

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

Linda Irvin-Craig of Children's Village was present to provide the Mayor and Council with an overview of the facility and wanted to share the information with the Towns that made this happen.

Public Comment

Meredith Poffenberger presented a detailed proposal to the Mayor and Council with the proposed route for the wagon rides through town. Mayor Spielman was concerned with the end of the alley by the Marketplace at Potomac Street and the alley from High Street to Church Street, as it is very steep. Meredith stated that she would look at those areas and have the horse and wagon company take a ride on the route to get their thoughts.

Mayor Spielman asked Meredith about insurance for the event; as the Town would not be sponsoring the event, or using their insurance for the event. Meredith said that the wagon company would have insurance as they are an independent contractor. She is not sure if any of the dates will work with the company's yet, but she just wanted the town to be aware.

The Sharpsburg Christmas Committee would also like to sell wooden Christmas Trees for residents to display in front of their property. The Mayor asked that the trees not be placed on the sidewalk or in the right of way.

South County Little League and Antietam Youth Athletic League were present in regards to the Little League Agreement with the Town. Michael moved to sign an agreement with South County Little League for one year and Darryl seconded the motion.

Vernell Doyle read a letter from the Sharpsburg Historical Society regarding the Society doing conservation work at the cemetery on North Hall Street and they would like a letter from the Town

giving them permission to do so. Russ moved to allow the work to commence and Darryl seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Parks and Railroad Station – nothing to report

Building – The Fire Alarm Panel needs repairs that will cost approx. \$1,400.00. The motion carried for the repairs to be made. It was brought up to move the Veteran plaques from in the bulletin board in front of Town Hall to their own case, either in front of Town Hall or inside. Mayor Spielman will ask the Joint Veterans Council what they would prefer, as they purchased the plaques for display.

Streets – still compiling a list of potholes to be filled

Planning and Zoning – Russ attended the BZA hearing with the County in regards to setbacks for the new school. Washington County Public Schools will be having a meeting on December 19th in regards to the new school design.

Battlefield Advisory Committee – Mr. Vincent shared that the sidewalk in the National Cemetery is about half way finished. Wreaths Across America is December 16th. The next meeting of the committee will be January 3.

Public Safety – Darryl reported that the EMS facilities are almost complete and may be completed in February.

Town Archives & Historical Planning – Ed was not present to report

Mayor's Report – Nothing to report

Old Business

The Council held a vote on Ordinance 2017-001: Establishing school zones and authorizing the use of speed monitoring systems at the school. There was no one in attendance at the Public Hearing regarding the Ordinance. Darryl moved to adopt the Ordinance and Michael seconded. The motion carried.

New Business

The January meeting will be held on Monday January 8, 2018 at 7pm, as the first Monday is the New Year's holiday.

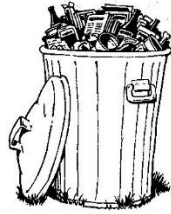
The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.

Town News

Town Office Closures

The Town Office will be closed Thursday December 21 – Tuesday December 26. We will re-open on Wednesday December 27. The office will also be closed Monday January 1, 2018 and Tuesday January 2, 2018.

Trash Delays



Due to the holidays, trash collection will be delayed by one day the week of December 24 and December 31. Trash should be placed out for pick up on Wednesday after 4pm for Thursday pick up these two weeks.

January Meeting Date for the meeting of the Mayor and Council

Due to the holiday, the January meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Monday January 8, 2018 at 7pm in Town Hall.

Employment Opportunity

The Town of Sharpsburg is seeking a Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer. Duties include:

- Review and be familiar with Zoning Ordinances of the Town and County
- Accept building permits, review and sign off on/deny permits
- Maintain a working, professional relationship with the town clerk, Mayor and Council
- Visit properties applying for permits to familiarize self with the area
- Once permits are received from the county, review to assure they are correct and no changes were made to said permit after it left the town office
- Attend hearings if needed
- Attend monthly meetings of the Mayor and Council if needed
- Post properties that are having a hearing
- Send letters to applicants explaining denial of a permit
- Send letters to neighbors in the case of a Special Exception
- Review and Research town complaints
- Draft documents to non-compliant property owners and copy to tax collector

This position will require approximately 6-10 hours per week, but may require more, depending on certain situations. Wage is based on experience.

If you would like to apply for this position, please send your resume, along with a cover letter to Town of Sharpsburg, PO Box 368 Sharpsburg, MD 21782, or via email at townofsharpsburg@comcast.net.
Deadline for receiving resumes is Monday January 15, 2018.

Community Events and News

December 19th – Luminary distribution at Captain Bender’s Tavern at 2pm – Those that live on Main Street will receive 10 paper bags for display on December 24th. If you have questions, contact The Marketplace of Sharpsburg at 301-432-0104

December 21st – Santa will be visiting the Sharpsburg Library at 3:30pm. Bring the children and your camera.

December 22nd – **Winter Solstice Church & Graveyard Tour** – Sharpsburg Ghost Tours. Call 301-991-0265 to reserve your spot or if you have questions

January 11th – Movie night for Adults at the Sharpsburg Library. The movie *Dunkirk* (Rated PG-13) will be shown. *Dunkirk* depicts the Dunkirk evacuation of World War II.

January 18th at 7pm, Sharpsburg Library– American Coverlets of the 19th Century – Sharpsburg resident Mike Pasquerette, a volunteer and former board member of the National Museum of the American Coverlet will discuss the types, materials required and those who wove coverlets. Several coverlets and photographs will be on display, including coverlets made by a prominent weaver near Sharpsburg during the Civil War.

If you have news or events that you would like included in the Crier, send your information to townofsharpsburg@comcast.net by the 10th of each month to be included in that month’s Crier.

Town Government

Town Office – 301-432-4428

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

Zoning Administrator hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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)	301-992-2230
Michael Carr – Councilperson (Town Buildings)	301-991-6988
Brandon Smith – Councilperson (Parks & Railroad)	301-491-4866
Tamara White – Councilperson (Streets)	301-432-7754
Kimberly Fulk – Town Clerk/Treasurer/ Tax Collector	301-432-4428

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