

**TOWN OF SHARPSBURG
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
&
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

September 9, 2013

A Public Hearing and regular scheduled meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, September 9, 2013, at 7:00pm, in the Town of Sharpsburg at the Sharpsburg Recreation Center.

Present were the following: Wendell Staley, Mayor; Celene Davenport, Council Member; Derrick McElwaney, Council Member; Keith Rhodes, Council Member and Town Clerk, Donna Camp. Council Member Clay Cole was absent.

Also in attendance were: Colin Edwards of Sullivan Wickley, Herb Bridges and Polly Garlington.

Mayor Staley called the public hearing to order and discussed the reason a variance was submitted.

Polly Garlington of 154 Main Street wanted to know why we were allowing parking in the front of the building when the town's comp. plan says that parking should be in the rear. Also, when the town allows variances on the property that they own looks like favoritism.

Council Member McElwaney motioned to adjourn the public hearing. Motion carried.

Mayor Staley called the regular scheduled meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

The Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the August 5, 2013 Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written by unanimous vote, and were filed in the minute book of the Town.

Mayor Staley called for a motion to take the variance requests one item at a time. Council Member McElwaney made the motion, Council Member Rhodes seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Mayor Staley called for a motion to approve a the variance submitted my SW Sharpsburg LLC on the Hwy 54/Sunset Drive property dealing with the multi-use trails. Council Member McElwaney made the motion to allow the variance, Council Member Rhodes seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3 to 1. The no vote being cast by Council Member Davenport who is opposed to the sale and commercial development of the property by the firm of SW Sharpsburg, LLC.

Mayor Staley called for a motion to approve a the variance submitted my SW Sharpsburg LLC on the Hwy 54/Sunset Drive property dealing with the rear parking to allow it in the front of the building. Council Member McElwaney made the motion to allow the variance, Council Member Rhodes seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3 to 1. The no vote being cast by Council Member Davenport who is opposed to the sale and commercial development of the property by the firm of SW Sharpsburg, LLC.

Mayor Staley called for a motion to approve a the variance submitted my SW Sharpsburg LLC on the Hwy 54/Sunset Drive property dealing with the rear buffers. Council Member McElwaney made the motion to allow the variance with the stipulation that at the rear 25' undisturbed buffer the privacy fence should be installed and during the installation of said fence no trees over 6" caliper will be cut to allow for the fence. Council Member Rhodes seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 3 to 1. The no vote

being cast by Council Member Davenport who is opposed to the sale and commercial development of the property by the firm of SW Sharpsburg, LLC.

Public Comments - Polly Garlington would like the town to try and get the email addresses of the citizens of the town to notify of meetings and hearings.

Polling of the Council -

- Celene Davenport - Thanked Ms. Garlington for putting our signs about the public hearing.
- Keith Rhodes - n/a
- Derrick McElwaney - n/a

Clerks Comments - n/a

Mayor's Minutes -

- The trees behind the tennis courts need to be removed. The county extension agency came and looked at the trees and said they are dying. Most of the council have looked at the trees and we will be getting bids to have them removed.
- In talks with the County and developers about getting sewer to the intersection of Hwy 54 and Hwy 154.

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

Donna M. Camp
Town Clerk