

SHARPSBURG MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2026

The Mayor and Council of Sharpsburg, MD held their monthly meeting on Monday, October 5, 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, Councilmembers Heather Waters, Robbie Waters, Anne Marie McCullough and Joe Kudla. Vice Mayor Jacob Martz was absent. Town Administrator Debra Valentine-Smith was in attendance and Zoning Administrator Tim Lung was in attendance via Zoom.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - MOTION by Councilmember Kudla to approve, second by Councilmember R. Waters. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – Rev. Rick Bishop thanked the Mayor and Council for last months donation to the South Washington County CROP Walk for Church World Service. Mayor Weaver asked Rev. Bishop if the Reformed Church has programs established to assist area children in need. He said they do help South County schools with various needs of food, clothing and supplies.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2026. **MOTION** by Councilmember McCullough to approve, second by Councilmember Kudla. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT - September 2026. **MOTION** by Councilmember R. Waters to approve, second by Councilmember H. Waters. Motion carried.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – Tim Lung

- Researched and responded to multiple inquiries and questions regarding zoning, permitting, and code requirements.
- Continued work regarding the Antietam Watershed Afforestation Program with DNR and attended a field meeting to review sites and planting plan.
 - Stakes have been placed in the Historic Park for approved tree plantings and Councilmember R. Waters stated that he will continue to clear around the town pond and treating the invasive trees.
- Reviewed Maryland Dept of Planning 2025 Annual report form and submitted to the Planning Commission for review and comment.
- Issued Code violation notice for tall grass/weeds on a property along W. Main St.
- Met with the County Fire Marshal/Code Official regarding a potential fire safety issue at a residential property on N. Church St. Fire Marshal to issue a letter to the property owner.
- Monitored progress on the Big Spring wall restoration project related to compliance with MDE and Corps of Engineers permit.
- Researched and responded to questions regarding possible use of the former church at the corner of E. Main St. and Church St.
- Searched files and provided documentation related to an MPIA request.
- Continue to monitor Board of County Commissioners meeting agendas for matters relevant to the Town.

MAYORS COMMENT(S) – Mayor Weaver

Mayor Weaver stated that he had three items of focus; the list of trees along Main Street proposed to be trimmed (completed by Councilmember McCullough and Vice-Mayor Martz and submitted to the Town Administrator); a welcome letter for new residents and a list of non-working street lights to be sent to the Town Administrator.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Council Member McCullough – Mayor Weaver asked Councilmember McCullough if she could assist with the onset of work to begin in the Lutheran Cemetery on the 14th.

Council Member Kudla – town street cleaning has been conducted.

Council Member H. Waters – Sharpsburg Day was a great success.

Council Member R. Waters – Contacted DNR regarding the fish rodeo. The pond has been treated for algae. Curb painting will continue next week. Mayor Weaver asked for priority of street signage and also stated that he is looking at the possibility of clearing and opening Alley 12 adding that there is a stone wall along the alley that is one of the nicest ones in the town.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Community Deputy - *M. Deputy Watkins*

Antietam Station - 1 check. Park - 3 checks.

Little League - 3 checks. 120 E Main St. - 1 check.

Traffic Enf. - 2 hours. Calls for Service - 3.

Training - 2 days. Special Events - 1 (Sharpsburg Days).

Total WCSO Events – 42 Accidents - 2

Malicious Destruction of Property - 1

Battlefield Advisory Committee/Antietam Institute - *Chris Vincent*

- Antietam Advisory Committee - no update since last month. The next meeting will be Dec. 9.
- Antietam Institute events - The Antietam Institute invites the community, history enthusiasts, and families alike to celebrate the season at our Holiday Open House. This special festive gathering will bring together holiday cheer, local history, and a very special appearance by Civil War Santa. The event will be on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 2:00 - 4:00 at the Education Center, 101W Main Street.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Brush Collection – October 12-16, Canal Town Meeting – October 14th from 10AM to noon, Trick or Treat – Saturday, October 31st from 6-8 P.M., Miss Sharpsburg 2027 Contest

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chapline Street Drainage Project Bid Review- the project was advertised for bid with two bids received on October 1st. Rowland & Co. @ \$42,810.25 and EXCOUSA, LLC @ \$35,400.00. Both bids well exceeded the engineers estimated project cost of \$21,670.60. **MOTION** by Councilmember Kudla to reject both bids, consider whether there may be additional components involved in the project and make contact with W.C. for additional consultation, second by Councilmember R. Waters. Motion carried.

- The road patch proposal prepared by Huntzberry Brothers was approved to be placed out for bid with the Community Park parking lot project in the September meeting. The parking lot project is being funded through POS and will be done in conjunction with the Community Park Inclusive Play area which is funded through CP&P, both to be done in the spring.
- Recommendation to revise the number of road patch repairs by Huntzberry Brothers to include as many as the \$21, 670.00 originally allotted for the culvert project will cover. **MOTION** by Councilmember R. Waters to have Huntzberry Brothers submit a revised proposal with Tier I repairs to include the additional funding, second by Councilmember Kudla. Motion carried.

MOTION by Councilmember R. Waters to adjourn at 7:52 PM, second by Councilmember Kudla. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Valentine-Smith
Town Administrator