

**SHARPSBURG MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

A meeting was held with the MD Department of Transportation (MDOT) to discuss citizens safety concerns at the corner of Church (MD34) and Main (MD65) Streets on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Council meeting room of Town Hall located at 106 E. Main Street in Sharpsburg. In attendance was Mayor Russell Weaver, Vice Mayor Jacob Martz, Councilmembers Ed Beeler, Joseph Kudla and Randy Short. Also present were Town Administrator Debra Smith and W.C. Master Deputy Dakota Watkins. Council Members Heather Waters and Robbie Waters were absent. Representatives in attendance from MDOT were District 6 Engineer Linda Puffenbarger, Asst. District 6 Engineer Paul Nicol and SHA Traffic Engineer Robert Hensley. Council Member Beeler opened the meeting with the pledge.

Documents prepared and submitted for review in preparation of this discussion included the following; (*reports available upon request*).

- Summary of accidents prepared by Master Deputy Watkins as reported to the W. C. Sheriff's Dept. at this intersection as well as other areas of the town.
- SPOT Speed Study Data performed on December 13, 2024 between 10AM – 1PM on MD 34 showing average speeds range from 30.93 to 40.11 MPH
- SPOT Speed Study Data performed on December 13, 2024 at 1PM on MD 65 at the Battleview showing an average speed 43.23 MPH
- showing average speeds range from 30.93 to 40.11 MPH

Various issues were addressed with speeding and visibility/sight distance being the main reasons cited for the cause of incidents at the intersection. Options proposed to provide the promptest results were;

- speed enforcement
- the need for visibility entering Main Street (MD34) from Church Street (MD65)
 - implement parking restrictions on Main Street (MD34) headed east towards the cemetery
 - install temporary traffic calming vertical markers
 - the relocation of the flags on the house at the corner of E. Main and Church Streets

Documents requested for submittal from MDOT for the town include;

- letter stating that MDOT does not approve the placement of either a stop light or a 4-way stop at this intersection
- sight distance requirements for the intersection of North Church St. and E. Main St.
- a second speed study to be conducted after implementation of decided corrective actions are taken.

ADJOURNMENT – the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Smith
Town Administrator/Clerk