

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

September 12, 2016

A regular scheduled meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, September 12, 2016, at 7:00pm, at the Sharpsburg Recreation Center.

Present were the following: Wendell Staley, Mayor; Stan Parten, Council Member; Keith Rhodes, Council Member; Clay Cole, Council Member; Polly Garlington, Council Member; Donna Camp, Town Clerk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

The Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the August 1, 2016 Public Hearing and Council Meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote, and were filed in the minute book of the Town.

Blue Cole and Connie Turner of the Ethics committee came before the Mayor and Council to give the determination of the committee on an ethics complaint that was submitted by Council Member Garlington for them to review. When the committee met to go over the complaint, Mr. Cole recused himself from the discussion and vote due to the fact that the ethics violation was against him. Mrs. Turner said she read the ethics ordinance and it didn't say that Mr. Cole couldn't be on the committee only that if an issue came up regarding his family he would have to recuse himself. Mrs. Turner and Mr. Cole stated that the committee finds there was no probable cause for belief there was a violation of the Ethics code of Sharpsburg that warrants a formal hearing. Copies of the complaint are attached to these minutes.

Mayor Staley called for a motion to agree with the finding of the Ethics Committee concerning the ethics complaint. Council Member Cole asked if he was allowed to vote and it was determined that he was allowed since it was not a family matter. Council Member Parton motioned to accept the finding of the Ethics Committee, Council Member Rhodes seconded. Council Member Garlington abstained from the vote. The motion carried with a vote of 4 in favor and one abstention.

Mayor Staley called for a motion to allow the town attorney to research and draw up an ordinance, if feasible, to allow the buildings downtown to open without restrooms but would still have to meet all other State and local codes. The Mayor talked of one option that may be viable and it's to allow the buildings downtown to hook up to the towns septic system. The county already agreed the town has sufficient capacity. The property owners would have to pay for the lines to be run. Council Member Cole motioned to allow the attorney to research/develop an ordinance if feasible, Council Member Garlington seconded. Motion carried by show of hands, unanimously.

Mayor Staley called for a motion to adopt the 2016 - 2036 Comprehensive Plan which was approved by Three Rivers Regional Development Center and the Department of Community Affairs. Council Member Parten motioned to adopt the plan, Council Member Rhodes seconded. Motion carried by show of hands, unanimously.

Margaret Staley gave an overview of her working in the library:

- Separating fiction from non-fiction
- Getting rid of text books/duplicates
- Filing hard/soft back books together
- Book list is being updated and merged

- Has had help the past month or so in the library
- Duplicates have been taken to Goodwill – Council Member Garlington asked if any kids books being removed can be donated to Poplar Road Elementary School for the kids to take home.

Council Member Garlington called around to other jurisdictions that use the speed limit monitors and they all are not sure if they actually slow down traffic but that they wouldn't get rid of them. Their costs were the same as the Mayor had previously mentioned.

Town Clerk Camp contacted the Coweta County Sheriff's Department and they have put the town's request for the speed limit monitor on their list. They were not definite on the date they would be available but hopefully it will be soon.

Public Comments –

The grass was cut on Terrentine Road

Polling of the Council –

- Clay Cole – Hwy 16 ROW still needs to be addressed. It has the potential to cause wrecks and its only time before a massive one happens.
- Polly Garlington – n/a
- Keith Rhodes – What is the status of the water contract? Mayor Staley stated that the water contract has been in Turin's hands since April, 2016. We have sent emails asking about the status and Turin reply's that they will get back with us. Council Member Rhodes suggests that the Mayor get on the next Turin agenda and ask the status of the contract.
- Stan Parten – What is the possibility of the council meeting times getting changed from 7pm to 6pm.

Mayor Staley called for a motion to change the council meeting times from 7pm to 6pm. Council Member Parten motioned for the time change, Council Member Garlington seconded. Motion carried by show of hands, unanimously.

Mayor's Minutes – n/a

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

Donna M. Camp
Town Clerk