

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

April 5, 2004

A regular meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, April 5, 2004, at 7:00pm, in the Town of Sharpsburg at the Bridges Recreation Center.

Present were the following: Wendell Staley, Mayor; Derrick McElwaney, Mayor Pro-Tem; Stan Parten, Council Member; Robin Spradlin, Town Clerk; Donna Camp, Asst. Town Clerk.

Also in attendance were: Winston Skinner, Polly Garlington, Gwyn Lyons, Celene Davenport.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the Council Meeting on March 1, 2004, the Public Hearing on March 1, 2004, and the Emergency Meeting on March 4, 2004, were reviewed and approved as written by unanimous vote, and were filed in the minute book of the Town.

Council Member Parten motioned to adopt a resolution appointing County Voter Registrar Joan Hamilton as Absentee Ballot Clerk. Council Member McElwaney seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Council Member McElwaney motioned to comply with the two requests that the Local Government Risk Management Services, Inc. recommended. The report recommended the Town use training offered by LGRMS and consider loss control with appropriate staffing as it considers a wastewater system. Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Review and comments on Environmental Code of Ordinances, comments were as follows:

- Extending the time allowed to clean up problems from 48 hours to a week or two. The Town Code Enforcement Officer works another job and a 48 hour rule could be difficult.
- The code should differentiate between yards of homes and natural areas in the Town. The natural areas should not have the same rules as the front yard of a dwelling.
- Mrs. Janney (by letter) expressed concerns about shielding trash receptacles from view and keeping required fences in good repair.

- Abandoned wells will need to be addressed as the Town grows and more citizens use public water service.
- Provisions for excessive noise need to be added at this time because it will come into play in the future.

Council reviewed preliminary Town Master Plan documents.

Mayor Staley polled the Council/Public for comments:

- Council Member McElwaney talked about a request to use a barn for horses in the Town. The barn was used as a stable in the past. The zoning for the property must be examined.
- Clerk Spradlin said the approval date for the Transportation Grant was moved to the end of April. There were no reasons given for the postponement.
- Ms. Garlington asked about the placement of “No Parking” signs during the Old Town Sharpsburg Spring Festival so the residents would feel safer coming out of their driveways onto Highway 54.
- Ms. Garlington also asked about our present garbage service if they could start picking up the brush and limbs about once a week.

The Mayor asked the citizens to consider volunteering for a Citizen Work Committee/Clean-up group to help other citizens with clean-up in their yards.

There being no further business coming before the Council, the meeting was adjourned

Robin L. Spradlin
Town Clerk