for the town—both of these contracts are up for bid this year. Kimberly will work on getting bid packets together and advertising this.

The meeting was adjourned at

8:10pm by Vice Mayor Gabriel and seconded by Cathy.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 1st at 7pm in the council chambers.

TOWN HALL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town of Sharpsburg is now on Facebook

The Town of Sharpsburg now has a facebook page. The address to the page is www.facebook.com/TheTownofSharpsburg. Go to the page and click "Like" to be kept up to date on office closures, community news and events and to view pictures of town events.

Seeking volunteers to assist with community Christmas activities



Christmas is just around the corner and the town would like to hold a town event, possibly a community tree lighting, to help the residents ring in the holiday! If you would like to be a part of the committee to plan and prepare for this event, please contact the town clerk, Kimberly Fulk at the town office at 301-432-4428.

Community News and Events

Historian and Author, Timothy R. Snyder to present a guided walk through the Garnet Jex Exhibit

On Friday, September 14, Timothy R. Snyder, historian and author of *Trembling in the Balance: The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal During the Civil War*, will present a guided walk through the Garnet Jex exhibit currently hanging in the Washington County Arts Council Gallery. The program will start at 5:15 pm at the Gallery at 14 West Washington St., Hagerstown.

The program is free and includes light refreshments. For further information, please call 301-992-9767.

-Vernell Doyle

Sharpsburg Heritage Festival



The Sharpsburg Heritage Festival will be held Saturday, September 15th from 10am-6pm and Sunday, September 16th from 10am-5pm, on the square and throughout the town in Sharpsburg.

The festival committee has planned a fun-filled weekend of vendors, music, authors, book signings, lectures, food, horse and wagon rides, petting zoo for the children, and much, much more!

There will be a heritage dance on the square, Saturday from 7pm-9pm, Dutch oven cook-off Saturday from 10am-3pm and a Community Civil War Reenactment Church Service on the square on Sunday from 10am-11am.

Come support the festival and the committee members that have been working diligently to bring you this fun-filled, informative event.

We also ask that residents adhere to the "No Parking" signs and refer to the detour information that the committee mailed out this past week. If you have questions regarding these detours, please refer to the festival website at www.sharpsburgheritagefestival.com or the town website at www.sharpsburgmd.com.

Remembering Antietam—Antietam Remembrance Walk from Sharpsburg to Shepherdstown

On Sunday, September 16th, there will be a walk from Sharpsburg to Shepherdstown commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Antietam. The three mile commemorative walk will begin at 5:30pm in Sharpsburg. All are welcome to participate in remembering this historic event.

One hundred and fifty years ago, two small towns in

adjoining states got caught up in the nasty business of war. On one day, the fields of Antietam were witness to the bloodiest battle of not only the Civil War, but every war in the history of the United States. The two armies were gone as quickly as they had come, leaving behind a horrifying scene of destruction. Of the 23,000 dead and wounded that lay on the battlefield that day, 10,000 casualties walked or were carried to Shepherdstown. Virtually every available building from townhouse to church was opened by the citizenry between the two towns to serve as a hospital or morgue for the wounded and dead of both sides.

The September 16th journey will be along the same route taken by thousands of wounded men on their way to receive whatever help they could find. The walk is meant to honor the fallen that fought and died in those fields that day, but just as important, it is also a tribute to the citizens of Sharpsburg and Shepherdstown who cared for the wounded, buried the dead, and found a way to get back to the business of living.

For more information on the Antietam Remembrance Walk and to register for this free event, please go to www.antietamremembrance.org.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Commemorates Battle of Sharpsburg on September 16th

St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 209 West Main Street, which served as a field hospital during the Battle of Sharpsburg, will hold two church services on Sunday, September 16th. The early service will take place at 8am. This service will be a Spoken Liturgy (without music) offering Holy Communion. The second service begins at 10am and includes Holy Communion and Hymns.

Also on that Sunday afternoon, St. Paul's will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Sharpsburg. A half hour program of Civil War period sacred music and a brief talk on the impact of war on our community of faith will be offered free of charge to the public at 1pm and 3pm. Please join us in our beautiful, little stone church on Main Street to remember our heritage.

**ANTIETAM BATTLEFIELD
COMMEMORATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE CIVIL WAR'S BLOODIEST SINGLE-DAY
BATTLE**



To mark the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Antietam, nearly 300 special programs and tours are planned on September 14-17 at Antietam National Battlefield. These special activities, including commemorative programs, living history demonstrations and battlefield tours and talks, will highlight the September 17, 1862 Civil War battle that ended Robert E. Lee's first Confederate invasion of the North and paved the way for Abraham Lincoln to issue the Emancipation Proclamation, transforming the war purpose to include the abolition of slavery as well as preservation of the Union.

Activities will take place throughout the Antietam National Battlefield during the anniversary weekend. Talks by Park Rangers and living historians will take place at nine different stops along the battlefield tour, as often as every 30 minutes at some locations, with free transportation to each provided via Park Shuttle buses, departing from the visitor center every 15-20 minutes.

All events are open to the public and reservations are not required. Anniversary programs are included in the regular battlefield entrance fee of \$4.00 for adults 16 and older. Under 16 is admitted for free. No admission fees will be charged on Monday, September 17th.

For more information, visit the Antietam National Battlefield website at www.nps.gov/anti or contact the National Park Service at 301-898-2410.

Battlefield Advisory Committee



- ◆ During the September 5th meeting, Superintendent Trail used a general map of the battlefield and a map of the Visitor Center area to brief the committee members on her staff's detailed and comprehensive planning for the events commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Antietam, Friday September 14th-Monday September 17th
- ◆ Superintendent Trail also reviewed with the committee the "150th Anniversary of the Battle of Antietam" event program, published by the Antietam National Battlefield and the Western Maryland Interpretive Association
- ◆ The event program is available at the Visitor Center, or online at the Antietam National Battlefield website
- ◆ A new exhibit opened at the Visitor Center, with a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 7th. It includes furniture from the Roulette and Mumma houses, and ribbons and other items from monument dedications and veterans' reunions
- ◆ A new projector has been installed in the Visitor Center theater

-Dr. Perry Jamieson

BCA-CV to place ribbons around town for Breast Cancer Awareness



October is breast cancer awareness month. The Breast Cancer Awareness—Cumberland Valley, Inc. (BCA-CV) will be placing pink ribbons throughout Sharpsburg as part of their *Pink in the Park Awareness Campaign* for October 8-12.

BCA-CV is a local breast cancer support organization that offers free services, such as mammograms and ultrasounds, wigs, hats, special needs programs and so much more.

For more information on the services of this very worthy organization, contact them at 301-791-5843.

Sharpsburg Historical Society to hold annual meeting

The Sharpsburg Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on October 10th at 7pm at town hall.

Gary Rohrer will present a program about the stone bridges in Washington County. The program is free and the public is invited.

At the meeting the society will conduct its election of officers for the next year.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 301-992-9767.

- Vernell Doyle

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	
Darryl Benner	991-2230
Cathy Hull	304-279-8440
Jennifer Silbert	432-7984
Brandon Smith	432-1941
TOWN OFFICIALS	
Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk	301-302-7347
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
Am. Legion	Lawrence Hoffman	432-8957
Hist. Society	Vernell Doyle	992-9767
Mt. View Cemetery	Hal Spielman	432-6854
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

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