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Love, Devotion, Mentorship...and Baked Goods

(Editor’s Note: Well it happened again. The story he thought he was getting was vastly different from the one he found. The original title was to be “Ms. Sandy Maxwell at Burkholder’s Bakery: Meet Your Neighbor”. Now, this story is certainly that, but it ended up, as you’ll see, another story altogether.)

It begins when you turn off Harpers Ferry Road onto East High Street. You smell wonderfulness! Now you know why you got up before sunrise this morning. It was to get to Burkholder’s Bakery early.

But, let’s step back and take it from the beginning.

It began in the late ‘90s when Mr. Nathan Burkholder’s daughters asked him to consider involving them in some profitable family enterprise. The idea they came up with was selling baked goods, produced in the kitchen of their farm on Lime Kiln Road, using family as workforce, and selling them at the gas station on the corner of Main and Church Streets. At first, they restricted the offerings to cookies, pies, and bread.



Apart from baking for family and Mennonite community events, Nathan and the family had no experience in large volume bakery production. They used family and friend’s recipes and the Mennonite Community Cookbook. As they increased the number of their offerings, they learned through practice to embrace the stunning range you see there every day now. The amount of work, perseverance, learning, and growth is astonishing. Although he sold the business located at its current location, Nathan is right there early every day. You’d think this is his story. You’d be wrong!



Nathan Burkholder

See, when you’re in Nathan’s presence, you immediately see a cheerful, open, communicative man devoted to family, the business, community, the future, and especially to mentoring the people around him. (More on that later.) His theme in life is the importance of being able to provide for ourselves, regardless of circumstances, especially when times are bad. He especially wants to “teach kids to work”.

Sandy, the new owner, says of him that until she can capture it on a spreadsheet, the dizzyingly complex supply needs and recipes

are all “in Nathan’s mind”.



Sandy Maxwell in Full Joy Mode!

Speaking of Sandy (Ms. Sandy Maxwell) she and partner/fiancée Mr. Damien Tapocik, purchased the business early this year. Watching Sandy, engaged in the baking process, dusted with flour, and radiating joy, you’d think she was born in a bakery. Again, you’d be wrong!

She and her partner met as children in Germantown. Apart from family kitchen baking and a brief experience of making bagels in a family shop, she had no experience in the overall bakery business. Sandy has a past in an entirely different world. She has been a Nurse for twenty five years and is still involved in primary immune disease research at the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Disease. The baking business is a leap of faith. Speaking of faith, Damien said of the decision, “I feel called to be in Sharpsburg.”

Sandy’s day begins at 3am, sometimes earlier, because if the donuts are to be ready for the DC/Baltimore commuters, that’s what it takes. She admits to the challenges with the “learning curve” as the biggest. At the top of her reasons to take on the challenge is to “Honor Nathan’s legacy of love.” She also provides part-time employment, and Nathan’s influence, for three young people.

“Give me something to do.” That’s eleven year old Gideon. You see, he works at the bakery several hours per week and when recently there was a slow period he went to Sandy with that request. Cool kid right there!

In addition, Gideon’s sister Angela and brother David also have roles to play at Burkholder’s. Their mother, Ms. Abigail

York, told me that her children are home schooled and the bakery is a great way to provide them experience in a challenging and public environment. Of course, as you’ve read already, the interaction with customers and mentoring they receive from Nathan and Sandy are the real treasures.



Left to Right: The York Crew. David, Angela, Gideon, and mom Abigail York.

When you walk into Burkholder’s, you experience something bigger than pastry; it’s Love, Devotion, and Mentorship. When you return home, you carry that scent of wonderfulness in your clothes.

- Editor

From the Mayor and Council

In addition to the Minutes of last month’s Town Council Meeting, please see TWO Ordinance Reports.



About the Town

SVFC Lowers PPC Rating, Reducing Local Insurance Rates

The Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. (SVFC) is proud to announce that our community has received a new Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating from the Insurance Services Office (ISO). Our community now has a PPC Class 4 rating in all areas

within 5 road miles of our fire station. Previously, the SVFC service area was rated Class 6 in protected areas (with hydrants) and Class 9 in unprotected areas (without hydrants). PPC ratings range from 1 (best protection) to 10 (least protection) and significantly influence homeowners and business insurance premiums.

With this improvement, residents are encouraged to contact their insurance companies to potentially save on premiums. This new rating places SVFC among the top 17-35% of over 38,000 communities in the United States, a remarkable achievement given our water supply and staffing limitations. Typically, better ratings are reserved for urban areas with hydrant systems and career fire departments.

The PPC rating is based on three components: emergency communications (10%), the fire department (50%), and water supply (40%). Washington County's 9-1-1 system provides excellent emergency communications. SVFC improved its fire department rating by acquiring new apparatus and equipment, increasing staffing, conducting extensive training, and reducing response times. A significant factor was the deployment of Department of Emergency Services staffing to Sharpsburg in 2021, providing three highly trained responders at the station 24/7, which reduced response times and losses. It is imperative to increase staffing to improve service delivery and further reduce costs.

SVFC has invested heavily in facilities, apparatus, and equipment over the past decade, using donated and raised funds, competitive grants, and foundation donations. Currently, we are raising over \$1.2 million to replace our 1998 Engine-Tanker. Like all fire companies, we face the challenge of rising equipment costs, which have doubled in the last three years.

Water supply ratings were improved through the testing and maintenance of Sharpsburg and Keedysville hydrant systems. Due to the historical nature of our community,



water system expansion is limited. However, SVFC has supplemented the water supply with a 3,000-gallon tanker purchased in 2018, extensive water supply training, and the strategic deployment of "dry hydrants" at ponds and streams.

SVFC is always ready to assist in emergencies, but we rely on community support. You can make a difference by volunteering as a responder, fundraiser, or administrative member, supporting our events, participating in our fund-drive, or using your connections to benefit SVFC. These efforts improve the quality of life in our area and reduce insurance costs.

Please consider sharing a portion of your insurance savings with the community as we strive to further enhance public safety. For more information about the PPC rating or how you can help, email us at sharpsburgvfc@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support.

- Jay Brandenburg, SVFC-President

Artifact of the Month: Chair from the Grove Farm

This chair, now part of the Sharpsburgh Museum of History collection, is from the Grove Farm just outside town. The Grove Farm is known to history as having hosted President Abraham Lincoln on his visit to the battlefield to confer with General McClellan, who along with the Army of the Potomac still occupied the area. The old photo was taken



on Friday, October 3, 1862, and depicts a dining chair. According to some,

this is the very chair in the Museum but later repaired with modifications. To most others, the chair was a different Grove Farm dining room chair. Maybe the President sat in it! Maybe he leaned on it heavily, closed his eyes, and contemplated the catastrophe of that war, the dreadful aftermath of that battle, and the burden of leadership in that dark time. You decide.

- Editor

Community Calendar

June 29 at 2PM: **Commanders of Antietam, Jim Buchanan – MG John Sedgwick**

Pry House Barn, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville, MD 21756
president@antietaminstitute.org

July 1 at 6PM: **Town Council Meeting (CANCELLED)**

Sharpsburg Town Hall
106 E Main St, Sharpsburg, MD 21782
301-432-4428

July 1 at 7PM: **Dr. Brad Gottfried, At the Forefront of the Armies: The Role of the Cavalry During the Maryland Campaign**

Civil War Lecture Series
Sponsor, Rohrbach Inn at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
209 W. Main St.

301-432-5079

July 3 at 1PM: **Adult Book Share**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

July 6 at 10AM: **Lego Club**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

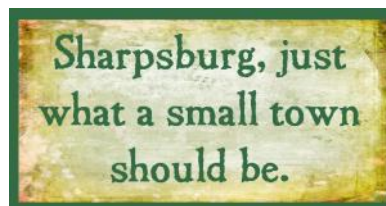
July 8 at 7PM: **Sharon Murray, Dixon S. Miles Reconsidered**
Civil War Lecture Series
Sponsor, Rohrbach Inn at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
209 W. Main St.
301-432-5079

July 11 at 3:30PM: **Special Story Times (Science Guys!)**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

July 11 and 12 from 2PM to 4PM: **Science in the Library (Road Tripping USA: Habitats & Extreme Weather from Coast to Coast)**
For those entering grades 3-6. Registration Required, call 301-432-8825. Registration begins June 1st.
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

July 13 at 2PM: **Commanders of Antietam, Tom McMillian -Brig. Gen. Lewis A. Armistead and Brig. Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock**

Pry House Barn, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville, MD 21756
president@antietaminstitute.org



July 15 at 7PM: **D. Scott Hartwig, One Man's Experiences: Major Rufus Dawes and the Battle of Antietam**
Civil War Lecture Series
Sponsor, Rohrbach Inn at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
209 W. Main St.
301-432-5079

July 17 from 2PM to 5PM: **Kids Fest at the Ag Expo**
7313 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro 21713

July 18 at 3:30: **Authentic Community Theatre**
Sharpsburg Park on High Street
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

July 22 at 7PM: **Dr. Alex Rossino, Longstreet's March to Hagerstown and Back**, Sept. 11-14, 1862
Civil War Lecture Series
Sponsor, Rohrbach Inn at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
209 W. Main St.
301-432-5079

Week of July 23, Anytime the Library is Open: **Puzzle Swap**
(Drop off and pick up puzzles!) All ages.
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

July 27 at 2PM: **Commanders of Antietam, Michael Hill – Brig. Gen. Thomas Meagher**
Pry House Barn, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville, MD 21756
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July 29 at 7PM: **Dana Shoaf, The Evolution of Civil War Ambulances**
Civil War Lecture Series
Sponsor, Rohrbach Inn at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
209 W. Main St.
301-432-5079

July 31 at 6PM: **Master Gardener Program, Water for Wildlife**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

August 1 at 3:30: **Puppet Show and Bookmobile Stop**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

August 3 at 10AM: **Lego Club**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

August 5 at 7PM: **Dr. Tom Clemens, Washington County's Forgotten Military Hero**
Civil War Lecture Series
Sponsor, Rohrbach Inn at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
209 W. Main St.
301-432-5079

August 7 at 1PM: **Book Share, Adult**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

August 10 at 2PM: **Commanders of Antietam, Sharon Murray – Colonel B. F. Davis**
Pry House Barn, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville, MD 21756
president@antietaminstitute.org



August 12 at 7PM: **Dr. Jim Broomall, "The hills were black with spectators': Civilians on the Antietam Battlefield**

Civil War Lecture Series
Sponsor, Rohrbach Inn at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
209 W. Main St.
301-432-5079

Week of August 13, Anytime the Library is Open: **Tween and Teens** (Stop in and make a paracord bracelet or a pony bead lizard to put on your hiking backpack.)

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

August 14 at 3PM: **Adventures in Fun: Reptile Show**

Sharpsburg Park on High Street
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

August 19 at 7PM: **Steve Stotelmyer, The Legend of Barbara Fritchie**

Civil War Lecture Series
Sponsor, Rohrbach Inn at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
209 W. Main St.
301-432-5079

August 22 at 3:30PM: **End of Summer Reading Club Party** (Chalk and Bubbles!)

Sharpsburg Park on High Street
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

August 24 at 2PM: **Commanders of Antietam, Joe Stahl – Col. Harrison S. Fairchild**

Pry House Barn, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville, MD 21756
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August 26 at 7PM: **John Schildt/Laura Marfut, "Roads to Antietam"**

Civil War Lecture Series
Sponsor, Rohrbach Inn at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
209 W. Main St.
301-432-5079

August 28 at 6PM: **Master Gardener Program, Pollinators**

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

September 7 at 2PM: **Commanders of Antietam, Jim Rosebrock – Col. Stephen D. Lee**

Pry House Barn, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville, MD 21756
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September 21 at 2PM: **Commanders of Antietam, Harry Smeltzer – Col Albert L. Magilton**

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October 5 at 2PM: **Commanders of Antietam, Marty Pritchett – Col. James A. Walker**

Pry House Barn, 18906 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville, MD 21756
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October 19 at 2PM: **Commanders of Antietam, Jim Smith – Brig. Gen. Max Weber**

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Recurring Events

Throughout the Summer: **Where Are the Wonders of the World?**
(The picture will change every week. Tell us where the wonder is located and win a prize! For tweens and teens.)

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

Second Wednesdays from 12Noon to 1:30PM: **Lunch and Fellowship at the Brethren Church**

123 E Main St.
301-432-4944 / sharpsburgcob@outlook.com

First Wednesdays of the month at 1PM **Adults: Book Share**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

Thursdays at 3:30PM: Storytime (Ages 3 and Up)
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

Second Thursdays every month, Lion's Club 7PM, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 W. Main St, Sharpsburg, MD 21782
sharpsburglions@gmail.com

First Saturdays at 10AM: **Lego Club**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

Area Churches

Christ Reformed Church
117 West Main Street
Sharpsburg
301-432-6182
Sundays: 9AM

United Christian Fellowship

18823 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville, MD 21756
301-432-0110
Sundays: 8:45AM Fellowship, 9AM Sunday School, 10AM Worship & Children's Church

Sharpsburg Church of the Brethren

123 E Main St, Sharpsburg
Sundays at 10AM, Sunday School at 10:30AM
301-432-4944

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

209 West Main Street
Sharpsburg
301-432-7098
Sundays: 10AM, Sunday School (Second and Fourth Sundays starting September 25)

Burnside First Church of God

3904 Mills Rd, Sharpsburg
Sunday Worship - 9:00am, Sunday School - 10:15am

Sharpsburg Bible Church

5134 General Stuart Court, Sharpsburg
301-432-5309
Sunday School 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM, Sunday Morning Worship & Children's Church 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM



Mayor & Councilpersons

Russ Weaver – Mayor

Jacob Martz – Vice Mayor

Mia Parsons – Council

John Hammond – Council

Ed Beeler-Council

Robbie Waters – Council

Joe Kudla – Council

(Debbie Smith – Town Clerk)

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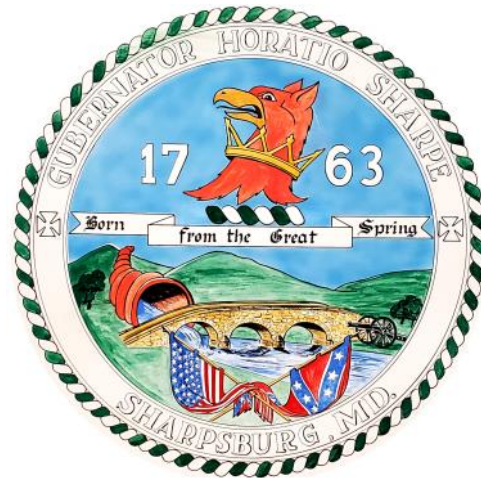
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Zoning Administrator-Tim Lung

Sharpsburg.md.zoning@gmail.com



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ATTACHMENT:

Minutes are considered to be draft until formally approved

**SHARPSBURG MAYOR AND COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE 2024-01; FY25 GENERAL BUDGET
JUNE 3, 2024
6:00 PM**

The Mayor and Council of Sharpsburg, MD held a Public Hearing on Monday, June 3, 2024 in the Council meeting room of Town Hall located at 106 E. Main Street in Sharpsburg. In attendance were Mayor Russell Weaver, Vice Mayor Jacob Martz, Councilmembers Ed Beeler, Joseph Kudla, John Hammond and Mia Parsons. Zoning Administrator Tim Lung was present via zoom. Absent were Councilmember Robbie Waters and Town Clerk Debra Smith.

Mayor Weaver stated that a workshop detailing the proposed budget was held on May 13, 2024 and includes proposed revenues of \$776,080.00 and expenses of \$809,509.00 leaving a deficit of \$33,429.00. The FY25 budget year will also include a new trash contract to be placed out for bid, if funding is available, the replacement of the townhall ADA ramp and the construction of the historic plaza park. Also included is the promotion of Debra Smith from Town Clerk to Town Administrator.

Mayor Weaver asked for any comments regarding the proposed budget from Council or the public. None was received.

Motion by Vice Mayor Martz, second by Councilmember Beeler to close the public hearing at 6:04 PM.

**SHARPSBURG MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2024**

The Mayor and Council of Sharpsburg, MD held their monthly meeting on Monday, June 3, 2024 in the Council meeting room of Town Hall located at 106 E. Main Street in Sharpsburg. In attendance were Mayor Russell Weaver, Vice Mayor Jacob Martz, Councilmembers Ed Beeler, Joseph Kudla, John Hammond and Mia Parsons. Zoning Administrator Tim Lung was present via zoom. Council Member Robbie Waters and Town Clerk Debra Smith was absent

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 6:05PM with the pledge and a moment of silence in remembrance of former Sharpsburg Mayor Jerry Quinn.

GUESTS/CITIZENS COMMENTS - none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 4, 2023 Executive Session Minutes – **Motion** by Vice Mayor Martz, second by Councilmember Beeler to approve. Motion carried.

March 4, 2024 Amended Minutes - **Motion** by Councilmember Beeler, second by Councilmember Kudla to approve. Motion carried.

May 6, 2024 Regular Minutes – Councilmember Parsons stated that the wrong individual was stated as making the comment regarding jake-braking and needs to be amended. **Motion** by Councilmember Beeler, second by Councilmember Parsons to approve as amended. Motion carried.

May 13, 2024 Budget Work Session Minutes - **Motion** by Councilmember Hammond, second by Councilmember Beeler to approve. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

May 2024 Financial Report – **Motion** by Councilmember Parsons, second by Councilmember Kudla to approve. Motion carried.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – Tim Lung

- Continue working with the owner of property along the south side of E. Antietam St. to gain Zoning compliance regarding removal of unlicensed/expired vehicles (junk).
- State Highway Administration evaluated and reported no safety issues regarding the sight distance issue caused by flags at the corner on Church St (MD 65) and E. Main St. (MD34). No action to be taken by SHA.
- Fence exceeding 6' in height along the south side of W. Main Street has been corrected.
- 10day code violation notice for tall grass/weeds on property along the north side of E. Main Street has passed. Property has not been mowed. Next action would be to issue a citation and/or mow the property and bill.
- Greg Cartrette, Director of the County Permitting and Inspections department would like to meet with Town officials and staff to introduce some new County staff that will be working with the Town and review new building code changes. Will be coordinating with Russ and Debbie for a date and time.
- Reviewed sight distance complaint at north west corner of Mechanic St and Antietam St. No sight distance issue due to it being a four way stop intersection.
- Reviewed sight distance complaint at north east corner of Church and Main St. There is a sight distance issue caused by a bush at the corner. Some minor pruning could correct the issue. Russ to talk to the property owner.
- Inquired to the County regarding accessibility requirements and standards for proposed work at the entrance to Town Hall. Work would require a permit and would need to comply with ADA and International Building Code standards. The contractor doing the work should be familiar with the requirements.
- Reviewed and signed off on a building permit for a deck replacement at 131 W. Antietam Street.
- Reviewed and signed off on a building permit for a new deck at 123 W. Antietam.
- Reviewing Maryland Department of Planning Annual report filing form. When complete, will forward to the Planning Commission for approval.
- Responded to several inquiries regarding zoning and permitting requirement questions.

MAYORS REPORT – Mayor Weaver – report will be covered under unfinished and new business.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Councilmember Hammond – inquired about the town cable franchise agreement. Mayor Weaver stated that the Town Clerk was working with Comcast on increasing the towns percentage and updating the agreement. Also inquired about the park playground equipment and any modifications. Mayor Weaver stated that the old playground structure has been reverted to its original state and the play equipment company has been contacted to provide options for play structure additions.

Councilmember Kudla – requested approval to send a donation of \$250.00 to the Town of Williamsport for street cleaning after the Memorial Day Parade and also place a thank you on the towns Facebook page. **Motion** by Councilmember Kudla, second by Councilmember Parsons to approve. Motion carried. Also stated that MDOT will return in the fall to complete the wall repair on E. Main Street.

Councilmember Parsons – nothing to report. Mayor Weaver stated that sidewalk in the area of Nutter's on Mechanic Street is in need of repair/replacement.

Councilmember Waters – absent. Mayor Weaver stated that the Councilmember Waters has hung the Hometown Hero banners on poles throughout town. The program will remain on hold pending pole availability.

Vice Mayor Martz – this year's Memorial Day Parade focused on honoring Viet Nam Veterans with two-(2) keynote speakers; Colonel Richard Hembrook and Captain James Warner, Huey Helicopter flyover, 85 parade units and an estimated 2,000 attendees. There were a few traffic issues, but the parade was a success.

Councilmember Beeler – museum has been receiving visitors on a daily basis as a result of the new signage and website. Attended the CVB meeting held at the new ball stadium. The Antietam Diorama to be broken down into phases with Bloody Lane to be the first phase.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

M. Deputy Watkins – Resident Deputy

Antietam Station - 4 checks.	Burglary - 0
Elementary School - 6 checks.	Theft - 1
Little League Field - 2 checks.	Theft From Motor Vehicle - 0

Park - 3 checks. Undesirable - 0
Bank Lot - 1 evening. Suspicious Person - 0
Traffic Enforcement - 4.5 hours. Disorderly / Disturbance - 2
Parking Enforcement - 1.5 hours. Malicious Destruction of Property - 0
Court - 1.
Calls For Service - 11.
Town Meeting - Attended.
Vehicle Swap - 1
Total WCSO events for May - 97.

Park Advisory Board - Chris Vincent - The summer lecture series starts this week and they have been moved to St. Paul's. In order to accommodate this, they were moved from Wednesday night to Monday's. The new superintendent has started, and the next meeting is scheduled for June 12.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alley Naming – Mayor Weaver stated that the proposed alley names would be incorporated on a map and placed on the towns website for public comment then added to the July meeting agenda for a vote. The proposed names are as follows;

Alley 1 – Biggs Alley
Alley 4 – Tolsons Alley
Alley 5 – Garrison Spring Alley
Alley 10 – Clipp Alley

(ACTION ITEM)

Amendment to the MOU for W.C. Community Deputy Program- Sheriff Brian Albert attended the May 13th budget work session to discuss the Amendment to the MOU for W.C. Community Deputy Program. Discussed was the increase of \$3,350.40 for FY25 from \$20,271.18 to \$23,622.20 per year. He stated that an increase of 10% would be expected each year to cover the programs previous year's deficit and he would do his best to add a few more hours a month additional coverage. **Motion** by Councilmember Beeler, second by Vice-Mayor Martz to approve. Motion carried.

Town Hall/Library Hand Rail-ADA Ramp Replacement - Council Member Hammond proposed a full demolition and replacement of the ADA ramp in front of the town hall/library at the Maury 6th meeting. Mayor Weaver stated that because this will be an expensive project, a funding committee may need to be created with financial assistance from both the County and the library. **(ACTION ITEM)**

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of SEK Audit Contract for 3 Years – Smith, Elliott & Kearns (SEK) specializes in accounting and audits for smaller municipalities and has performed the annual audit for Sharpsburg for years. In order to obtain better pricing, Town Clerk Debra Smith requested a quote for a three-(3) year period. Provided was the following; 2024-\$12,500.00, 2025-\$13,200.00 and 2026-\$13,950.00. In addition, a quote for hourly service for Quickbooks assistance if needed is \$150/hour. **Motion** by Councilmember Kudla, second by Councilmember Beeler to approve. Motion carried.

Introduction/Approval of Ordinance 2024-01- Fiscal Year 2025 General Budget- **Motion** by Councilmember Kudla, second by Councilmember Parsons to Introduce and approve Ordinance 2024-01- Fiscal Year 2025 General Budget which was reviewed at the public hearing earlier this evening. Motion carried. The Ordinance will become Effective July 1, 2024.

Online Customer Payment Processing Proposal- Tabled until the clerk is available to explain at the July meeting. **(ACTION ITEM)**

Town Motto/Shirt Proposal- Mayor Weaver stated that Town Clerk Debbie Smith designed a town shirt with the mayor's motto (SHARPSBURG...*just what a small town should be*) and had Heather Waters print it. It is being proposed to trademark the motto and sell the shirts and use the proceeds for various town projects. Consensus to purchase 25 shirts and sell for \$15 ea.

Well Drilling Update – Mayor Weaver stated that that per the bid, Negley's drilled down 200' at the water tank and only yielded 2 gal/minute. It was agreed to drill another 100' and it only yielded 10 gal/minute. County now feels that this is not a good site. **Motion** by Councilmember Hammond, second by Councilmember Kudla to begin a new process by

contacting the 2nd bidder; Phillips & Son Drilling, which is also currently drilling a well for the Town of Boonsboro. Motion carried. **(ACTION ITEM)**

Town Limits Signage- Councilmember Hammond stated that many people do not know where the towns corporate limits are and that it would be beneficial to place signage at the main points of the town. Will be placed on the July agenda for further discussion. **(ACTION ITEM)**

Motion by Councilmember Beeler, second by Councilmember Kudla to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Smith
Town Clerk

July 1, 2024 Meeting Action/Agenda Items:

- Alley Naming
- Town Hall/Library Hand Rail-ADA Ramp Replacement
- Online Customer Payment Processing Proposal
- Well Drilling Update
- Town Limits Signage

MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF SHARPSBURG, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE 2024-01;
AN ORDINANCE to ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025
BUDGET AND TAX RATES FOR THE TOWN OF SHARPSBURG, MARYLAND

WHEREAS, the Town of Sharpsburg is a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland expressly authorized by Maryland Code Annotated, Local Government Article, Section 5-205(b)(1) to expend any municipal funds for any purpose deemed to be public and to affect the safety, health and general welfare of the municipality and its occupants; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the Town of Sharpsburg, Article 6, Finance prescribes the manner in which the Town shall submit, adopt and operate a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council held a Public Hearing on June 3, 2024; for which said Ordinance is introduced for the purpose of adoption of the budget and to set the tax rates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025; and

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Sharpsburg that:

Section 1. Fiscal Year 2025 Budgets. That the Fiscal Year 2025 Budgets are hereby approved and/or as amended hereinafter, attached hereto as "Exhibit A", providing the estimated and anticipated revenue and expenditures for the Governmental Funds for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Section 2. Real Property Tax Rate. The tax rate on all real property located within the limits of the Town of Sharpsburg is hereby set at \$0.3500 per \$100.00 of assessed property value. The assessed property values shall be those used for real estate tax purposes as determined by the Washington County office of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

Section 3. Personal Property Tax Rate. The tax rate applicable to personal property located within the limits of the Town of Sharpsburg is hereby set at \$0.875 per \$100.00 of assessed personal property. The assessed property values shall be those used for personal property tax purposes as determined by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

ATTEST:



Debra A. Smith, Town Clerk

BY: 

Russell L. Weaver, Mayor

Date of Introduction: June 3, 2024

Date of Passage: June 3, 2024

Effective Date: July 1, 2024