

# **TOWN OF SHARPSBURG MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 19, 2004**

A regular meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, July 19, 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; Larry Hyde, Council Member; Council Member Clay Cole; Robin Spradlin, Town Clerk and Donna Camp, Assistant Town Clerk and David P. Winkle, Town Attorney.

Also in attendance were: Mr. & Mrs. Murphy, Celene Davenport, Herb Bridges, Winston Skinner, Donald Pike, Guy Wood, Gwen Lyons and Polly Garlington.

Mayor Staley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the Council Meeting on June 7, 2004, meeting were reviewed and approved as written by unanimous vote, and were filed in the minute book of the Town.

Mayor Staley called for second reading and adoption of the Environmental Control Ordinance (04-04), first reading held at public meeting on May 3, 2004. Council Member Cole motioned to adopt and enact the Environmental Control Ordinance. Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried, with Council Member McElwaney voting against.

Mayor Staley presented Council with resolution to set property tax millage rate at 2.99 mills. Per the Town Charter, the millage rate had been previously established in January at 3.00 mills. Council Member McElwaney motioned to adopt the adjusted 2004 Property Tax Millage Rate at 2.99 mills. Council Member Cole seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Mayor Staley asked Town Clerk to read aloud a resolution to establish a library within the Town limits to be named the Old Town Sharpsburg Library. Mayor Staley stated that the library would be staffed initially with volunteers and anyone willing to volunteer would be greatly appreciated. Council Member Cole motioned to adopt the Old Town Sharpsburg Library Resolution. Council Member Hyde seconded. Motion carried, unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is attached to these minutes.

Mayor Staley presented request from Turin United Methodist Church to allow them to maintain four signs recently placed within the rights of way in the Town limits. Additionally, the letter requested that the Town waive the \$50 permit fee for each sign. Town Attorney stated that

GDOT does not allow signage to be placed in the rights of way. All signage must be placed on private property with the property owner signing the application for permit. Council Member Hyde motioned to deny the requests from Turin Methodist Church. All signage needs to be removed until proper procedures have been followed. Council Member McElwaney seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

The Mayor read from the Sign ordinance stating that after an election the citizens of Sharpsburg have one day to take down any election signs before being cited with a violation.

Mayor Staley polled the Council for comments. The Council had no comments.

In the Mayor's Minutes, Mayor Staley asked that everyone please remember to vote on Tuesday. He also requested that everyone remove any election signs they may have on their properties as soon after the election as possible.

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

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Robin L. Spradlin  
Town Clerk