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COUNCIL NEWS

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The meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 7pm by Mayor Hal Spielman. The minutes of the October meeting and the October treasurer's report were both approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A representative from Smith, Elliott, Kerns and Co. was present to report on their findings of the audit. The town received a clean opinion on the financial statements.

William Narin, attorney for Mr. Ellis Keyfauber approached the council in regards to Mr. Keyfauber's property off of Antietam Street. He would like the town to consider granting limited right-of-way to and from the property for a single family home/agriculture use. The Mayor stated that the council would go to executive session after the rest of the town business is discussed to discuss this issue.

Jay Brandenburg of the Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company approached the council in regards to their plans to build a multi-use fire and rescue station. They are going in with the EMS department to try

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and develop this. The request was denied due to variances, and now it must go to the board of appeals for a hearing. There is a \$600 fee associated with this process. Mr. Brandenburg asked if the fee could be reduced, cut in half, or waived all together, since they are a volunteer service. It was moved and seconded for the fee to be waived for this process. A concerned citizen approached the council in regards to concerns with GeGe's Place. He is approaching the liquor board with his concerns and would like help from other citizens and the town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Railroad Station— The mowing of town grounds has been completed for the year. They will do a final pick up of limbs and leaves.

The Maryland Historical Trust visited the Railroad Station for an inspection, due to its historical status with them. They noticed some gutter work had been done without their approval. The town and the Hagerstown Model Railroad Museum both wrote letters to the trust in regards to this issue. They will have a meeting to decide what they town/railroad needs to do about the additional gutters, either remove them, finish them, etc.

The road issue at the little league

field was discussed. Jeter Paving suggested placing a wedge in the road, or placing a drainage pipe under the road. A second opinion will be sought in regards to this matter. Ralph Weaver of the County will also be contacted again.

Building— The roof has been repaired. Still need to get the basement looked at in regards to possible mildew/mold.

Streets— The stop signs have been straightened and the curbs in the town are being painted by the inmates.

Planning and Zoning— The Comprehensive Plan has been with the Planning and Zoning Committee for review and approval.

Battlefield Advisory Committee— The meeting will be held on November 8th and Mr. Jamieson will give Kimberly the notes to include in the crier.

Public Safety— Jennifer asked for reports from the police department in regards to vandalism.

Mayor's Report— Mayor Spielman read a thank-you letter from the heritage festival, thanking them for their donation.

OLD BUSINESS

Septic Bill— This needs to be accepted by the town in the form of a resolution. The only concern of the council and towns people is that at some point the septic service will reach its maximum capacity. Kimberly will go back to the county and question at what point is the system maxed out and what happens/who

pays when it is maxed out.

Trick-or-Treat— This was very successful. All 400 of the pharmacy's glow necklaces were distributed. There are some townspeople that would like to possibly have it on a Friday, or non-school night next year. This possibility will be discussed with other municipalities.

Grants— Bill Pechumer talked about grant monies and grants that he would be willing to write for the town and the heritage festival. The town would need to come up with a plan/list of what is needed. It was suggested to hold a community meeting to see what members of the town would like to see in the town. This was scheduled for January 8 at 7pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Bulk Trash—Apple Valley Waste will be collecting bulk trash on November 28th. This will be put in the crier.

Christmas Tree Lighting— This will be held on Saturday, December 8th at 6pm and will include light refreshments, entertainment and lighting of the town tree. The committee will also be selling Christmas ornaments as well. Rain/snow date will be December 15th at 6pm.

Town Election— This will take place on Tuesday, November 20th from 9am-7pm in the council chambers. Absentee ballots are available.

Permitted Parking— We have had inquiries about having residential permit parking in the town, since the curbs are now being painted 35ft from the intersections. It was decided that this would not be feasible in town due to having no way to enforce the permits.

Veteran's Program—This will be held in front of town hall on Monday, November 12th at 11am. Darryl will help with blocking the road

Snow Plowing Bids— On the Mark Construction, Inc. was chosen as the winning bid to plow the snow in the town, beginning December 1, 2012.

Trash Bids— Apple Valley waste was chosen as the winning bid for trash service. This will not include recycling services.

Cathy moved the meeting to executive session to discuss town boundary and road issues. Motion carried. The meeting returned to open session at 10pm and was moved to adjourn by Bryan, with a second by Brandon. The next meeting will be held Monday, December 3rd at 7pm.

TOWN HALL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOWN ELECTION

The Town Election will be held on Tuesday, November 20th in the council chambers of town hall (second floor) from 9am-7pm. Absentee ballots are available by contacting Anna Jamison at 301-432-6572.

Candidates for Mayor: Hal Spielman
Candidates to fill two council seats: Ed Beeler, Brenda Gabriel, Blaine Johnson, Stephanie Taylor and Russ Weaver.

COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING EVENT



The town is sponsoring a community tree lighting event in front of town hall on Saturday, December 8th at 6pm. The snow/rain date will be Saturday, December 15th. The event will include entertainment, cookies and hot chocolate and a visit from the big guy himself, Santa! Children (and adults too) will be able to visit with Santa, so bring your cameras! You are welcome to bring an outdoor/non-breakable ornament to place on the tree. Mark your calendars for this special event! Come out and enjoy the holiday season while spreading joy to your neighbors and friends! We hope to see you there!

Limited Edition Christmas Ornaments to be sold at Tree Lighting Event

The town will be selling limited edition Sharpsburg Christmas ornaments at the community tree lighting on December 8th. The ornaments are white and include the town seal with the year on them. Ornaments are \$10 each.

Town Seal



Community News and Events

Rohrersville Band to hold Holiday Concert



The Rohrersville Cornet Band of Washington County presents its Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 2, at 3:00pm at the Band Hall, Main St., Rohrersville, MD. The concert features music of the season in traditional and contemporary styles. This event is free. For further information, contact 301-992-9767.

Toys of Tots



This holiday season, it is important to think of the less fortunate in our community and our country. The United States Marine Corp Toys for Tots program is in full swing until December 14th. There are drop off boxes at Captain Benders Tavern, the post office and B&B Automotive. New, unwrapped gifts are accepted. Even the smallest toy can bring great joy to a child that may otherwise not receive a gift at Christmas.

Battlefield Advisory Committee



The committee met on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 2pm. Superintendent Trail reported that the battlefield was fortunate to sustain very little damage from Hurricane Sandy. The only serious harm was to the

Joseph Parks house; it suffered roof damage which caused leaks.

Projects are ongoing at, or planned for, several structures on the battlefield, including masonry work on the foundation of the Joshua Newcomer barn; adding oak shingle roofs and new siding to the Newcomer and Parks barns; and painting the doors and windows of the Joseph Sherrick house.

The Frederick County Civil War Roundtable, the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, and Hood College are sponsoring an exhibit of Alexander Gardner photographs taken on the Antietam Battlefield immediately after the battle. The images are displayed with magnifying glasses, as they would have appeared in New York City in October 1862. This exhibit is at the Philip Pry house and will run until at least December 1st.

- Perry Jamieson

Bulk Trash Pick Up



The town will be having a bulk trash pick-up for in-town residents on Wednesday, November 28th. Bulk items are to be set out on Tuesday evening beside your regular trash items. Unacceptable items are as follows:

- Paint—unless it is completely dried out
 - Soil, rocks, sod, tree trunks, limbs, or stumps resulting from tree removal
 - Parts of motor vehicles
 - Poisons, acids, caustics, gasoline, oil and other flammable substances, explosives, ammunition, or other hazardous or dangerous materials
 - Bricks, blocks, concrete in any form
- Any commercial waste (for example, if someone is remodeling their home, any of the remodeling debris would not be accepted)

Community Meeting

Everyone is encouraged to attend a community meeting on Tuesday, January 8th at 7pm at town hall. Mr. Bill Pechumer will be in attendance to get feed back on what townspeople feel is needed within the town so that he can possibly obtain grants for these items. This is your opportunity to share your ideas and opinions on what you would like to see in the town.

Town Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-2:00pm (Additional hours by appointment)	
Hal Spielman, Mayor	432-6854
Bryan Gabriel, Vice Mayor	432-2478
COUNCIL	
Darryl Benner	991-2230
Cathy Hull	304-279-8440
Jennifer Silbert	432-7984
Brandon Smith	432-1941
TOWN OFFICIALS	
Kimberly Fulk, Town Clerk	301-302-7347
Debra Jamison, Tax Collector	432-6572
Patti Hammond, Planning Com.	432-5965
Anna Jamison, Election Board	432-6572

TOWN ORGANIZATIONS		
Am Leg. Aux.	Ava Gift	432-6658
Am. Legion	Lawrence Hoffman	432-8957
Hist. Society	Vernell Doyle	992-9767
Mt. View Cemetery	Hal Spielman	432-6854
Cub Scouts	Michael Miles	432-0275
Boy Scouts	John Stewart	432-0564
CHURCHES		
Brethren	Lilly Grayson	432-6174
Bible	Rev. Gene Renner	739-1882
Episcopal	Carolyn Shaw	791-3357
Lutheran	Rev. Karen Valentine	304-676-9974
UCC	Melissa Reiff	465-9411

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