

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 will be available at the Clerk's office after they are approved by the Mayor and Council at the September council meeting.

Members Present: Mayor Hal Spielman, Vice Mayor Russ Weaver, Councilpersons Darryl Benner, Michael Carr, Ed Beeler and Brandon Smith. Kimberly Fulk Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector was also present

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by Mayor Hal Spielman. The minutes of the July meeting and the July treasurer's report were both approved as presented.

Public Comments:

Dwayne Harris of Victory Garden Ranch let the council know that the business will be collecting personal hygiene items, as well as non-perishable items, such as beef jerky, to send to troops overseas for Christmas. They will be filling a box of items November 10th. More information will be available.

Mr. Harris also offered the Town the use of Victory Garden Ranch for the Christmas event.

Committee Reports

Parks & Railroad: Brandon reported that there is still some old mulch at the park that needs to be removed. The aerator at the pond is not doing its job and needs to be replaced. It was approved for Brandon to purchase a new aerator.

Building: Michael had nothing to report. We do have estimates to paint the trim on the building. This will be discussed further at the workshop meeting.

Streets: Tamara not present to present.

Planning and Zoning: Russ reported that the Planning Commission will begin to meet again now that summer is over. The next meeting will be Thursday September 14th at 7pm in Town Hall.

Battlefield Advisory Committee: Mr. Jamieson stated the next meeting is October 4th, which will be his last meeting. Mr. Chris Vincent will take over as the liaison for the Town.

Public Safety: Darryl had nothing to report.

Town Archives and Historical Planning: Ed stated that he would like to see what can be done to the Big Spring to clean it up. Kimberly will look into this. There will be another Founder's Day meeting on October 16th at 7pm in Town Hall. These meetings are open to any organization or towns person that would like to help. There will be an open house for the new Sharpsburg Heritage Museum on October 17th from 12pm-5pm in Town Hall.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor and Council received an invitation to Tolson's Chapel's Rally Day Celebration on September 23rd. The Mayor also read a resignation letter from Rich Casto, the gentleman that takes care of the building. This will be discussed at the workshop meeting as well, after the Council has had time to review the job description and make changes if necessary.

Old Business

Sheriff's Deputy: The Council still wish to proceed on having a deputy in Sharpsburg.

Trees: A tree fell on a truck in front of 121 East Main Street last week. The tree was cut and removed by Preferred Arbor Care, however; the remaining tree is dead and should be removed. Chris and Amy Vincent also presented a letter and photos regarding a tree in front of their property at 138 W Main Street that keeps growing into the power lines and is disturbing the sidewalk. Russ moved to remove both trees and Brandon seconded the motion. We will need to get a permit to remove the tree in front of 138 W Main Street. As soon as permission is obtained, we will have both removed. We will also discuss the trees and tree policy at the workshop meeting.

County Commissioner Meeting: The County Commissioners will be meeting at Town Hall on September 19th at 7pm. This will give residents that are unable to attend day time meetings a chance to come and ask questions and discuss concerns that they may have.

New Business

Loading Zone Sign: Pete's Tavern attended the workshop meeting of the Mayor and Council in August to request a Loading Zone sign beside their establishment. Delivery trucks are parking in the middle of South Hall Street, creating a large safety concern for vehicles turning onto South Hall Street from Main Street. It was approved to have a "Loading Zone No Parking 5am-1pm" sign beside the establishment, along with a yellow curb.

Handicapped Sign: The State Highway informed the Mayor last week that they would like to place a handicapped parking sign on South Hall Street for a resident. They initially wanted to place the sign beside Pete's Tavern. They were informed that it was already in the works to become a Loading Zone there and could we place it elsewhere. After much discussion, having the sign on South Hall Street just below the driveway for the Jacob Rohrbach Inn was the best solution.

Adoption of the Washington County Highway Safety Plan: It was determined that this was a good layout of highway safety concerns and statistics, but nothing mentioned about how these concerns would be addressed. This will not be adopted this evening and will be placed on the agenda for the October meeting.

Trick-or-Treat: This will be held on October 31st from 6pm-8pm, as surrounding towns are having theirs at this time as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Town News

Town Office Closure

The Town Office will be closed on Thursday September 21, 2017.

Workshop Session for the Mayor and Council

The Mayor and Council will be having a Workshop Session on Tuesday September 26, 2017 at 7pm in Town Hall. Agenda items include town property, trees, painting of town hall building, snow contract, need for a part-time Custodial Engineer. Workshop sessions are open meetings.

BULK TRASH PICK UP



Bulk trash pick-up will be held on Wednesday October 4th. Bulk items are to be placed out beside your residential trash for Wednesday pick-up. Items must be on the ground, as they will not be removed from trucks and/or trailers.

Reminder: NO construction materials, televisions, hazardous materials (oils, paints, gasoline, ammunition, etc.), yard waste, brush or garden material.

Open House for new Sharpsburg Heritage Museum

The Town of Sharpsburg is pleased to announce the opening of the Sharpsburg Heritage Museum, located in the council chambers of Town Hall. There will be an Open House on Saturday October 21st from 12noon-5pm to celebrate the opening of the museum. Come out and see the history and heritage of Sharpsburg. Refreshments will be served.

Anyone wishing to donate materials and artifacts to the Heritage Museum should contact Ed Beeler at 301-800-6877

Town planning Founder's Day Celebration for 2018

Ed Beeler, head of the Town Archives and Historical Planning, will be heading up a Founder's Day celebration for 2018 to celebrate the Town's 255th Anniversary. This event is slated to be held July 6-8 2018, with many events and activities in the planning stages.

Anyone wishing to help with this event is invited to attend a meeting on Monday October 16, 2017 at 7pm in Town Hall.

Community News and Events

Sharpsburg Historical Society and Sharpsburg Library to present program on O.T. Reilly

The Sharpsburg Historical Society and the Sharpsburg Library presents the third installment of its "Personalities of Sharpsburg" series. This free program will be given on Thursday September 21, at 7:00pm at the Sharpsburg Library on Main Street, Sharpsburg. Steve Recker, historian and author, will discuss the life and career of Oliver T. Reilly, well known as a battlefield guide, collector, publisher and shop owner. Recker will share photographs, postcards, and books that he has acquired throughout his research of this figure from Sharpsburg's past. All are welcome. Light refreshments. For more information contact 301-432-8825 or 301-992-9767.

Victory Garden Ranch to celebrate National Coffee Day



Join Victory Garden Ranch, located at 101 W Main Street, on September 29th, as they celebrate National Coffee Day with free coffee! To go with your java, local fresh baked cookies, and nutritious granola bars, chocolate covered pretzels and cookies and individual banana bread slices available for a small sum.

A Taste of Craft and Cuisine Meet and Greet At Victory Garden Ranch

Come out to Victory Garden Ranch on September 30th from 10am-4pm to taste-test their products and meet & greet their vendors that make crafts for the store. Vendors are bringing all of their items, including new ones that are not currently in the store. Plenty of items to choose from to taste and to purchase. Vendors will also share some of their talents and methods.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church to hold Fall Bazaar

Join St. Paul's for their 1st Annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday September 30th from 9:00am-4:00pm at the church, located at 209 West Main Street. Plenty of artisans and crafters, distributors and consultants and food, provided by the church. Proceeds from the Bazaar will benefit Micah's Backpack and the St. Paul's Church.

Blessing of the Animals



Sunday October 8th at 2:00pm
Sharpsburg Town Park Pavilion
West High Street

We Welcome all Pets and their People

Simple worship to celebrate God's gift of creation, especially pets! After the service, we will have a time of individual pet blessings. If you do not feel comfortable bringing your animal, please feel free to bring a photo.

Please have animals on leashes or in containers for the comfort, safety and well-being of all!

Treats and beverages suitable for humans & critters will be provided for post-worship fellowship.

*Sponsored by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
201 East Main Street, Sharpsburg
Sunday Worship, 10:00am*

Draft Horses & Old Fire Wagons coming to The Marketplace of Sharpsburg



As part of Fire Prevention Week, The Marketplace of Sharpsburg will host draft horses from Gentle Giants Horse Rescue beside an old fire wagon on October 8th from 12noon – 4pm. Picture opportunities will be available.

TELLABRATION!™ comes to Sharpsburg!

Sharpsburg is pleased to present a FREE TELLABRATION!™ on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 4:00pm at the Sharpsburg Town Hall, 106 E Main Street. Local storytellers (from Hagerstown, Chambersburg and Sharpsburg) are Fanny Crawford, Renee Emanuel, Larry Hayes and Stas' Ziolkowski, and they'll tell stories on the theme of "Good Neighbors." All are Welcome, from school-age children to senior citizens, and everyone in between.

TELLABRATION!™ is a storytelling event celebrated world-wide on or about the third Saturday in November. Guilds and storytelling enthusiasts all around the globe share their storytelling talents in concerts held in cities and towns to celebrate the art of storytelling. TELLABRATION!™ is a trademark of the National Storytelling Network, whose mission is "Connecting People To and Through Storytelling." For more information, please contact Sharpsburg resident Stas' (rhymes with "gosh") Ziolkowski – 501-253-4656 or stastells@gmail.com

Town of Williamsport accepting donations for the Houston Humane Society



The Town of Williamsport is collecting donations to be sent to the Houston Humane Society, in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. Donations will be accepted until the end of September and can be dropped off at the Williamsport Town Hall. The list of supplies that are needed include:

Training Pads	Dry Erase Markers
Powder-Free Gloves	Print Paper
Kitty Litter	Permanent Markers
Kitty Litter Trays	All Purpose Cleaner
Tall Trash Bags	Liquid Laundry Detergent
Hand Sanitizer	Paper Towels
Clorox Liquid Bleach	Canned Cat Food
Bath Towels	Puppy and Dog Food
Rabbit/Guinea Pig Bedding	

Gift Cards and Monetary Donations are also appreciated.

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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