

**SHARPSBURG MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 4, 2026**

The Mayor and Council of Sharpsburg, MD held their monthly meeting on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 6:00 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 Anne Marie McCullough, Joe Kudla and Heather Waters. Councilmember Robbie Waters was absent. Town Administrator Debra Valentine-Smith was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE** led by Downsville Scout Troop #58.

**GUESTS:**

- Mr. Ed Beaver and Downsville Scout Troop #58 were in attendance to observe the meeting of the Mayor and Council as part of their citizenship badge requirement.
- Ava Gift and Darlene Eichelberger representing the Antietam Unit #236 introduced Miss Poppy 2026 Ella Hineman (and little sister Abby).

All guests received a certificate for free ice cream at Nutter's and a 250<sup>th</sup> Commemorative coin from the town.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA MOTION** by Councilmember McCullough to approve the agenda, second by Councilmember Kudla. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** – none were received.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting Minutes –MOTION** by Councilmember H. Waters to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2026, second by Councilmember Kudla. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT - MOTION** by Councilmember McCullough to approve the April 2026 Financial Report, second by Councilmember Kudla. Motion carried.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT** – Tim Lung submitted his monthly report for April in writing.

- Responded to inquiries and questions regarding zoning and permitting requirements.
- Reviewed an application and issued a Zoning Permit for a vinyl privacy fence on residential property at N. Potomac St.
- Continued correspondence with Dee Price at the County Soil Conservation District regarding scheduling a field visit to consider a stream restoration project and possible grant funding. Meeting scheduled for May 27 at 10am.
- HB 239/SB 36 regarding the State overriding local zoning failed to pass in the State legislature.
- Reviewed and issued a Zoning Permit for a shed on residential property at E. High Street.
- Reviewed and signed off on a County building permit application for a deck on residential property at W. Antietam St.
- Received and reviewed MDE approval of modification request for the Town's Waterway Construction Permit associated with the Big Spring wall restoration project. The modification will allow dewatering to occur during the restricted period of March 1 to May 30.
- Corresponded with the contractor regarding a start date. Work likely will not begin until mid summer due to prior commitments.
- Reviewed an e-mail from the County's consultant for the MDE required update to the County's Water & Sewerage Plan and request for information from the Town. Need to schedule a meeting with the Town Administrator to discuss.
- Received notification from the County that the HDC approved a request for a Historic Resources Tax Credit for a roof replacement at property on E. Main St.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

### Community Deputy - *M. Deputy Watkins*

Antietam Station - 4 checks.	Total WCSO events - 71.
Park - 4 checks.	Accidents - 1.
Little League - 5 checks.	Disorderly - 2.
120 E Main St. - 2 checks.	Suspicious person - 2.
Traffic Enf. - 7.5 hrs.	Parking Enf. - .5 hr.
Training - 1 day.	Calls for Service - 3.

### Battlefield Advisory Committee/Antietam Institute - *Chris Vincent*

Patio work to be completed by the end of the month. Next meeting is scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Sharpsburgh Museum of History**- work continues on a weekly basis to restructure and reorganize the museum.

## CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Founders Day Event scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> with fireworks at 9PM. Further details forthcoming.
- Hancock to host the May MML on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Town has been awarded FY27 Community Parks & Playgrounds Grant in the amount of \$156,781.00.

## NEW BUSINESS

**FY27 Renewal of Apple Valley Waste Trash Collection Contract** - to increase 5% from \$60,048.00 to \$63,050.00 per year for the second year. **MOTION** by Councilmember H. Waters to approve the renewal of the AVW contract for FY27 at \$63,050.00, second by Councilmember Kudla. Motion carried.

**FY27 Budget Review** – the Mayor and Council discussed the proposed budget for FY27. **MOTION** by Councilmember H. Waters to approve the budget as proposed and to schedule the public hearing for June 1, second by Councilmember McCullough. Motion carried.

**Motion** by Councilmember H. Waters to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 P.M., second by Councilmember McCullough. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Valentine-Smith  
Town Administrator