

SHARPSBURG MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2026
6:00 PM

The Mayor and Council of Sharpsburg, MD held their monthly meeting on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 6:41 PM 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 Joseph Kudla, Anne Marie McCullough, Heather Waters and Robbie Waters. Town Administrator Debra Valentine-Smith and Zoning Administrator Tim Lung were also present.

CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Weaver and pledge offered by Councilmember Kudla.

APPROVAL to amend the agenda to continue discussion of the speed cushions following the public hearing - **MOTION** by Councilmember R. Waters to approve the amendment of the agenda, second by Councilmember Kudla. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - MD34 @ MD65 Speed Cushions Follow-up/Vote – Mayor Weaver thanked Paul Nicol of MDOT for the information provided by the speed study and stated that the line painting to move the traffic to the right, adding the crosswalk signage and residents parking off street has proved to be beneficial. **Motion** by Councilmember Kudla not to reinstall the speed cushions, second by Councilmember McCullough. Motion carried.

GUESTS/CITIZEN COMMENTS –

- Gary Candelaria provided an update on the status of the Sharpsburgh Museum of History. Sylvia Frye is the Acting Museum Director and currently the Board is working 1 to 2 times per week updating records with a soft opening planned for the 4th of July.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MOTION by Councilmember R. Waters to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2026, second by Vice-Mayor Martz. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT - MOTION by Councilmember Kudla to approve the February 2026 Financial Report, second by Councilmember H. Waters. Motion carried.

ZONING ADMINISTATORS REPORT – Tim Lung

- Responded to inquiries and questions regarding zoning and permitting requirements.
- Attended a Maryland Dept. of Planning webinar regarding Comprehensive Plans and the State’s new requirement that they include “Eight Planning Principles for sustainable growth” replacing the former “12 smart growth visions”.
- Reviewed HB 239/SB 36 regarding the State overriding local zoning related to residential housing density and issued comments.
- Reviewed and signed off on a building permit application for proposed roof mounted solar panels on a dwelling located off W. Antietam St.
- Reviewed and issued draft comments in support of HB99, a bill to remove the 5-yr express approval for annexations.

MAYORS COMMENT(S) – Mayor Weaver

- Asked for input on the Town Crier and stated that it may receive better response if placed on the towns Facebook page
- Received some concerns regarding the County’s water meter vault upgrade project
- Mentioned the completion of the meeting room sound system upgrade
- Asked Council if they wanted to do anything special for the 250th.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Council Member Kudla – nothing additional to the speed cushion public hearing information.

Vice Mayor Martz

- Drafted and submitted testimony on behalf of the Town to the MD General Assembly in opposition to HB239/SB36 which seeks to restrict municipal autonomy with regard to zoning regulations.
- Continued Memorial Day Planning. Next meeting on March 3 at 6:00 pm.

Council Member H. Waters – nothing to report

Council Member R. Waters – will be completing a few pending projects, DNR will be stocking the pond on 3 occasions this year and will also be holding a separate fishing rodeo

Council Member McCullough – attended her first Planning Commission meeting and the study conducted for the Comprehensive Plan will be shared with the Mayor and Council in April.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

M. Deputy Watkins – Community Deputy - February end of month report:

Antietam Station - 6 checks.	Total WCSO Events - 50
Park - 7 checks.	Theft - 1
Little League - 4 checks.	Suspicious Person - 1
School - 3 checks.	Disorderly - 1
Traffic Enf. - 1.5 hrs.	Accidents - 1 (at Church / Main)
Calls for Service - 4.	

Chris Vincent – Park Advisory Board

- Antietam Institute 2026 Fall Conference Request for Support

NEW BUSINESS

FY27 Constant Yield Tax Rate Certification- Motion by Vice Mayor Martz to maintain the current tax rate of 0.35/\$100, second by Councilmember McCullough. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Councilmember R. Waters to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M., second by Councilmember H. Waters. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Valentine-Smith
Town Administrator