

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 are available at the Clerk's office.

The meeting of the Sharpsburg Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:05pm by Mayor Hal Spielman.

The meeting began with the pinning of the poppy on the Mayor by the 2016 Miss Poppy, Madison Smith, from Antietam Auxiliary Unit 236. This kicks off the poppy campaign for the Unit. Poppies are never sold, but are given for a donation.

The minutes and the treasurers of the April meeting were both approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jean Harne was present to share information that there are about 1,000 documents on file with the EPA in regards to the BP Station. These would be available through the Public Information Act. Ms. Harne will get the information to Kimberly, so that she can inquire about these documents.

Ms. Harne is also concerned about a pothole in the alley beside her property. Mayor Spielman informed her that the Town would evaluate the pothole and take care of it.

Ms. Harne also addressed the issue of the questionable ownership of the Methodist Cemetery on North Hall Street. Her research has shown that it appears that when the Methodist church sold the property, which they failed to deed the cemetery along with the property, so it should be currently owned by the State. Kimberly mentioned that the Historical Society was wondering if the Town would want to go through the process of a quick rent deed and take over the cemetery. The Mayor and Council is not interested in taking on this cemetery at this time.

Gemma and Michael Luke were present to present a proposal to the Mayor and Council to have carriage rides through town. These rides would begin and end at the Marketplace of Sharpsburg and would primarily be traveling through the alleys. The Mayor and Council will discuss, but since this would be considered a "business" in town, it would need to go through the proper channels for opening a business. This will be passed on to Howard Long, Zoning Administrator.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Railroad: The fence at the pond would cost approximately \$3,565.00 to replace. Brandon suggested having a lower wooden fence installed. This seems to fit in more with the nature of the town and the pond. The council agreed to obtain estimates for this project.

Building: Ed stated that we are obtaining more brochures and information and that we could use another brochure rack for the hallway. Approval was granted for Ed to go ahead and purchase the rack. There also appears to be a new leak in the roof. Kimberly was given permission to have the leak in the roof fixed and to obtain estimates for a new roof.

Streets: We will evaluate speed bumps on the back roads after the W Chapline Street project is completed. Mayor Spielman will call the same blacktop company that will be doing the Chapline Street project to see if they would be willing to fix the potholes and the area at the end of W Chapline Street

Planning and Zoning: The Comprehensive Plan has been completed and will be emailed to everyone. Kimberly will send this on to David Cotton at the Maryland Department of Planning.

Battlefield Advisory Committee: This meeting will take place Wednesday. Mr. Jamieson will not be able to attend, but will do his best to get notes from the meeting to forward to Kimberly.

Mayor's Report: The inmates will be here May 27th, however; there is no guarantees that we will be able to continue to use them, or how frequently we will have them.

Old Business:

1. Fishing Rodeo: This will be held Saturday, May 7th from 7am-10am at the town pond. The rodeo is open to children ages 15 and under.

2. Bulk Trash pick-up: This will be held Wednesday, May 18th. Bulk items should be set out beside household trash on Tuesday evening, after 4pm.

New Business:

1. Parade: This will be on Saturday, May 28th. Wreath laying is at 11am and the parade is at 1:30pm. Darryl and Brandon will put the flags up throughout town.

2. Raising Taxes: It was decided not to raise taxes this year.

The meeting was moved to executive session to discuss personnel matters at 8:03pm. It returned to regular session at 8:30pm and was adjourned.

Town News

Miss Poppy 2016 Presents Poppy to Mayor



American Legion Auxiliary Antietam Unit 236 Miss Poppy, Madison Smith, kicked off the annual poppy campaign May 2, 2016, by presenting Mayor Hal Spielman with a poppy.

Madison is the 14 year old daughter of George and Melinda Smith. She is the granddaughter of Richard and the late Elizabeth Bowers of Sharpsburg and the great-granddaughter of the first Commander of the Sharpsburg American Legion Post 236, Francis R. Saunders.

Madison is also a junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary Antietam Unit 236.

Darlene Eichelberger, coordinator of the Miss Poppy program explained that the poppy is never sold, but is given for a donation.

Madison will be at the wreath laying and will be participating in the parade on Saturday, May 28th. She will have her poppies available for a donation at these events.

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 have paid the supreme sacrifice for us and for our country.

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.

Thank You!!

We would like to thank those individuals and businesses that have supported and sponsored the Memorial Day Commemoration activities by placing names, memorials and advertisements in the parade book. A special thank you to Ann Marie Downey, Cindy Weaver, Doris Shumaker and Darlene Hoffman for helping out with collecting the memorials and individual sponsorships for the parade book.

Thank you to Jim Warner for cleaning and hauling away the debris from the alley between the houses at 120 and 122 East Main Street. The alley looks very nice and we appreciate your time and efforts!

Commemorative Parade Books

The parade books are on sale and available at B&B Automotive, Battleview Market, Sharpsburg Pharmacy, Nutter's Ice Cream and at Town Hall. Books are \$2. Books will also be on sale the morning of the parade in front of Town Hall.

Zoning Administrator Hours

Effective immediately, Zoning Administrator Howard Long will be in the office on Tuesdays from 9am-1pm, with additional hours by appointment. For an appointment, call Town Hall at 301-432-4428.

Town Office Closures

The Town Office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

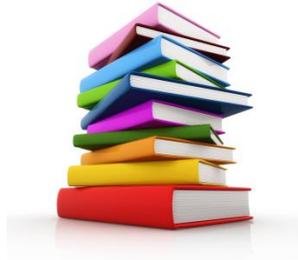
The office will also be closed June 20-24th for vacation.

Question and Concerns regarding Trash Collection

If you have a question, concern, or complaint about trash collection, please contact Kimberly at Town Hall at 301-432-4428, or by email townofsharpsburg@comcast.net

Community News and Events

Events at the Sharpsburg Library



GSK Science in the Summer

Science in the Summer, funded by GlaxoSmith Kline in partnership with AAAS, introduces children entering grades two through six to the wonders of science. Work with other girls and boys to build models of plant animal cells. Use magnifying glasses and microscopes and learn about bacteria. Brief, experiment-oriented courses will be taught by a certified teacher at the Sharpsburg Library. The program is free and all materials will be supplied.

Classes are small with 15 students each, so register early. Registration opens May 23. Register on line at www.scienceinthesummer.com, find the location your child wants to attend, click and the registration form will come up.

Level II: Children entering grades 4-6: June 21+22 from 2:00-3:30, June 23 from 2:00-3:00

Level I: Children entering grades 2-3: June 28+29 from 2:00-3:30, June 30 from 2:00-3:00

Summer Reading Kick-Off

June 9th

Health Night for Adults and Teens

June 16th 6-7:45pm

Free blood pressures by RN Beth Stitely, free sample of a veggie smoothie and make a miniature Zen garden while supplies last.

From 7-7:45 – Introduction to yoga and meditation by Jala Yoga certified, Casey Hoffman.

Woolie Storytime Visit

June 18th at 10:30am

Join us for a special story time featuring the Hagerstown Sun's mascot, Woolie! Woolie will be available for photos before and after story time. A Hagerstown Suns player may also make a special appearance.

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
Kimberly Fulk – Town Clerk/Treasurer/ Tax Collector	301-432-4428

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