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COUNCIL NEWS

These minutes are not the official minutes, nor are they a complete review of the business conducted. Requests for a copy of the complete minutes may be requested from the town clerk.

The meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:02pm. All members were present, as well as Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved, with all ayes for approval. (There was no meeting in July.) The treasurer's reports from both June and July were approved, with all ayes for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Lauren Wolfe presented the council with some helpful information in regards to getting the town and its people prepared in the event of a natural disaster, such as hurricanes. Kimberly will include this useful information in the crier.

A representative of Mr. Ellis Keyfauber was present to inform the council that Mr. Keyfauber has placed his property off of West Antietam Street up for sale. Mr. Keyfauber is questioning if the town would annex the property or perhaps extend Antietam Street to his property. This item will be discussed in a closed session this evening.

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Councilperson Cathy Hull showed the council a banner that the Antietam Remembrance walk committee would like the town to put up to advertise the Antietam Remembrance Walk on September 16th. The council had no objections to the sign being placed on a pole in the town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Railroad Station— Many thanks to Bryan Gabriel and JR Knight for spreading the mulch at the playground. The town is still waiting on a response to see if we were awarding grant money to place some benches and new trash receptacles at the park.

Building— The roof is leaking in at least two different places in town hall. Kimberly will call some roofing companies for estimates to fix this.

Streets— There are a few stop signs in the town that need straightened. The Mayor will look into taking care of these.

Planning and Zoning— Need new data from the county to properly finish the Comp Plan. Kimberly has been in touch with Jill Baker in regards to this.

Battlefield Advisory Committee—Mr. Jamieson reported that Lee's lost orders have been found and are on display at the Monocacy Battlefield until October 31st. He also reported that with the 150th Anniversary of the Bat-

tle of Antietam nearing, the best thing to do for event information is to go on the national park website. He will bring the complete report to Kimberly to be placed in the crier. **Mayor's Report**— The Town of Williamsport is sponsoring a concert on September 15th in an effort to raise money for projects to assist with the Watershed Implementation Plan. They are asking for help from other municipalities, both through donations of materials, help with advertising, etc. They are willing to split the proceeds with all the municipalities that are willing to help. Unfortunately with that being the same weekend as the heritage festival, the town will be unable to assist with this project. Kimberly will notify Mr. Stottleyer, the clerk of Williamsport.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Watershed Implementation Plan**— The county has set up meetings in order for towns to attend and understand the plan and the projects associated with the plan. Cathy and Jennifer have agreed to attend these meetings and report back to the council. The first meeting is Friday, September 7th at 10am.
2. **Budget**—The budget for fiscal 2012-2013 was moved for approval by Jennifer and seconded by Cathy. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Audit**—After several calls to

several accounting firms, Smith, Elliott, Kerns and Company has agreed to do the audit for the town once again this year. It was moved by Jennifer and seconded by Darryl to have them complete the audit. The motion carried.

The meeting was moved into closed session to discuss legal matters of the town by Cathy at 8:12pm and seconded by Jennifer. The meeting was returned to open session at 8:40pm and was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4th at 7pm.

TOWN HALL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOWN OFFICE CLOSURE

The town office will be closed on Thursday, August 23rd and Monday, September 3rd.

LABOR DAY TRASH PICK UP



Trash pick up for the week of September 2, 2012 will be delayed by one day in observance of Labor Day.

The Town of Sharpsburg is now on Facebook

The Town of Sharpsburg now has a facebook page. The address to the page is www.facebook.com/TheTownofSharpsburg. Go to the page and click "Like" to be kept up to date on office closures, community news and events and to view pictures of town events.

Community News and Events



Sharpsburg Historical Society Presents Garnet W. Jex Exhibit at Washington County Arts Council Gallery; Co-Sponsored by CVB

The Sharpsburg Historical Society presents an exhibit of 51 watercolors by Garnet W. Jex at the Washington County Arts Council Gallery, 14 West Washington Street, Hagerstown from September 7 through October 2

Jex produced paintings between 1962 and 1965 as part of the centennial anniversary of the Civil War. The paintings depict battles and events along the Upper Potomac, as well as along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and the Antietam Creek between 1859 and 1863.

The free opening reception on Friday, September 7 from 5-7pm will include remarks by John Frye, historian, who helped with the 1967 exhibit of 12 of the paintings at the Washington County Free Library. Clifford Springer, antique and fine arts appraiser will share thoughts about the art and its value.

Prints of the 10 images will be offered as well as note cards of 12 of the images. A full-color reproduction of the 1965 booklet published with the partnership of the Harpers Ferry Historical Association will also be available. Purchases of the images, not cards and book will benefit the Arts Council and the Sharpsburg Historical Society.

Two additional programs are scheduled, one on September 14 and another on September 28 at 5:45 each evening. The September program by Tim Snyder will explore the historical aspects and significance of the events of the paintings. The September 28 program by the Executive Director of the Harpers Ferry Historical Association, Debbie Piscitelli, will be "Jex: The Artist and the Art."

For more information, contact Sharpsburg Historical Society President, Vernell Doyle at 301-992-9767.

150th Anniversary Reenactment of the Battle of Antietam



Civil War Heritage, Inc. has procured over 400 acres of land on Bakersville Road off of Route 65 on which the epic event of the Battle of Antietam will be reenacted as it happened 150 years ago. Included in this event will be battle reenactments, living history village, Sutler Row (vendors,) and military camps. Happening September 15th and 16th, tickets can be purchased by contacting the Mason-Dixon Boy Scout Council at 301-739-1211. Tickets may also be purchased through the event's web site at www.150thantietamreenactment.com, or from the Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 301-791-3246.

Remembering Antietam—Antietam Remembrance Walk from Sharpsburg to Shepherdstown



On Sunday, September 16th, there will be a walk from Sharpsburg to Shepherdstown commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Antietam. The three mile commemorative walk will begin at 5:30pm in Sharpsburg. All are welcome to participate in remembering this historic event.

One hundred and fifty years ago, two small towns in adjoining states got caught up in the nasty business of war. On one day, the fields of Antietam were witness to the bloodiest battle of not only the Civil War, but every war in the history of the United States. The two armies were gone as quickly as they had come, leaving behind a horrifying scene of destruction. Of the 23,000 dead and wounded that lay on the battlefield that day, 10,000 casualties walked or were carried to Shepherdstown. Virtually every available building from townhouse to church was opened by the citizenry between the two towns to serve as a hospital or morgue for the wounded and dead of both sides.

The September 16th journey will be along the same route taken by thousands of wounded men on their way to receive whatever help they could find. The walk is meant to honor the fallen that fought and died in those fields that day, but just as important, it is also a tribute to the citizens of Sharpsburg and Shepherdstown who cared for the wounded, buried the dead, and found a way to get back to the business of living.

For more information on the Antietam Remembrance Walk and to register for this free event, please go to www.antietamremembrance.org.

Sharpsburg Heritage Festival

The Sharpsburg Heritage Festival will be held Saturday, September 15th from 10am-6pm and Sunday, September 16th from 10am-5pm, on the square and throughout the town in Sharpsburg.

The festival committee has planned a fun-filled weekend of vendors, music, authors, book signings, lectures, food, horse and wagon rides, petting zoo for the children, and much, much more!

There will be a heritage dance on the square, Saturday from 7pm-9pm, Dutch oven cook-off Saturday from 10am-3pm and a Community Civil War Reenactment Church Service on the square on Sunday from 10am-11am.

Come support the festival and the committee members that have been working diligently to bring you this fun-filled event.

For more information visit www.sharpsburgheritagefestival.com.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Commemorates Battle of Sharpsburg on September 16th

St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 209 West Main Street, which served as a field hospital during the Battle of Sharpsburg, will hold two church services on Sunday, September 16th. The early service will take place at 8am. This service will be a Spoken Liturgy (without music) offering Holy Communion. The second service begins at 10am and includes Holy Communion and Hymns.

Also on that Sunday afternoon, St. Paul's will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Sharpsburg. A half hour program of Civil War period sacred music and a brief talk on the impact of war on our community of faith will be offered free of charge to the public at 1pm and 3pm.

Please join us in our beautiful, little stone church on Main Street to remember our heritage.

Sharpsburg Bible Church Celebrate 140th Anniversary

Sharpsburg Bible Church just recently celebrated their 140th anniversary. The church has had three church buildings in Sharpsburg over their years. Two ministers who attended all three churches still attend, Rev. Ralph Jamison and Rev. Harold Eversole. A childhood resident of Sharpsburg, Rev. Gene Renner, has pastored this church for the past 35 years with his wife, Erma, serving as pianist and teacher, among various other jobs. They just celebrated 50 years of marriage! Congratulations Sharpsburg Bible Church and Pastor and Mrs. Renner.

-Darlene Hoffman

Joint Veterans Council Teams with the town to honor local servicemen



Pictured above, from left to right: Major Retired Dieter Protsch, Mayor Hal Spielman, Peter Callas, Phil Stotelmyer and Lawrence Hoffman

Recently, Major Retired Dieter Protsch, Peter Callas and Phil Stotelmyer of the Joint Veterans Council, Antietam Post 236 Commander Lawrence Hoffman and the Town of Sharpsburg started a project of placing names beside some of the street signs in Sharpsburg. These signs have the names of nine servicemen killed in war. Since 1987, the Joint Veterans Council has placed 300 signs and replaced 50 that were damaged by weather or people. The signs are placed on the street signs where the servicemen lived when he joined the service.

-Darlene Hoffman

Battlefield Advisory Committee



The park held its annual Maryland Symphony Orchestra concert on July 7th. It was a hot day and attendance was lighter than usual, but the event was a success.

The cultural resources management staff stained the timbers of the National Cemetery Rostrum and have been painting the Pry house front porch and windows.

The staff completed two new brochures—a West Woods trail guide and an artillery guide—which are now at the printers. They will be sold in the park bookstore. The text has also been finalized for the wayside exhibits that will be placed at the new artillery locations. The Save Historic Antietam Foundation is funding these waysides.

Check the battlefield's website or at the Visitors Center for information about the many one hundred and fiftieth battle anniversary programs and activities, which will be running through, and after, the weekend of September 15th and 16th.

-Mr. Perry Jamison

Hurricane Safety

Thanks to Mr. Lauren Wolfe for sharing this information in regards to preparing for a natural disaster, such as a hurricane.

- * You should always, even before a predicted storm, have extra food, water and over the counter medical supplies on hand
- * Once threatened with a storm, check medications to assure that you have enough on hand to last at least 1 1/2 weeks
- * Have a Plan of Action; whether this is to leave a flood zone area and stay with family or friends, travel to a non-flood zone area, etc.
- * If you choose to leave your home, try to board up windows, and if possible, move valuables and furniture to higher stories
- * Keep away from water, especially water that has come into contact with downed power lines. Do Not wade in streams, creeks or rivers
- * Always keep yourself and your vehicle away from areas of rising and especially flowing water, as this could result in drowning

Town Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-2:00pm (Additional hours by appointment)	
Hal Spielman, Mayor	432-6854
Bryan Gabriel, Vice Mayor	432-2478
COUNCIL	
Darryl Benner	991-2230
Cathy Hull	304-279-8440
Jennifer Silbert	432-7984
Brandon Smith	432-1941
TOWN OFFICIALS	
Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk	301-302-7347
Debra Jamison, Tax Collector	432-6572
Patti Hammond, Planning Com.	432-5965
Anna Jamison, Election Board	432-6572

TOWN ORGANIZATIONS		
Am Leg. Aux.	Ava Gift	432-6658
Am. Legion	Lawrence Hoffman	432-8957
Hist. Society	Vernell Doyle	992-9767
Mt. View Cemetery	Hal Spielman	432-6854
Cub Scouts	Michael Miles	432-0275
Boy Scouts	John Stewart	432-0564
CHURCHES		
Brethren	Lilly Grayson	432-6174
Bible	Rev. Gene Renner	739-1882
Episcopal	Carolyn Shaw	791-3357
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UCC	Melissa Reiff	465-9411

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