

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

December 7, 2020

An open and public hearing, posted pursuant to the open meetings law, was held on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Town of Sharpsburg at the A & O Bridges Community Center.

Present were the following: Mayor Blue Cole, Mayor; Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Good, Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike, Council Member Stan Parten, Council Member Tom Teagle, Attorney Brad Sears, Town Clerk Deannia Roberson, Deputy Town Clerk Julie Stroud. Guests present were Alex and Alessandra Edge of Wellsburg Station, Beverly Thomas, Branch Manager of Bank OZK, and Jeff Flavin, CEO of Team Hungry, Inc.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to present the 2nd reading of the 2021 Budget and to present a slide presentation to members of the Steering Committee for the Town's Comprehensive Plan in alliance with Department of Community Affairs and Three Rivers.

The Town Clerk, Deannia Roberson, verified there was a quorum present.

Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Sharpsburg

The Mayor opened the meeting by welcoming the citizens in attendance and asked them about their interest in the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Beverly Thomas, Branch Manager OZK Bank would like to be involved with business development in the town.

Alex Edge owns a family business in Brooks, GA. He would like to be part of the future growth of Sharpsburg, especially with the growth in neighboring towns. Alessandra Edge would like to be involved in Community Outreach, promoting the Town and has experience in doing that. She has some extra time in her schedule to devote to this project.

Mayor Blue Cole started a slide presentation outlining some of the things that have been accomplished in the Town up until the present.

The Mayor proposed the questions to think about of how do we attract new business? How do we come up with new services for residents, such as trash, water, along with improvements? The last DCA was done in 2018, and the Town is updating the Plan during 2021 out to 2041.

2nd Reading of the 2021 Budget

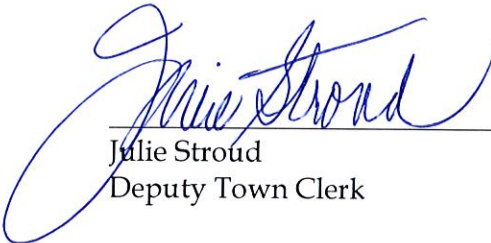
Mayor Cole discussed the 2021 budget and stated we have increased the budget 4.5% for 2021. We moved some money around to make up for the shortcomings in certain areas. Everything else is holding steady. Additional line items for infrastructure and utility expenses have been added to the 2021 budget. Millage rate has been the same for several years. To date, 79% of the 2020 budget has been paid out.

SPLOST 2019 balance is approximately \$82,000. Projected SPLOST 2021 revenue is \$57,000.

Council Member Stan Parten asked a question about Ad Valorem Tax about what the Town is paid back for. Sharpsburg received dollars back on TVAT but the \$20.00 fee for pre-paid Ad valorem the town does not receive any part of that fee.

A motion was asked for to approve the Budget for 2021. Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of the 2021 budget. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good seconded the motion and all were in favor. The 2021 budget was passed unanimously.

Public Hearing portion of the meeting was closed by Mayor Cole.



Julie Stroud
Deputy Town Clerk

