

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

December 2, 2002

A regular meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, December 2, 2002, at 7:00 p.m., in the Town of Sharpsburg at the Bridges Recreation Center.

Present were the following: Alvin Arrowood, Mayor; Clay Cole, Council Member; Larry Hyde, Council Member; David Mullins, Council Member; Watson Mills, Council Member; Robin Spradlin, Town Clerk.

Mayor Alvin Arrowood called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on November 4, 2002, were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote, and were filed in the minute book of the Town.

Diana Mullins of 6438 Highway 54, Sharpsburg, appeared before Council with comments regarding sign structure recently placed by Sharpsburg Baptist Church. Mrs. Mullins indicated that the lighting of the sign is intrusive to her residence and devalues her property. She also indicated she had requested copies of the sign permit and approval and learned the sign had not been permitted. She asked that the Council review and act in accordance with the signage ordinance as the sign does not meet requirements as to size, setbacks, lighting or permitting.

Mike Thomas, Chairman of Deacons, Sharpsburg Baptist Church, related that he had overseen the construction of the sign after being told by Coweta County that they had no jurisdiction and having been told by a Council Member that a permit was not necessary. He indicated the Church would like to pay the permit fee and fine and could possibly change timers on lighting. Mr. Thomas also indicated the Church had made an effort to comply with the signage ordinance and requested that the Council give consideration for issuance of a variance for the sign.

Council Member Mullins read from the signage ordinance the conditions for granting a variance. Council Member Cole motioned that the matter be tabled until next Council meeting so that more information could be obtained. Council Member Hyde seconded, Mayor Arrowood voted in favor, Council Members Mullins and Mills abstained.

Further, Mr. Thomas indicated that the Church would turn off the lighting until the matter could be resolved. Donald Rose and Judy Whitwood also spoke on behalf of the Church.

Mayor Arrowood called for second reading of the Town Sidewalk Ordinance (02-08). Copies of Ordinance were previously presented to Council and were available for

inspection by the Public. Council Member Mullins motioned to adopt and enact Sidewalk ordinance. Council Member Cole seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Mayor Arrowood called for second reading of Solid Waste Management Ordinance (02-09). Copies of Ordinance were previously presented to Council and were available for inspection by the Public. Council Member Cole motioned to adopt and enact Solid Waste Management Ordinance. Council Member Hyde seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Mayor Arrowood called for second reading of Town Budget Policy. Council Member Mullins motioned to adopt Budget Policy as presented. Council Member Hyde seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Mayor Arrowood called for second reading and adoption of 2003 operating and Splost fund budgets. Citizens in attendance were given copies of budget when requested. Council Member Mullins motioned to adopt 2003 budgets as proposed. Council Member Cole seconded. Motion carried, unanimously. Mayor Arrowood signed budget resolution.

Town Clerk submitted proposals for solid waste pickup. After review, Council Member Cole motioned that the proposal from Environmental Partners be accepted for a three year contract. Council Member Hyde seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Town Clerk submitted proposal for right-of-way clearing inside the Town limits. Only one proposal had been received from Smart Sense Lawn Care Services for mowing sides of road, weed eating and picking up trash in areas shown on Town map. Council Member Mullins motioned to accept proposal from Smart Sense for \$300 per month from March to October as recommended by Finance Committee. Council Member Cole seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Council Member Mullins gave status report on Architectural Control ordinance.

Council Member Mills indicated that he needed to discuss with Council a personnel issued and requested to close the meeting for executive session. Mayor Arrowood motioned that the meeting be closed for executive session. Council Member Cole seconded. All Members present concurred. During executive session, Council Member Mills expressed that he would be submitting his resignation. Clerk Spradlin indicated that the Town would need the resignation in writing. Mayor Arrowood executed a notarized affidavit of executive session.

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

Robin L. Spradlin
Town Clerk