



Town of Sharpsburg Town Crier



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Town Council Minutes

These are not the “official” minutes of the meeting, they are an overview of the business that was conducted. Official minutes can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

The meeting of the Sharpsburg Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:45pm by Mayor Spielman. Prior to calling the meeting to order, Joe Caha from the Antietam Train Station came to discuss some structural issues and changes that need to be made to the station to keep it up and running. Kimberly will arrange a meeting with the town, the train station members and the Maryland Historical Trust to discuss what needs to be done and what they will allow to be done, since this building has been deemed a “historical structure.”

The minutes of the February meeting and the Treasurer’s report were both approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Railroad Station: We will need to have the Port-A-Pots placed at the park and the pond for the spring and summer months. Kimberly will arrange this. The Department of Natural Resources will need to be contacted in regards to an erosion issue with the pond. The Fishing Rodeo will be held Saturday, May 4th at the pond from 7am-11am for children 0-15 years of age.

Building: We will check with Harrell’s Services regarding a maintenance contract.

Planning and Zoning: Patty Hammond, Planning Committee Chair, will be attending the April meeting to address questions about the Comprehensive Plan.

Battlefield Advisory Committee: This meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3rd.

Public Safety: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Canal Towns Representative: Brenda has agreed to attend the next meeting.

250th Commemoration: This will be held on Sunday, July 7, 2013. A final schedule is still being nailed down for the festivities.

Christmas tree Removal: This needs to be taken down, however we are still awaiting the cap to cover the pipe that the Christmas tree is standing in.

NEW BUSINESS

Lawn Care Contract: It was agreed upon to continue with Hoff and Hoff Lawn Care for another year. We are also going to continue using the inmates to clean up the pond area, cut brush and limbs, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm. The next meeting will be Monday, April 1, 2013 at 7pm.

A Little Piece of History

This month, I thought it would be fun to include pictures of history that are around Sharpsburg and see how many you can get right. Next month I will include the answers and some interesting facts about each place. Good luck!



Upcoming Events

Sharpsburg Heritage Festival Meeting

The next meeting of the Sharpsburg Heritage Festival will be on Thursday, March 28th at 7pm at town hall. Everyone is welcome to attend!

250th Committee Meeting

The 250th committee of the Sharpsburg Commemoration celebration will be meeting on March 25th at 7pm in Town Hall. So far, the events being planned are:

- Wreath laying at the Chapline Plot in Mt. View Cemetery
- Old fashioned Ice Cream Social
- Signage placed at the Great Spring with a ceremony to commemorate the placement
- Raffle to raise money for the Historical Society
- Book Launch at the library
- A register book and information area

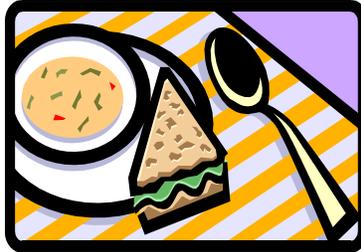
These events are still in the stages of planning and volunteers and ideas are always welcome! Come out to the meeting and be a part of this historical event!

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Battle of Sharpsburg Camp #1582, Sons of Confederate Veterans, will meet Wednesday, April 3rd at 7pm at Town Hall. The guest speaker will be Mr. Mark Brugh, who will be giving a walking tour around Sharpsburg in which he will talk about the history of the town and the aftermath of the battle on the local citizens. The tour will be about an hour and a half, so wear comfortable shoes. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Commander Michael Wasiljov at 301-992-3122.

Community News

Sandwich, Soup and Bake Sale



Antietam Unit 236 American Legion Auxiliary will be holding their annual Soup, Sandwich and Baked Goods Sale on March 29th and March 30th, both days beginning at 9am until they are sold out. They will be set up in front of the Jefferson Security Bank on Main Street. Items being sold include: Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Chicken Noodle Soup, Chicken Corn Soup and various baked goodies! Come out and support this worthy organization. All profits are put right back into the community.

Antietam Unit 236 American Legion Auxiliary Presents Blue Star Banner



Pictured from left to right are Venetta Potts, Darlene Hoffman, Kathy Jones, Ava Gift and Linda May

Antietam Unit 236, Sharpsburg American Legion Auxiliary President Ava Gift, Chaplain Darlene Hoffman, members Venetta Potts and Linda May presented a Blue Star Service Banner to Kathy Jones at the Sharpsburg Bible Church monthly Bible Study meeting on Saturday, March 16th.

Upon receiving the banner, she said that she and her husband Mark, who live in Greencastle, Pa, will be displaying the blue star banner on Blake's bedroom window.

Her son, Pfc Blake Poffenberger, is serving in the Marines, at Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri in Motor Transport Training. He is a 2012 graduate of James Buchanan High School.

He is also the son of Randy Poffenberger who is a Marine veteran. He is the maternal grandson of Pastor Gen and Erma Renner and paternal grandson of Ralph and Carolyn Poffenberger. Both of his grandfathers are Army Veterans.

When presenting the banner on behalf of all members of Antietam Unit 236, Gift thanked Jones for her son's service to our Country and stated that she should know that when our heads are bowed in prayer, that her son, along with all our military have been included.

- Ava Gift

Announcements

As warm weather is approaching, please be aware that just as we are anxious to get out and get moving, that our rodent and bug friends are too. Please be aware of items that are thrown out into your yard, such as old food items, that may attract these creatures not only to your house, but to your neighbor's homes as well. Doing so not only attracts these creatures, but causes a health and safety hazard for you and your neighbor's.

Annual Fishing Rodeo

The annual fishing rodeo is slated to be held on Saturday, May 4th from 7am-11am at the town pond off of South Church Street. This event is a free event open to children aged 0 to 15. The children enjoy this activity and it gives them a chance to learn about fish and fishing while having fun. Volunteers are always welcome and greatly appreciated! Contact the town office if you would like to volunteer.

