

**SHARPSBURG MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 8, 2026**

The Mayor and Council of Sharpsburg, MD held their monthly meeting on Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:13 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, and Councilmembers Anne Marie McCullough, Heather Waters and Robbie Waters. Councilmember Joe Kudla and Zoning Administrator Tim Lung were in attendance via Zoom. Town Administrator Debra Valentine-Smith was also present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA - MOTION** by Councilmember H. Waters to approve the agenda, second by Councilmember R. Waters. Motion carried.

**GUESTS** – Chuckie Johnson; Candidate for Sheriff introduced himself to the Mayor and Council and talked about a few of his initiatives should he be elected in the upcoming election.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** – none were received.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MOTION** by Councilmember R. Waters to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2026, second by Councilmember Kudla. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT** – Mayor Weaver commented on the two categories on the financial statement that have exceeded their budgeted amounts. The historic park project had an additional \$51,771.00 in expenses to complete the park project and Capital Outlay has an additional \$48,696.00 in expenses due to repairs to the Chapline Street culvert, an emergency replacement of the office computer and audio upgrades to the council room. **MOTION** by Councilmember H. Waters to approve the May 2026 Financial Report, second by Councilmember R. Waters. Motion carried.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT** – Tim Lung

- Responded to inquiries and questions regarding zoning and permitting requirements.
- Meeting with Dee Price at the County Soil Conservation District for a field visit to consider a stream restoration project and possible grant funding rescheduled for Wednesday June 3 at 3 pm.
- Continue review of information request from the County’s consultant for the MDE required update to the County’s Water & Sewerage Plan and compilation of response.
- Researched Historic Tax Credit program requirements and benefits. Suggested that the information be added to the town’s website.
- Attended MDP webinar: Heritage Areas: a Tool for Local and Regional Planning.
- Attended MDOT/MDP webinar: Micromobility, The new vehicles on the block.
- Reviewed documents obtained from the County regarding prior developer’s agreements related to water and sewer utilities.
- Continue to monitor BOCC agendas for matters relevant to the Town.

**MAYORS COMMENT(S)** – Mayor Weaver commented on the success of the Memorial Day parade.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS**

**Council Member Kudla** – met with Brady Blair of Huntzberry Brothers to prepare a cost proposal to mill and overlay needed road repairs throughout the town. It was suggested to review the proposal along with any other capital improvements to include the Chapline Street culvert at a later work session to be scheduled.

**Vice Mayor Martz** – parade was a success in spite of the rain.

**Council Member H. Waters** – working on finding vendors for both Founders Day and Sharpsburg Day.

**Council Member R. Waters** – discussion on the pond and the pollinator garden in the community park. Councilmember McCullough stated that she will tend to the pollinator garden. Will need additional paint to complete painting the curbs and will begin hanging the Hometown Hero banners on Tuesday.

**Council Member McCullough** – the meeting held with Dee Price and Mark Kendle of the County Soil Conservation District for a possible stream restoration project showed that the towns stream is exactly what they want to see once a restoration project is completed. The town pond was also looked at and she suggested that an old tree be removed and additional trees be planted around the pond to create shade and cool the water with available grant funding.

## **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

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

Park - 1 check.	Antietam Station - 1 check.	Total WCSO events - 66
Suspicious - 1.	Little League - 1 check.	Accidents - 4 (none at church st intersection).
120 E Main St. - 1 check.	Theft - 2.	Traffic Enf. - 1 hour.
Disorderly - 1.	Training - 2 days.	Special Events - 1 (Memorial Day Parade).

**Battlefield Advisory Committee/Antietam Institute** - *Chris Vincent* will not be available throughout the summer due to the Monday night educational series being held by the Institute at the Episcopal Church.

**Sharpsburgh Museum of History** – the Board of Directors/members are on target for a soft opening of the museum on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Founders Day Event Update** – Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> with fireworks being set off on the Lynn Flook farm just outside of town of Harpers Ferry Rd. Permits being secured and parking and seating still to be determined. Free hot dogs and popcorn will be available.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposal for Comprehensive Plan Planning Services** – an invoice for updating Phase I of the towns Comprehensive Plan in the amount of \$3,420.00 has been paid. Phases II and III in the amount of \$7,800.00 are pending review by the Planning Commission and will be discussed further at the July meeting.

**Approval of Ordinance 26-01; FY27 Budget and Tax Rates** – a public hearing was held prior to the regular meeting on a proposed balanced budget of \$662,081.00. **MOTION** by Councilmember R. Waters to approve the FY27 budget as proposed, second by Councilmember H. Waters. Motion carried.

**Canal Town Partnership Membership and Town Representative** - **MOTION** by Councilmember R. Waters to approve the \$500 annual Canal Town Membership fee and to appoint Vernell Doyle as the towns Canal Town representative, second by Councilmember McCullough. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS** - A thank you card and letter from the Sharpsburg Elementary School Destination Imagination Team for the towns supporting donation. Mayor Weaver stated that he would like to see a Councilmember serve as a school representative/volunteer. Councilmember Heather Waters volunteered to be the SES rep.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Valentine-Smith  
Town Administrator