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A Civil Society (A Message from Mayor Russ Weaver)

With the approaching 250th anniversary of our great nation we should take time to reflect on the great community in which we live. Imagine you are a time-traveler and you are standing in Town square in 1776 and able to watch the evolution of our Town. You would be in the first town in Washington County, already over a decade old and you would watch a town become a place where you could achieve a sense of purpose that comes from being rooted within family, community, churches, schools, voluntary organizations and country.

These principles were highlighted in the early 1800's by a French philosopher and political thinker named Alexis Tocqueville (pronounced Tock-Ville). An idea he called civil society. He emphasized the value of these associations, and local governance as crucial to maintaining a healthy democracy. Such groups help prevent government overreach and encourage active participation among citizens. He believed that these associations were natural gatherings of individuals who come together to share ideas and work toward common purposes. He argued that civil associations enable individuals to engage with one another, contributing to the social fabric by creating a sense of unity and cooperation. He also observed that such associations stem from individuals pooling their knowledge and abilities helping to organize their efforts more effectively.

In Sharpsburg today we have many opportunities to connect and engage. This is not to say the only way is through town government. Joining a church or social organizations presents individuals with unique opportunities to participate. The Town of Sharpsburg has multiple opportunities for citizens to pool their knowledge and abilities by participating in meetings, joining committees, running for office or volunteering to work on projects. Let us know if you want to connect with fellow citizens through a Town activity. It is our hope that the 250th anniversary will cause us to stop and reflect on what it takes to maintain communities and a nation where its citizens will always be able to achieve a well rooted sense of purpose.

In closing, here is part of one of my favorite presidential speeches by Theodore Roosevelt sometimes called the "Man in the Arena" speech.



President Teddy Roosevelt at the Sorbonne

"It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the

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strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually **in the arena**, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat.”

Theodore Roosevelt Speech at the Sorbonne, Paris, April 23, 1910

- Mayor Weaver

From the inkwell of a Dargan Boy...

An old wise man speaks of kindness

Some say there once was an old wise man who lived many years ago. He would watch the world go by and told his stories about the lessons he learned from watching. His name was Aesop.

And as his tales were told each one had a ‘special’ message. He told a story long ago about **‘kindness’**.

Have you thought of kindness lately?

Do you even know what it means?

Kindness is the ‘quality of being friendly, generous and considerate’.

Let us see what Aesop had to say about kindness:

‘One day Aesop told the story about a Dove who had seen an ant fall into a brook. As the Ant struggled to reach the bank, the Dove dropped a blade of straw close beside it in the water. Clinging to the straw, the ant, like ‘a shipwrecked sailor to a broken spar’, managed to float safely to the shore.

‘Soon after, the Ant saw a man getting ready to kill the Dove with a stone. But just as he cast the stone, the Ant stung him in the heel, so that the pain made him miss his aim, and the startled Dove flew to safety in a distant wood.’

The moral of this story ~ ***A kindness is never wasted.***

Have you seen any acts of kindness?

“I walked the streets of the city, and saw some acts of kindness” said the grandfather to his grandson; may I speak of them to you?



“In the restaurant sat an old and lonely lady; her dress was shabby and appearance unkempt. A young gentleman told the waitress that he would pay for the lady’s lunch.

At the coffee shop, an elderly man walked in to order his morning coffee; the lady in front of him said, “Sir, I have done no good deeds on this day, may I treat you to your morning coffee”?

A young lad was with his parents on the way to the grocery store; as he approached the entrance an old lady with a walking cane was slowly coming toward him; the young man waited, opened the door and bid the lady good day.

No act of kindness is ever wasted,
this lad once learned.

The woman and her family were displaced by a serious fire and home totally destroyed. A local stranger went to his bank, withdrew \$1000 and gave it to her to obtain some necessities.

A nearby neighbor had lost her mother to a battle of cancer. Her friend came to visit the family to offer consoling, sympathy and assistance.

The food bank was getting low on supplies said the Preacher to his

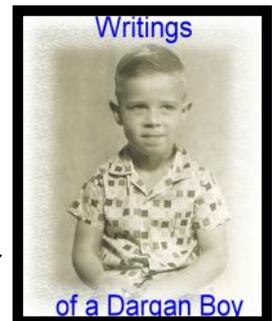
congregation; please help to replenish the supplies was his prayer, and some church members responded.

A woman had noticed a strange lump in her chest and her doctor had ordered a biopsy; she confided in a neighbor who offered concern, hope, and support for her situation.

And finally, grandson, your grandpa went to visit an old friend for the last time as he was near death; I whispered “*I love you my friend,*” gently rubbed his brow, and thanked him for the many good memories as he took his last breath.”

“So ~ It is good to be kind grandson.”

“For some say, Kindness is the greatest wisdom.”



News from Sharpsburg Church of the Brethren

Sharpsburg Church of the Brethren held its 2nd Wednesday lunch on July 9th. The theme was a “potluck picnic”. There was plenty to eat a trivia game and lots of people took advantage of the open mic to share musical talent.

On Sunday the 20th we had an Hawaiian shirt and croc shoes Sunday. All we encouraged to wear their Hawaiian shirt and croc shoes. After the service we enjoyed Hawaiian Punch and pineapple upside down cake. Pastor did think he was going to get away with-

out a tie that Sunday but right before service he was present one with hula girls on it.

Our next 2nd Wednesday lunch will be August 13th, twelve noon. All are invited. Our theme will be an Hawaiian luau. If you have a talent you would like to share remember we have a open mic, just keep it church appropriate.

- Submitted by Brother Brad

Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company Events

1. Spaghetti Dinner: August 16 See Poster on Page 17.

2. Birds Over Antietam-2025
Save the Date-Saturday September 27th, 2025—Preparations are being firmed up for the 2025 Birds over Antietam Clay Shoot conducted by the Sharpsburg Vol. Fire Co. in Keedysville. This is a unique opportunity for local sport enthusiasts, from novice to experts, to enjoy outdoor challenges in a beautiful and safe environment. Additional details are forthcoming but looking for additional shooters, individuals or teams of 4. If interested, please call 240-816-1824 or email to sharpsburgvfc@gmail.com.

3. Crab Feed. The Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company will be having another Crab Feed on October 18th, 2025 at Cochran's Auction Complex in Boonsboro. Admittance includes "All you can eat" Maryland Crabs, chicken dinner with sides, snacks, and of course "Fireman's Milk" and other beverages all afternoon. Doors open at noon with crabs served from 2-5pm. Gaming will be available throughout the event. Tickets are only \$50. For additional information or to get



your tickets, see a member or call 443-398-4510. Enjoy a fun day sharing the Chesapeake's bounty with friends and neighbors while supporting our local emergency services.



New Vehicle Speed Pattern: Dunker Church Road on the Battlefield

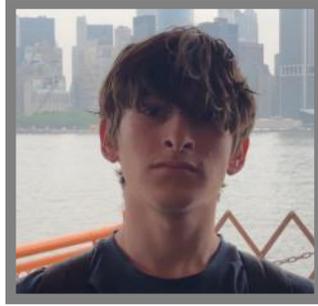
Our neighbors in the Park Service have requested that the Town Crier post information about a speed limit change. Due to the significant foot traffic in the vicinity of Dunker Church and the intersection of Smoketown Road and Dunker Church Road, the speed limit has been reduced to 25 mph. There are times of day when there are lots of walkers, joggers, dog-people, and battlefield visitors using those paved roads.



Just what a small town should be

Sharpsburg Museum of History's Summer Employee

Meet Max Gregg, Sharpsburg Museum of History's (SMH) summer employee with the Western Maryland Consortium Program. Max is an Intern at Sharpsburgh Museum



of History. He enjoys volunteering here at SMH. Max had been the Volunteer of the Year for the last four years. Max loves all History. He loves to give tours and talk about the Exhibits. His special project is the restoration of the Sharpsburg Diorama 1862, Garrison Springs Settlement and Bridgeport/Lock 38. He and his family live in Sharpsburg. Max is also working on two new displays, one of

Businesses of Sharpsburg and the Canal.

Max is a big help to Sharpsburg's museum and a great team player that gives his all for the museum and it is a privilege to work with him.



- Thanks, Ed Beeler, Director SMH

From the Mayor and Council

Town Council Vacancies

Applications are being accepted to fill two-(2) council vacancies through Friday, August 15th. For an application or questions, please contact the Town Administrator at 301.432.4428 or email townofsharpsburg@comcast.net (Application attached on Pages 12 and 13)

Public Notice

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND ARTICLE 6 ENTITLED "FINANCE", SECTION 622 ENTITLED "PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS" OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SHARPSBURG FOR THE PUR-

POSE OF INCREASING THE MINIMUM EXPENDITURE AMOUNT REQUIRING SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN CONTRACT AND SEALED BIDS TO EXPENDITURES INVOLVING MORE THAN \$20,000 (Attached on Pages 14 and 15.)

Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to Vice-Mayor Jake Martz for being the 2025 Citizen of the Year!



Left: Vice-Mayor Jake Martz, Citizen of the Year Right: Mayor Russ Weaver

Community Calendar (July - October)

July 26 NOON to 1:30PM: **Rural History Day**

7313 Sharpsburg Pike
301-788-6687

July 26 from 3PM to 5PM: **Steak Feed**, Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company Potomac Ridge Brewing Company, Shepherdstown Pike
301-991-2230

July 28 at 7PM: **Jim Rosebrock, Organization of the Federal Artillery in the Civil War**

Civil War Lecture Series
Antietam Institute at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 W. Main St.
executivedirector@antietaminstitute.org

July 31 at 3:30PM: **Puppet Show and Bookmobile Stop**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

August 2 at 10AM: **Lego Club**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

August 4 at 7PM: **Tracey McIntire, The Fate of Antietam's Wounded**
Civil War Lecture Series
Antietam Institute at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 W. Main St.
executivedirector@antietaminstitute.org

August 4 at 6PM: **Town Council Meeting**
Sharpsburg Town Hall
106 E Main St, Sharpsburg, MD 21782
301-432-4428

Week of August 5 Anytime the Library's Open: **Paint the Town**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

August 6 at 1PM: **Adult Book Share**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

August 9: **Candy and the Civil War**
Sharpsburgh Museum of History
301-800-6877
Ed.Beeler@sharpsburghmuseumofhistory.com

August 11 at 7PM: **Steve Stotelmyer, Little Mac at the Front**
Civil War Lecture Series
Antietam Institute at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 W. Main St.
executivedirector@antietaminstitute.org

August 12, 13 and 14 anytime from 2PM to 6PM: **Teen Watercolor Painting**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

August 16 from 3PM to 6PM: **Spaghetti Dinner**
Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company
110 West Chapline St.
(Poster Page 17)
301-432-6321

August 18 at 7PM: **Dr. Jen Murray, Meade at War: General George Meade and the Army of the Potomac, 1861-1865**

Civil War Lecture Series
Antietam Institute at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 W. Main St.
executivedirector@antietaminstitute.org

August 21 at 3:30PM: **Mr. Jon Kids Concert**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

August 23: **Spud Fest Saturday**, Annual Heritage Potato Harvest Festival, Field Plowing, Draft Horses, Children's Potato Picking Contests, Meet a Civil War Horse and Union Soldier, Farmstead Hearth Cooking Food.
Friends of the WCRHM, 7313 Sharpsburg Pike
301-788-6687 /
www.ruralheritagemuseum.org

August 24: **Spud Fest Sunday, Children's Potato Sack Races, Colonial Scavenger Hunt, 19th Century Village, Food.**
Friends of the WCRHM, 7313 Sharpsburg Pike
301-788-6687 /
www.ruralheritagemuseum.org

August 25 at 7PM: John Schildt, **Frederick, the Crossroads of the Civil War**
Civil War Lecture Series
Antietam Institute at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 W. Main St.
executivedirector@antietaminstitute.org

Week of August 26 Anytime the Library's Open: **Hanging Yarn Art**
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

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

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

September 11 at 1:30PM: **Homeschool Program: Veterans**

(Meet some local veterans and hear their stories. Make cards for local hospitalized veterans.)

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

September 20 from 10AM to 5PM: **Sharpsburg Days**

Sharpsburgh Museum of History
(301) 800-6877
Ed.Beeler@sharpsburghmuseumofhistory.com

September 20 from 9:30AM to 12:30PM: **Sharpsburg Days Scavenger Hunt**

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

September 24 at 1:30PM: **Homeschool Book Club "Babe: The Sheep Pig" by Dick King-Smith**

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

September 25 at 3:30PM: **Community Story Time**

(Meet at the library and we will walk up and explore the new park on the corner of Main and Church.)

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

September 25 from 5PM to 6:30PM: **Appalachian Save a Life Day/Narcan Training**

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

September 27: **Birds Over Antietam,**
Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company
240-816-1824 / sharpsburgvfc@gmail.com

October 18 12Noon to 5PM: **Crab Feed,**
Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company
Cochran's Auction Complex, Boonsboro
443-398-4510



Recurring Events

Anytime this Summer: **Library Scavenger Hunt**

Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

June 1 to August 13: **Tiny Art** (All county library branches)

Pick up a tiny art kit to take home.
Sharpsburg Library
301-432-8825

Sharpsburg Market: April 6, April 27, May 4, May 18, June 1, June 22, July 6, July 20, August 3, August 17, September 7, September 21, October 5, October 19
Behind Battleview Market
SharpsburgFM@gmail.com

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

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)



Mayor & Councilpersons

Russ Weaver – Mayor
Jacob Martz – Vice Mayor
Randy Short – Council
Heather Waters – Council
Ed Beeler-Council
Joe Kudla – Council
(Debbie Smith – Town Clerk)
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townofsharpsburg@comcast.net
[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/TheTownOfSharpsburg)
TheTownOfSharpsburg
Zoning Administrator-Tim Lung
Sharpsburg.md.zoning@gmail.com



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Attachments:

SHARPSBURG MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
JULY 14, 2025
6:00 PM

The Mayor and Council of Sharpsburg, MD held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 14, 2025 at 6:08 P.M. 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, and Councilmembers Ed Beeler, Joseph Kudla and Heather Waters. Town Administrator Debra Valentine-Smith was also present and Zoning Administrator Tim Lung attended via Zoom.

Regular meeting and call to order by Mayor Weaver with the pledge led by Councilmember Waters.

MDOT MD 34/65 Informational Update – Mayor Weaver stated that five-(5) letters were sent out on May 20th to residents on the east bound side of the MD 34/65 intersection asking for proposed strategies for mitigating the traffic concerns that have been raised regarding the safety of the intersection. Ideas were requested to be in writing, email or an in-person meeting could be scheduled. Three-(3) residents responded. Councilmember Kudla provided a schematic showing the latest proposed safety measures from MDOT for the intersection.

1. install a yellow line with a lane shift to the right at the intersection headed east.
2. increase the width of the solid white pavement line to 10"
3. extend the no parking zone to state required minimum
4. install continental crosswalk
5. install temporary speed cushions (10.5' x 6") headed east in both the east and west bound lanes along with Bump Ahead signage
 - Residents were concerned about the noise the speed cushions would create especially with large trucks. Councilmember Kudla stated that the installation of the speed bumps is proposed to be temporary for 6-months and removed during the winter months; and if it appears they are determined not to be a good choice, they do not have to be re-installed.
 - Also proposed was to request the installation of a new signage post to allow the radar sign to be anchored on the 25 MPH sign as you enter town.

Motion by Councilmember Kudla, second by Councilmember Waters to approve all of the proposed safety measures from MDOT. Motion carried.

GUESTS: 2025 Citizenship Award – Mayor Weaver acknowledged Vice-Mayor Jacob Martz as the 2025 Citizen of the Year for his exceptional success of the towns Annual Memorial Day Ceremonies and unwavering dedication to the Citizens of Sharpsburg.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Perry Jamieson of 223 E. Main Street thanked the Mayor and Council and Robbie Waters for the alley maintenance behind his house.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 2, 2025 FY26 Budget Public Hearing Minutes – **Motion** by Councilmember Waters, second by Councilmember Beeler to approve. Motion carried.
- June 2, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes – **Motion** by Vice-Mayor Martz, second by Councilmember Beeler to approve. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

June 2025 Financial Report – **Motion** by Councilmember Kudla, second by Vice-Mayor Martz to approve. Motion carried.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – Tim Lung (APRIL - JUNE 2025)

- Reviewed and responded to various inquiries and questions regarding zoning and permitting requirements.
- Completed and submitted MDE Waterway Construction Permit application for Big Spring wall restoration project.
- Received and reviewed MDE “Acknowledgment letter” and forwarded application to Corps. of Engineers for review per letter.
- Reviewed and responded to comments received from Corps of Engineers.
- Contacted MDE and Corps representative for follow-up and timetable for approval. Waiting for response.

- Reviewed and signed off on building/zoning permit application from AT&T for an antenna and equipment cabinet swap at the County water tank site.
- Finalized permit for an application to occupy a portion of the street (sidewalk) for the purpose of placement of scaffolding for a roofing project at 107 E. Main Street. Approved by Mayor & Council at April meeting following public hearing.
- Corresponded with MD Dept of Planning (MDP) regarding completion of 2024 annual report.
- Completed MDP 2024 Annual Report form and forward to Planning Commission for review and approval.
- Investigated and issued notifications for tall weed/grass at several properties.
- Reviewed summary of recent MDP meeting with Western Maryland planners.
- Reviewed and signed off on a building/zoning permit application for a mud room addition and garage at property on W. Main Street.
- Reviewed draft MOU between County and Towns regarding tax credits for restoration of historic properties.
- Attended County Historic District Commission meeting regarding Draft MOU with Towns for implementing tax credits for historic properties.
- Reviewed planning and zoning related bills passed by the Maryland General Assembly at their 2025 session.
 - HB1466 mandating accessory dwelling units (ADUs) will be monitored closely.

Mayors Comments – Mayor Weaver

- **Historical Park:** A few last-minute details remain –identification sign in front, placards, water connection
- **Lutheran Cemetery:** Focal item for this fiscal year.
- **Big Spring:** Looks like permit date will be late August.
- **Community Development/Sharpsburg Day:** Focal area.
- **Sign at Elementary School:** No progress. We have preliminary permission to place a sign in front of school for Sharpsburg (need to decide)
- **Main Street beautification campaign kickoff (street scape):** Focal area. No progress. Discuss with council and get feedback from community
- **Council Vacancies-**Announced that applications for the 2 vacant council seats are now being accepted

MML SUMMER CONFERENCE UPDATE - Vice Mayor Martz attended the MML Summer Training Conference in Ocean City and stated that he found the courses on 1st Amendment Social Media and Cyber Security to be very beneficial. He also stated that he found the experience to be valuable to the town and would recommend the town to participate in future MML trainings. Mayor Weaver also agreed and encouraged Council to participate in MML events and the Town Administrator will be attending the upcoming fall conference.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

Councilmember Beeler:

- Attendance has been picking up. We had 200 visitors
- Since the last month, I've answered 4 inquiries of family names, we received
- Two notebooks, one with references for Civil War Guns & Ammo and documents of soldiers from Joanne Wolford.
- Mark is continuing scanning and Max Gregg one of our Student Interns is working here this summer with the Western Maryland Consortium, this is our 5th year having a summer worker through them... Max is a very hard worker.
- We are continuing to fine space to store or display artifacts.

Vice Mayor Martz:

- Attended Revolutionary War event at Hager House in Hagerstown to solicit reenacting groups for participation in Memorial Day parade.
- Attended Bee Line March commemoration at Morgan's Grove to recruit reenactors for Memorial Day parade
- Attended Maryland Municipal League educational conference in OC. Took classes on topics such as the 1st Amendment, Social Media use by municipalities and Cybersecurity.
- Attended the 75th Anniversary commemoration of the Korean War hosted by Korean War Veterans Association Antietam Chapter 312 at the Korean War monument in Hagerstown
- Met with Atlantic security regarding repairs to security system in town shed. Defective UPS was replaced, new hard drive ordered.

Councilmember Waters:

- Nothing to report

Councilmember Kudla:

- MD 35/65 Intersection discussions with MDOT
- Signs for garrison springs ongoing

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

M. Deputy Watkins:

Antietam Station - 3 checks.	Total WCSO events in June - 77.	
Park - 6 checks.	Trespass - 1	
Little League - 4 checks.	Disorderly - 1	
120 E Main St. - 3 checks.	Accidents - 2	
Traffic Enf. - 3 hrs.	Suspicious - 1	Calls for Service - 3.

Antietam Battlefield Advisory Committee: The last meeting was held June 11 and the next meeting will be Sept. 11.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Administrator Debra Valentine-Smith stated that a public hearing was held at 6pm prior to the regular meeting regarding two-(2) proposed charter amendments and a code amendment of which no comments were received. The following Resolutions are proposed for passage;

Charter Amendment Resolution 25-001; A Resolution to Amend Article 6 Entitled "Finance", Section 622 Entitled "Purchasing and Contracts" of the Charter of the Town of Sharpsburg for the Purpose of Increasing the Minimum Expenditure Amount Requiring Submission of a written contract and sealed bids to expenditures involving more than \$20,000 which amends the Charter by increasing the threshold amount of purchases and contracts which must be made in writing and upon competitive bidding **from \$10,000 to \$20,000.** **Motion** by Councilmember Kudla, second by Councilmember Waters to approve the passage of Resolution 25-001. Motion carried 4-0.

Charter Amendment Resolution 25-002; A Resolution to Amend Article 12 Entitled "General Provisions", Section 1203 Entitled "Conflicts of Interests" of the Charter of the Town of Sharpsburg for the Purpose of Providing for Exemption from the Conflict-of-Interest Provisions of the Charter by permitting exemption from the conflicts of interest provisions of the Charter by a resolution of disinterested members of the council made upon certain findings. **Motion** by Councilmember Waters, second by Vice-Mayor Martz to approve the passage of Resolution 25-002. Motion carried 4-0.

A fair summary of the Charter Amendment Resolutions will be placed in the Herald Mail newspaper for 4 weekly intervals within 40 days after the adoption. Unless a petition is received on or before the 40th day, (8/22/25), the amendments shall become effective on the 50th day. (9/2/25)

Ordinance 25-002 repeals Section 1. Chapter 9 – Code of Ethics/Financial Disclosure in its entirety without reenactment. The Town is exempt from the ethics law as determined by the MD State Ethics Commission and the Council has determined that there is no need for a local ethics ordinance which would significantly reduce the availability of qualified persons for public service, particularly in light of Charter Amendment Resolution 25-002. **Motion** by Councilmember Beeler, second by Councilmember Kudla to approve the passage of Ordinance 25-002. Motion carried 4-0. The Code Amendment will become effective in twenty-20 days following its passage. (8/4/25)

ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Councilmember Waters, second by Councilmember Kudla to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Valentine-Smith
Town Administrator



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO SHARPSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

QUALIFICATIONS: A Councilmember shall be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the town for at least one-year, at least 25 years of age, and a registered voter of the town. This is a volunteer position.

TERM: This appointment will fill one of two-(2) available un-expired 4-year terms. One through 2026 and one through 2028 year-end.

MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL: The Mayor and Council meet regularly at 6:00 P.M. on the first Monday of each month and when necessary, a work session may be scheduled at 6:00 P.M on the last Monday of the month.

Applicant Information
(Please type or print)

Applicant Name: _____

Residence Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please provide a short summary to each of the following questions regarding your interest in the position of Councilmember for the Town of Sharpsburg below.

1. Why do you want to serve on the Town Council?

2. What experiences, talents or skills would you bring to the Council and community that you would like to highlight?

3. How do you view the role of a member of the Town Council?

4. What work or personal obligations do you have that may hinder your service to the Town?

5. Describe how you plan to work with other Council Members on community issues?

6. Are there any community issues in which you have a particular interest?

Please return this application to:

Town of Sharpsburg
106 E. Main Street
P.O. Box 368
Sharpsburg, MD 21782
ATTN: Town Administrator

or email to townofsharpsburg@comcast.net

no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15, 2025.

Once all applications have been reviewed, applicants will be notified and may be contacted to meet in person with the Mayor and Council.

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by the Mayor and Council of Sharpsburg, Maryland, a Municipal Corporation, that at a duly constituted meeting of the Legislative Body held on July 14, 2025 pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, the Charter of the Town of Sharpsburg, Maryland, and the Code of the General Laws of Maryland, the following Resolutions were introduced and passed:

**CHARTER AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION NO. 25-001**

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND ARTICLE 6 ENTITLED "FINANCE", SECTION 622 ENTITLED "PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS" OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SHARPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE MINIMUM EXPENDITURE AMOUNT REQUIRING SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN CONTRACT AND SEALED BIDS TO EXPENDITURES INVOLVING MORE THAN \$20,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SHARPSBURG:
Section 1. Charter Amendment. That Article 6 of the Town Charter Entitled "Finance", Section 622 Entitled "Purchasing and Contracts" be and hereby is repealed and reenacted with amendments as follows:
Section 622. Purchasing and Contracts. All purchases and contracts for the town government shall be made by the mayor and council. The council may provide by ordinance for rules and regulations regarding the use of competitive bidding and contracts for all town purchases and contracts. All expenditures for supplies, materials, equipment, construction of public improvements, or contractual service involving more than ~~ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)~~ twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) shall be made on written contract. The mayor and council shall advertise for sealed bids, in such manner as may be prescribed by ordinance, for all such written contracts. The written contracts shall be awarded to the bidder who offers the lowest or best bid, quality of goods and work, time of delivery or completion, and responsibility of bidders being considered. All such written contracts shall be approved by the council before becoming effective. The mayor and council may reject all bids and readvertise. The town at any time in its discretion may employ its own forces for the construction or reconstruction of public improvements without advertising for (or readvertising for) or receiving bids. All written contracts may be protected by such bonds, penalties, and conditions as the town may require.

**CHARTER AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION NO. 25-002**

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND ARTICLE 12 ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS", SECTION 1203 ENTITLED "CONFLICT OF INTERESTS" OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SHARPSBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SHARPSBURG:
Section 1. Charter Amendment. That Article 12 of the Town Charter Entitled "General Provisions", Section 1203 Entitled "Conflict of interests" be and hereby is amended to read as follows:
Section 1203. Conflict of interest. No person elected and qualified as mayor, vice-mayor or councilmember, or any other person holding any office by election, appointment or otherwise, under the provisions of this charter shall during the term of his office, be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract in which the town is a party or is interested, except as permitted by a resolution of disinterested members of the council granting exemption from the provisions of this Section upon a finding that such exemption would not be contrary to the purposes of this section, would not be detrimental to the impartial conduct of the business of the town, and that application of this Section would significantly reduce the availability of qualified persons for public service. This

section does not prohibit participation by an official or employee that is limited to the exercise of an administrative or ministerial duty that does not affect the decision or disposition with respect to the matter.

RESOLVED, that notice is further given that the Amendments proposed by the Legislative Body of the Town of Sharpsburg Maryland, that the Municipal Charter according to this Amendment, shall be effective and observed as such, in all respects set forth above on the fiftieth (50th) day after passage, as set forth above, unless on or before the fortieth (40th) day after passage there shall be presented to the Mayor and Council (Legislative Body) or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Local Government Article. (Note: Matter underlined is new material to be added to existing law. Matter shown in [brackets] as ~~strikeout~~ is proposed to be deleted from existing law.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF
THE TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

2025 SHARPSBURG DAYS



FREE EVENT

FOOD & CRAFT VENDORS • LIVE MUSIC

SEPT. | Town of
20 | Sharpsburg
10 AM - 5 PM



- Live Music: by New Way Drive
- Food Vendors
- Craft Vendors
- Explore the Sharpsburg Museum of History
- Meet your Town Council
- Meet members of the Community
- And Much More!

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SHARPSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY



SPAGHETTI DINNER



Saturday, August 16, 2025
3 pm - 6 pm

Carry Out or Drive Thru Only

Meals include Spaghetti, Bread Stick, Apple
Sauce, and Cookie

\$9



Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Annex Building
110 West Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, MD 21782
Call 301-432-6321 for pre-orders after 12 pm on event day

