

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 are available at the Clerk's office.

The meeting of the Sharpsburg Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Hal Spielman at 7:00pm.

The minutes of the February meeting and the February treasurer's report were both approved as presented.

Mayor Spielman opened and read the sealed bids for Mowing, Trimming and Grounds Maintenance of Town Property. Hoff & Hoff Lawn Care was awarded the bid.

Public Comment

Liz Stefanik, President and Founder of PurrHaven, a Feral Cat Rescue Service, spoke with the Mayor and Council about her program, which encourages citizens that have or feed feral cats, to take them to her organization for spaying or neutering for a donation. The cats are spayed and neutered, microchipped, and then released. They are working on a grant that will present them with grant money to do this at no cost. Last year, they had 108 cats from the Fairplay/Sharpsburg area that they were able to take care of. Anyone that has feral cats on their property is encouraged to contact PurrHaven, so that they can assist with spaying, neutering and microchipping, to help control the feral cat population.

Keith Moore from Frederick Seibert & Associates presented the Mayor and Council with updated plans for the East Chapline Street project. The bid notice is complete and ready to be published, the bid packets are complete and ready for distribution. It was moved and seconded to proceed to the bid phase of the project. Bids will be handled by Frederick Seibert & Associates. There will be a pre-bid conference at Town Hall and at the site. Bids will be opened at the April 4th meeting. Kimberly will get fliers out to the homeowners, informing them of this process and to encourage them to come to the meeting April 4th, especially if they still have questions.

The road will need to be closed during this project, with the contractor providing homeowners access to their property.

Committee Reports

Parks & Railroad Station: Russ met with members of the Antietam Station in regards to extending the lease. They are fine with the Town writing up a lease extension and they will review it. Kimberly will work on this.

Building: Mayor Spielman met with a gentleman from CES in regards to the lights in Town Hall. Eventually the fluorescent lights and fixtures will be phased out and LED lights will be the new product

to use. Currently the new LED lights are \$125 each, with a \$90 rebate. If we go ahead and replace the lights and fixtures, we can take advantage of this rebate. The Council was onboard with this idea.

Mayor Spielman will proceed with the paperwork and approvals.

Streets: There are several potholes that will need attention. Kimberly is maintaining a list of these, and we will work on getting these filled when weather conditions improve.

Planning & Zoning: The Comprehensive Plan is complete, except for maps. Kimberly will re-send these to Russ so that they can be included. Russ will send the completed Plan to everyone once he obtains the maps.

Battlefield Advisory Committee: The March meeting was cancelled.

Public Safety: Old BP Station. We still have very vague information on this property and what is going on. Kimberly will write a letter to the owner of the property and ask them to attend the April meeting, so that we can keep communication open on this property.

Mayor's Report: Friends of Tolson's Chapel will be having a fundraiser on April 9th from 6-9pm at the Academy Theater in Hagerstown. It was moved and approved to purchase a table of 8 for the Town. Kimberly will get this to the Friends to reserve our spot.

Old Business

Legion Building: David Cotton will be here with his team on March 15th to tour the building and discuss what grants he feels that we could apply for. Kimberly will notify everyone of the time once that has been set.

Children at Play Signs: Kimberly will need to order 2 for W Chapline Street

New Business

Sponsorship of a movie with the library: It was approved to co-sponsor an outdoor movie with the library again this spring/summer. Details will be released once a date has been established.

Slave Block: With the fate of the BP station structure unknown, there is some concern that if they demolish the property, that the slave block could be damaged. Kimberly will include this in the letter to the owner of the property, reminding them that it is there and asking them if it would be better to remove it and replace it, once demolition is complete.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Town News

149th Memorial Day Commemoration Activities



Memorial Day Commemoration activities will take place on Saturday, May 28th. The wreath laying ceremony will take place in the square at 11am. Come out and honor those that have served, and continue to serve in our military!

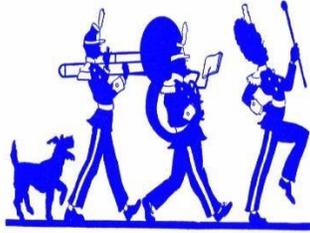
The parade will begin at 1:30pm at Sharpsburg Elementary School, will travel down Main Street and conclude at the Antietam National Cemetery.

**** ROADS CLOSED**** From 11:00am-11:45am, Main Street from the intersection of Rt 34 and Rt 65 to the intersection of Rt 34 and Hall Streets will be closed. During this time, Antietam and Chapline Streets will be open for travel. From 1:30pm-3:00pm, Rt 34 (Main Street) will be closed, so please plan your travel to and from Sharpsburg accordingly.

Memorials and Individual Sponsorship of the Parade

Memorials and individual sponsorship of the parade is available for purchase now at Town Hall. Memorials include a line in the parade book dedicated to your loved one. Individual sponsorship of the parade, which includes your name in the parade book, is also available. Memorials and sponsorships are available for \$2 per line (up to three (3) lines.) Pre-orders of parade books are also available for \$2. See Kimberly in Town Hall Monday-Thursday from 8:30am-1:30pm to place your sponsorships and/or to order your parade books. Orders can also be emailed to the town at townofsharpsburg@comcast.net, with payment being mailed to the town at Town of Sharpsburg PO Box 368, Sharpsburg MD 21782. Orders and payment must be received by May 2, 2016

Parade Participation



If you or your organization would like to participate in the parade, contact Kimberly at Town Hall at 301432-4428, or email townofsharpsburg@comcast.net.

Community News and Events

Western Maryland District American Legion Auxiliary Host Party at Veterans Affairs Medical Center



Front Row: L to R American Legion Auxiliary Department President Doris Reynolds, Clowns: Judy Mason, Darlene Eichelberger, and Ava Gift.

Second Row L to R: Western Maryland District American Legion President Cindy Shriner and Department American Legion Commander Lewis Trott

On Thursday, February 18, 2016, the Western Maryland District American Legion Auxiliary hosted a party for National Salute to Veteran Patients at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Martinsburg, WV. The emcee for the program was Betty DeLauter, Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service Coordinator for the District. The program began with the singing of the National Anthem. American Legion Department Commander Lewis Trott thanked the veterans for their service, as did the American Legion Auxiliary Department President Doris Reynolds and Western Maryland District President Cindy Shriner, which were echoed by other American Legion members in attendance. The veterans were entertained by a quartet from the Mason Dixon Barbershop Chorus and a trio of clowns from Antietam Unit 236 American Legion Auxiliary. The veteran patients were treated to refreshments and gifts of socks, cookies and crackers donated by Western Maryland District American Legion Auxiliary Units ClopperMichael Unit 10, Edwin C. Cregar Unit 168, Hampstead Unit 200, Antietam Unit 236, Dixon-Troxell Unit

211, Woodsboro Unit 282, Webster B. Harrison 26 American Legion family, Hesson Snider American Legion Post 120 and Morris Frock Unit 42 presented the veterans with homemade cards containing coupon books.

- Ava Gift

Sharpsburg Historical Society to offer scholarship

The Sharpsburg Historical Society is pleased to announce that it will be offering the Sharpsburg Historical Society Scholarship of \$500.00 in honor of local historian, John W. Schildt. Applications will be available to Boonsboro High School graduating seniors planning to pursue careers in history, historic preservation, museum studies, or natural resource studies.

For further information, call 301-432-8410.

Sharpsburg Historical Society meeting

The Sharpsburg Historical Society will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, March 24th at 7pm at Town Hall. Dr. Keith Alexander will present "The Values of Cemeteries," discussing the often ignored historical and cultural significance of grave yards and memorial stones.

The Sharpsburg Historical Society is at the beginning phase of preservation and conservation of the Methodist Cemetery on North Hall Street in Sharpsburg. The Historical Society asks anyone who might have information about the cemetery to please contact the Sharpsburg Historical Society President at 301-992-9767.

Dr. Alexander holds degrees from Penn State University and the University of Maryland. As Assistant Professor of History at Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV, he teaches history, architectural history and historic preservation.

The meeting is free and open to all.

- Vernell Doyle

Soup, Sandwich and Bake Sale



Antietam Unit 236 American Legion Auxiliary will be having a chicken salad sandwich, soup and baked goods sale on Friday, March 25th and Saturday, March 26th from 9am until sold out, in front of the Jefferson Security Bank. Proceeds to benefit community projects, veteran projects and the Sharpsburg Elementary School. Get there early! These delicious goods go fast!

Easter Flower Sale



Boy Scout Troop 51 will be selling Easter flowers in the square of Sharpsburg on Friday, March 25th from 7am-6pm and Saturday, March 26th from 8am until sold out. Be sure to arrive early for the best selection! Come out and support the local Boy Scouts!

Citizen Corner

Thank you to Bryan Gabriel for helping us out with our vehicle during the coldest day of the winter. When we called, you came right out and we appreciate it!

- Kenny and Clara Hollar

Events at the Sharpsburg Library

April 14th at 7pm

How Antietam National Battlefield Became a National Park Service

Presented by Keith Snyder, Park Ranger & Chief of Resource Education and Visitor Services at Antietam National Battlefield

April 21st at 7pm

How the C&O Canal Became a National Historical Park

Presented by Ben Helwig, Supervisory Park Ranger (Interpretation) at C&O Canal National Historical Park

April 27th at 7pm

Poetry Reading & Music

Read or recite your own poetry or the work of another poet if credit is given. Refreshments will be served. Call 301-432-8825 if you would like to participate. For all ages.

Story Time at 3:30pm

April 7 – Chickens

April 14 – Eggs

April 21 – Earth Day

April 28 – April Showers Bring May Flowers

Lego Club

April 2 at 10am

Try the building challenge, or come up with your own design

Adult Book Share

April 6 from 10am-11:30am

We will share current favorites

Town Government

Town Office – 301-432-4428

Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

Zoning Administrator hours: Tuesdays 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

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

Mayor and Council

Hal Spielman – Mayor	301-432-6854
Bryan Gabriel – Vice Mayor	301-432-2478 Ed
Beeler – Councilperson	301-800-6877 Darryl
Benner – Councilperson	301-991-2230
Brenda Gabriel – Councilperson	301-432-2478
Brandon Smith – Councilperson	301-491-4866
Russ Weaver – Councilperson	301-432-5907
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