

Town of Sharpsburg



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The minutes of the Council meeting are an overview of business conducted and are not the official minutes of the meeting. The official minutes will be available at the Clerk's office after they are approved by the Mayor and Council at next month's council meeting.

The meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Spielman at 7 pm. The minutes of the April meeting and the April treasurer's report were both accepted as presented.

Public Comment – Meredith Moore: The Sharpsburg Merchant's and Community Association will be meeting on April 29th at 11:30 am. This group is community members, churches and businesses that network together and help promote each other. There is a Facebook page for the group, Visit Sharpsburg Maryland and Sharpsburg! Facebook groups are also associated with that group. Paul Frey from the Chamber of Commerce will be there to discuss how the group can join as a group, and it won't have to be such a burden financially on each individual group.

Perry Jamieson – grading of alleys, can the town get started on that since the weather is nicer? The Mayor stated we would investigate this and see about getting it done

Committee Reports – Parks and Railroad – Fishing Rodeo – May 4th at the Town Pond. Brandon is going to work with Robbie on this 7 am – 12 noon. We will need to order mulch for the park. Robbie estimates 10-12 yards may be needed. It is going to need to be closed and sprayed for weeds. We will need to purchase two "No Dumping" signs and signs that state we will have the park under surveillance.

Building – Nothing to report

Streets – 47 stop signs in Town. About 6 are faded. There are four Stop signs already in the garage.

One Way sign at the Albritton property needs replaced as it is faded beyond recognition.

Need to start a pot hole repair list

Planning and Zoning – Received an email regarding rezoning South Mechanic Street to all being commercial. This would need to be in writing and signed before it can be considered.

Workshops will need to be taken back to being actual workshops. The Ordinances need to be gone through and re-worked.

Battlefield Advisory Committee – Next meeting April 10th

Town Archives – An old chair was found in the town garage from the Redman's Club, that used to meet at Town Hall.

Public Safety – Nothing to report

Mayor's Report – Nothing to report

Old Business

Airbnb Ordinance second reading – public comment from property owners and residents will be taken at 3 minutes each.

We received a letter from Penn Mar Realty group that was received, as well as some good letters from residents during the open comment period. Russ stated that about 15 cases were reviewed, and information was gathered by Kim and Jean Harne.

Planning Commission will be reviewing the document tomorrow night to assure that the ordinance is complete and make sure the language is correct.

Changes:

Line 46 – the 30-day requirement was deleted, so this just puts that back in there

Third Page – middle of the page – making B&B and Airbnb's the same, requirements per the Fire Marshal was added here

Sidewalks – adding this for TC

Line 125 – 129 Bed and Breakfast requirements

Line 191 – 193 Bed and Breakfast and STR caps (limited to eight, or two or less per block)

Item 3 -Pertains to owner or owner occupied

Public Comment

The Council heard public comments on the changes to the ordinance.

Council

Council members had a chance to voice their opinion.

The Mayor felt that the town attorney should be consulted before the ordinance is voted on. The Council decided to continue to the vote. Three voted in favor of the ordinance and one opposed.

Old Business

Needs flags and flag poles – we will check on this and order more

Demolition of Legion – this will be taking place this year

New Business

Brush pick up – It is the hope that this will be held two/three weeks before Memorial Day. This will be put out for bid.

Bulk pickup – We are hoping to have this around the same time as the brush pickup. Once established, Kimberly will get the word out.

QuickBooks - We need to purchase a newer version of QuickBooks, so that we can continue to use all the functions of QuickBooks. Beginning May 31, 2019, our version will not support some applications. This was approved.

The meeting was moved to executive session at 8:15 for personnel issues by Ed and seconded by Darryl. The meeting returned to regular session at 9:09 by Ed seconded by Darryl. Adjourn at 9:09 pm by Michael second by Darryl.

Town News

Town Office Closure

The Clerk will be out of the office on Monday, April 22nd and Monday, April 29th.

Workshop meeting of the Mayor and Council

Workshop meetings of the Mayor and Council are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the council chambers. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 24th. Workshops are open to the public but are not interactive meetings. The public may attend but are not there for participation in the session.

Fishing Rodeo



The annual Town of Sharpsburg Fishing Rodeo will be held on Saturday, May 4th from 7am-10am at the Town Pond, located on South Church Street. This event is open to children ages 15 and under. Admission is free and the event is held rain or shine. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest fish, smallest fish and the most fish in each age category (1-6, 7-11, and 12-15)

Sharpsburg Memorial Day Commemoration



The 152nd Memorial Day Commemoration will be held on Saturday, May 25th. There will be a wreath laying in the square at 11:00 am. The parade will begin at the Sharpsburg Elementary School at 1:30 pm, and will travel down Main Street and end at the Antietam National Cemetery.

If you, or your organization would like to participate in the parade, contact Town Hall at 301-432-4428 or email at townofsharpsburg@comcast.net.

Individual sponsorships and memorials are also being collected for the commemorative book. Sponsorships are \$2 per line, up to three lines. You may email your sponsorship to townofsharpsburg@comcast.net and mail payment to Town of Sharpsburg PO Box 368, Sharpsburg, MD 21782. You may also drop your information and payment off at Town Hall Monday – Thursday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm.

Business owners – would you like to advertise your business in the parade book? Contact Kimberly at Town Hall for information.

Commemorative books will be available for purchase for \$3 each at local businesses and Town Hall in May, date to be determined.

Memorial Day Parade Road Closures

On Saturday, May 25th there will be several road closures to accommodate the wreath laying and parade.

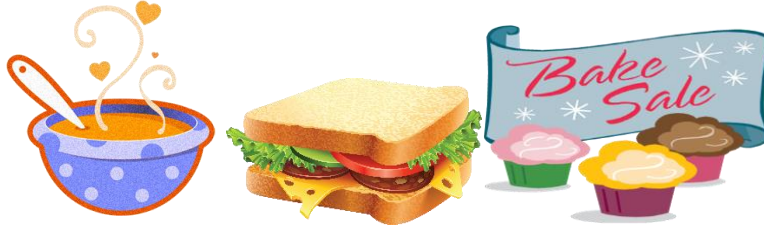
From 11:00 am – 11:45 am – Route 34 (Main Street) will be closed from the intersection of Rt 34 and Rt 65 to the intersection of Route 34 and Hall Streets (at Pete’s Tavern). North and South Mechanic Streets will also be closed at the square for the wreath laying ceremony. Traffic will be able to cross Main Street onto Church Street, and the back streets will be open for travel as well.

From 1:30 pm – approximately 3:00 pm – Main Street will be closed for the parade. No traffic will be allowed to cut through the parade at any time.

Please plan your travel accordingly.

Community News and Events

Antietam Unit 236 American Legion Auxiliary Soup, Sandwich and Bake Sale



Antietam Unit 236 American Legion Auxiliary will be holding their annual soup, sandwich and bake sale on Friday April 19th and Saturday April 20th. Both days the ladies will be in front of the Jefferson Security Bank at 8:00 am until sold out. Chicken noodle soup, chicken corn soup, ham sandwiches, chicken salad sandwiches and assorted baked goods will be available for purchase. Monies raised are put back into the community.

Groundbreaking/Work Day at Mark A. Smith Memorial Park



Join Come All Who are Thirsty Veterans Group (CAWAT) on Sunday, April 28th from 1 pm – 3 pm, in Day 1 of creating the Mark A. Smith Memorial Park in Sharpsburg. The Town of Sharpsburg has donated this piece of land to honor modern-era Veterans; from the Cold War, Persian Gulf, Panama, and Grenada, to Iraq, Africa and Afghanistan. Also featured in the memorial will be a representation of Veterans of ALL eras in a silent dog tag memorial at the completion of this project. Thanks to local Veterans Mike Fasulo, Josh Roll and Ernie Wetterer in donating the first sets of tags, which they wore in their time of service.

The name of the park will remain Mark A. Smith, in honor of the young boy who lost his life many years ago in the nearby creek.

Sharpsburg Merchant's and Community Association

The Sharpsburg Merchant's and Community Association will reconvene in April on Monday, April 29th at Captain Bender's Tavern in their back room at 11:30 am. The group will be appointing a new chairman.

This group is open to all community members, merchants, organizations and churches. This is a networking group for the betterment and camaraderie of the Sharpsburg Community.

Come All Who Are Thirsty

Come All Who Are Thirsty will be having their monthly meeting on Saturday May 4, 2019 at 9:30am at the Burnside Church of God, located at 3904 Mills Road. Breakfast is provided. Come All Who Are Thirsty is open to ALL veterans and their families. First responders and anyone who has an interest in supporting Veterans are also welcome to attend. For more information, visit their website at www.comeallwhoarethirsty.org or call 240-347-7590.

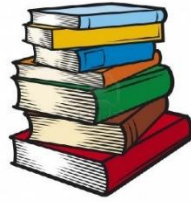
Sharpsburg Ghost Tours

Saturday, April 27th – Post Poultry Swap Ghost Tour to Kick Off the Season. This is a benefit ghost tour for Boonsboro Middle School's FFA.

Saturday, July 6th – Founder's Day Ghost Tour, history of Joseph Chapline and first homes and graveyards of the town. This is a benefit ghost tour for the Founder's Day event

Wednesday, December 4th – Victorian Christmas Ghost Tour, history of life in Sharpsburg after the Civil War and its churches, and Victorian Christmas traditions. This is a benefit ghost tour to benefit the Sharpsburg United Church of Christ and Mt. Vernon Christ Reformed Church in Keedysville.

Happenings at the Sharpsburg Library



For All Ages

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 4 from 9:15 – 1pm

Pick up your free comic book and discover the amazing world of comics!

“Antietam Endgame: The Conclusion of Lee’s Maryland Invasion, September 18-20, 1982”

Thursday, May 9 at 7 pm

The Maryland Campaign did not conclude with the Battle of Antietam, the outcome still hung much in the balance. Sharp fighting at Shepherdstown and Williamsport proved to be the final events that turned one of this nation’s most crucial campaigns into a victory for the United States. Presented by Historic Site Manager and Battlefield Guide, Kevin Pawlak.

Movie Night

Wednesday, May 15 at 6 pm

A Dog’s Way Home (Rated PG)

GSK Science in the Summer

June 25-27 from 2 – 3:30 for children entering grades 3-6

Through hands-on exploration, discover how food becomes our body’s fuel, where oxygen goes when we breathe it, how our brains interpret the world and what role DNA plays in making us who we are.

Registration opens May 1. Call the Library at 301-432-8825

Town Government

Town Office – 301-432-4428

Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Zoning Administrator hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 12 noon

Additional hours for the Clerk and Zoning Administrator are available by appointment

Mayor and Council

Hal Spielman – Mayor	301-432-6854
Russ Weaver – Vice Mayor (Planning & Zoning)	301-432-5907
Ed Beeler – Councilperson (Town Archives & Historical Planning)	301-800-6877
Darryl Benner – Councilperson (Public Safety)	301-991-2230
Michael Carr – Councilperson (Town Buildings)	301-991-6988
Robbie Waters – Councilperson (Parks)	240-382-4561

Staff

Kimberly Fulk – Town Clerk/Treasurer/ Tax Collector	301-432-4428
Kerry Anderson – Zoning Administrator	301-432-4428

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