

# *Town of Sharpsburg*



## *Town Crier*

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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 7pm by Mayor Hal Spielman. The minutes of the February meeting and the February treasurer's report were both approved as presented.

### Public Comment

Dwayne Harris reported on behalf of the Founder's Day Committee that they would like to close North Mechanic Street on Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> from 6am-6pm. They would also like to use the lot behind the old fire station and the area behind the post office for parking.

Mr. Harris also asked on behalf of Come All Who Are Thirsty if they could use the Mark A. Smith Park for a Veterans Garden. They had asked last year, but decided not to use it. Mr. Weaver stated that the offer was never rescinded by the Council, so they may continue their plans.

Ernie Wetterer asked about trash that has been blowing along South Church Street. The Zoning Administrator will look into it.

Perry Jamieson was inquiring what was going on with the former BP property. We have not been updated, so Kimberly will call the owner.

Vernell Doyle thanked the Council for their efforts with allowing them to perform work at the Methodist Cemetery. They are going to attempt to hire a title abstractor to find an owner.

Bella Poffenberger is having a food and book drive at the Marketplace of Sharpsburg until March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Patty Hammond thanked the Council for purchasing flags for Veteran graves.

Meredith Poffenberger stated that the next meeting of the Merchant's Association will be held March 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 and 7pm at Captain Benders.

#### Committee Reports

Parks and Railroad: The aerator will be replaced at the pond when the weather breaks. Parking curbs, removal of rock and filling of ground hog holes will begin at the park.

Building: Michael will be putting the logo and hours on the front door of Town Hall

Streets: Tamara will be compiling a complete pothole list

Planning and Zoning: There will be a meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall

Battlefield Advisory Committee: Next meeting will be in April

Public Safety: Darryl will try to get the gentleman at our workshop that installed the cameras to discuss the possibility of getting additional cameras. The new EMS facility is open and operational. They will be having an open house on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

Town Archives & Historical Planning: The Founder's Day budget was approved. Founder's Day activities will take place July 6, 7, and 8.

The new museum received three donations, Dr. Biggs' Doctor Bag, a masonic medal and photos from the original EMS facility and members.

Mayor's Report: The speed cameras at the school are in the hands of approval from the school system.

Mayor Spielman let the council know that Delegate Parrott introduced House Bill 959, placement of Pedestrian Beacons. Mayor Spielman sent a letter in support of the Bill. Highway User Revenues, still working on getting those restored.

#### Old Business

Trimming of trees and alleys: Mayor Spielman will contact Preferred Arbor Care to take care of this

Painting Town Hall: Need to get another estimate and see if this can be completed in the spring

#### New Business

Washington County Public schools was in attendance in regards to the new school being built.

Mr. Weaver mentioned that a property owner would like to subdivide his property. This will be discussed at the Planning Commission meeting next week.

The meeting was moved to closed session to discuss personnel matters. It was then moved to open session and adjourned.

## **Town News**

### **Town Office Closure**

The Town Office will be closed Monday April 2, 2018.

### **Workshop Meeting**

The Mayor and Council will be having a workshop meeting on Tuesday March 27, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers. Agenda items include trees, Town Crier, Sharpsburg Elementary School and the Subdivision Ordinance.

Workshop meetings are open to the public

## **151<sup>st</sup> Memorial Day Commemoration Activities**



Save the date for the 151<sup>st</sup> Memorial Day Commemoration activities! Although it may seem far away, preparations for the annual event are already underway. These events will be held on Saturday May 26, 2018, beginning with the wreath laying ceremony at 11am in the square, followed by music in the square beginning at noon. The parade will begin at the Sharpsburg Elementary School at 1:30pm and will travel down Main Street to the Antietam National Cemetery.

If you, or an organization that you are affiliated with would like to participate, please contact Town Hall at 301-432-4428 or [townofsharpsburg@comcast.net](mailto:townofsharpsburg@comcast.net)

## **Parade Books and Sponsorships**

Parade memorials and sponsorships are available for \$2 per line (up to three lines). There are representatives at the Sharpsburg Brethren Church, United Church of Christ, St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Sharpsburg Bible Church. Entries may also be dropped off at the Sharpsburg Library and may be dropped off at Town Hall Monday-Thursday from 8:30am-2:00pm. You may also mail in your entries and payment to the Town Hall at PO Box 368 Sharpsburg MD 21782. Deadline for submission is May 1, 2018.

If you know of a group or organization that would like to participate in the parade, please have them contact Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk at 301-432-4428 or [townofsharpsburg@comcast.net](mailto:townofsharpsburg@comcast.net)

*Thank you Snow Angels*



Thank you to all of the individuals that helped out their neighbors during the past snow and ice storms. This is what community is all about!



**Sharpsburg Founder's Day**  
**255<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1763 - 2018**  
**July 6-8, 2018**



**Come Celebrate 255 Years of History!**

Friday, July 6

6-9pm

The celebration kicks off with food, fun, and festive music at Antietam Creek Vineyard.

Saturday, July 7

9am-5pm

On Saturday, the day begins at 9am with a ceremony in the Mountain View Cemetery at the monument of Sharpsburg founder – Joseph Chapline.

Activities throughout the day include live music, craft and farmers market, living history demonstrations, historical displays, walking tours, lectures and of course great food and ice cream.

Sunday, July 8

10am

The event will wrap up on Sunday with a Homecoming Community Church Service held at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

The Founder's Day Weekend celebration is sponsored by the Town of Sharpsburg. Follow our Facebook page – [Founder's Day 2018 - Sharpsburg, MD](#)

## Community News

### Ladies American Legion Auxiliary Antietam Unit 236 to hold Sandwich, Soup and Bake Sale



The Ladies American Legion Auxiliary Antietam Unit 236 will be selling chicken salad and ham sandwiches, soup and various baked goods Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>. They will be set up in front of the Jefferson Security Bank from 9am until sold out on both days. The ladies' goods are delicious and are usually gone in a hurry, so get there early!

Monies raised from the sale will benefit community and Veteran projects.

### American Legion Unit 236 News



**Pictured left to right: Commander Lawrence Hoffman, George Crist and Dale Lewis**

Lawrence Hoffman, Commander of Unit 236 American Legion presented George Crist with a certificate for 50 continuous years as a member of the Unit.

# 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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