

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 at 7 pm by Mayor Hal Spielman. The minutes of the June meeting and the June financial report were both approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Perry Jamison asked the Mayor and Council if it would be possible to re-grade the alley that is located between him and his neighbor. With all the rains, it has gotten pretty washed out. The Town will have Jeter paving take a look at it for their recommendation. It was also suggested to have the alley behind West Chapline Street evaluated for paving, as it washes out with the rain with most rains that come through.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Railroad Station: Brandon was absent, but he sent an email to Kimberly in regards to the fencing at the Mark Smith Park. He has one quote and is awaiting another.

Building: The railings in front of Town Hall are in need of re-painting. We will see if the inmates will be able to complete this project. It was also suggested to put a cover over the thermostat in the council chambers.

Streets: The estimate to fill the potholes throughout the town and alley came in at around \$6,475 by Jeter Paving. We will go ahead and have them take care of this as soon as their schedule allows.

Planning and Zoning: The Planning and Zoning Committee met in regards to a BZA hearing that is scheduled for July 23rd in regards to a Farmers Market being held on the property where the BP station was located and the property beside it at 130 East Main Street. The Planning Commission voiced their concerns and opinions with the proposed use of the property and have compiled a letter to the BZA in

regards to their opinions and recommendations. One recommendation was that the Town may want to consider holding a Farmers Market that is Town-run, with members of the community that the Town picks to assist with this effort. A motion was made by Russ and seconded by Ed for the Planning Commission to create an Ordinance regarding Farmers Markets to bring to the Mayor and Council for review. The motion carried.

Battlefield Advisory Committee: The meeting has been moved from July 11 to July 25. The New York Monument preservation will be continuing soon

Public Safety: Darryl has discovered some street signs that need to be replaced and/or straightened

Town Archives & Historical Planning: Ed reported that Founders Day was a success. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. 56 individuals visited the Sharpsburg Heritage Museum. The Town received a proclamation from the Town of Sharpsburg, PA, congratulating us on our 255th, as well as the Governor's office and the County Commissioners. The committee enjoyed working on the celebration and will be planning one again next year.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Spielman read a thank you note from Janelle Armstrong, Miss Antietam's Outstanding Teen, thanking the Town for allowing her to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. A thank you note was also read from the New Horizon's Band, thanking the Town for the donation for them to participate in Founders Day. The Town of Sharpsburg, PA would like to be a sister city with the Town of Sharpsburg. This will be discussed at the workshop meeting.

Old Business

Budget for FY 2019: This was approved.

School Agreement: This was approved.

Tree City USA: A suggestion was brought to the Council for the Town to become a Tree City. The Council declined to join at this time.

Cameras at park: It was approved to add cameras at the park.

New Business

September Meeting Date: The September 2018 meeting will be held Monday September 10th, due to the Labor Day holiday.

Airbnb: The legality of an Airbnb in town was discussed. This issue will be given to Mr. Long for investigation.

The meeting was moved to closed session at 8:36 pm to discuss personnel issues. The meeting was returned to open session and adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Town News

Workshop Meeting of the Mayor and Council

The workshop meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held Wednesday July 25th at 6:30 pm.

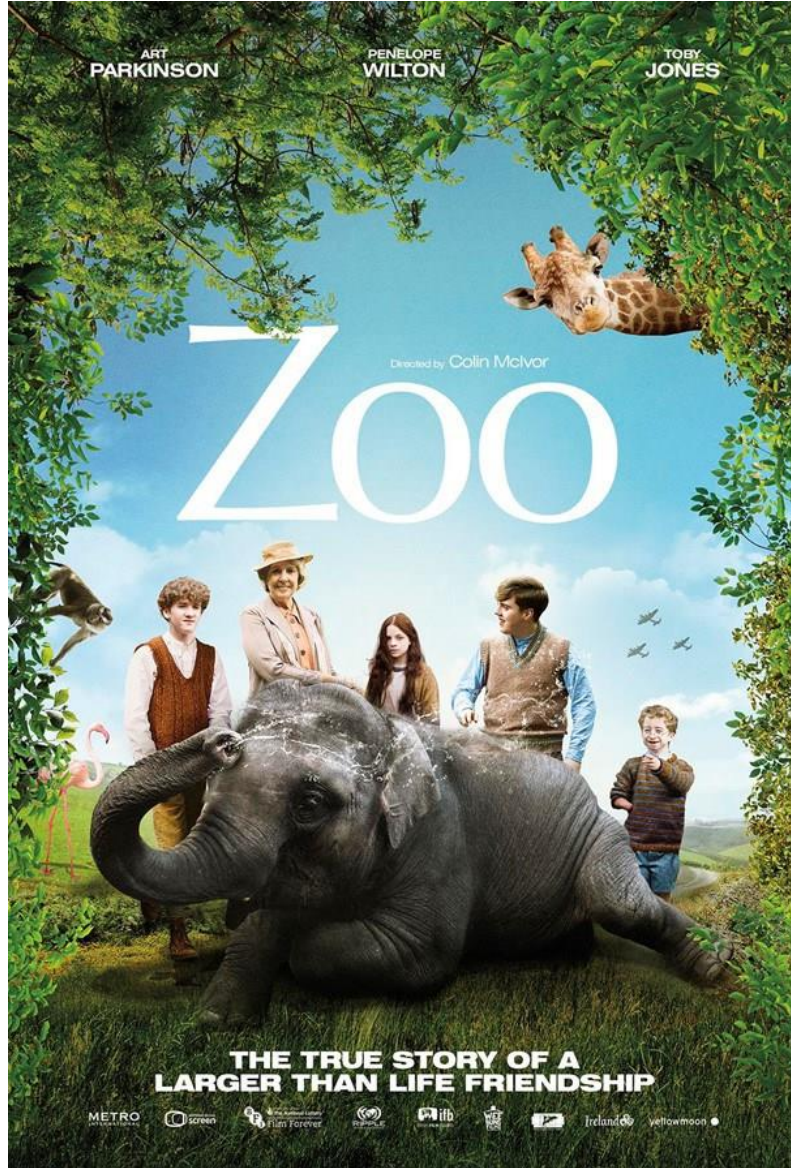
Workshops are open to the public, but are not interactive meetings.

Workshops of the Mayor and Council are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Town Office Closure

The Town Office will be closed July 30- August 3, 2018. If you have an emergency during this time, please contact Mayor Hal Spielman at 301-432-6854.

Outdoor Summer Movie August 24, 2018 at 9:00 pm (or dusk)



Join the Town of Sharpsburg and the Sharpsburg Library Friday August 24th at the Sharpsburg Little League Field on High Street for an outdoor movie! Movie will start at dusk; approximately 9:00 pm. The little league concession stand will be open.

Bring your chairs, blankets and enjoy a free movie!

Zoo is based on the true story of a group of friends that fight to save a baby elephant during the air raids on Belfast in 1941.

Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing Cancelled

The hearing that was scheduled for Monday July 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm for “An Appeal Charging Error in Administrative ruling or Action” regarding the denial of a Farmers Market at the former BP Station property and at the property located at 130 East Main Street, has been cancelled. The request for the hearing was withdrawn by the applicant.

Coresponding with the Town Clerk

The Town Clerk is in the office Monday-Thursday between the hours of 8:30 am-2:00 pm. She can be reached during those hours via telephone at 301-432-4428 or via email at townofsharpsburg@comcast.net. If you telephone after hours, there is voice mail available, and your call will be returned the next business day. Please do not send private messages or emails to the Clerk's personal accounts.

Town Hall Advertising

The door to Town Hall received a facelift prior to Memorial Day. With our new professional door, we will no longer be placing advertisements, announcements or information on it. This information will be placed in the bulletin board cabinet to the left of the Town Hall door.

Big Spring

We are aware of the situation with the Big Spring being out of its banks. This has been addressed to the Maryland Department of the Environment and they are working on permission and plans to get the spring back in its banks. Please use caution when traveling through Big Spring Alley, and please refrain from disturbing the spring, so that the MDE can effectively complete the task of correcting the problem.

Community News and Events

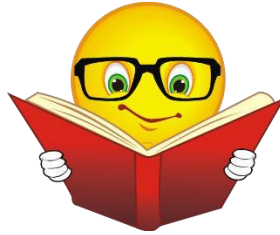
Come All Who Are Thirsty

Come All Who Are Thirsty will be having their monthly meeting on Saturday August 4, 2018 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 Merchant's and Community Association

The Sharpsburg Merchant's and Community Association meet the last Monday of each month at 11:30am and again at 7:00pm. The July meeting will be held on July 30, place to be determined. Contact Meredith Poffenberger Moore for more information 301-991-0265.

Happenings at the Sharpsburg Library



August 1 – 4:00 pm: In honor of “Libraries Rock”, show off your creative side by painting some rocks or explore the world of technology with “rocking robots.”

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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