

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

**October 3, 2016**

A regular scheduled meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, October 3, 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.

Mayor Staley called for a motion to amend the agenda to add discussion about a town septic system and the restroom issue concerning the old town buildings. Council Member Rhodes motioned to amend the agenda, Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

The minutes of the September 12, 2016 Council Meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote, and were filed in the minute book of the Town. Council Member Garlington asked that the statement of Mrs. Turner, in the September minutes, include that Mr. Blue Cole was a family member of the current Council Member Clay Cole and that was the basis of the ethics complaint.

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

Mayor Staley discussed the town's septic system and when it was installed it was made large enough to take on more capacity than the town's buildings would require. In talking with the county and our attorney, it may be possible to accommodate the old town commercial buildings if at any time in the future the owner or tenant would like to tap on and pay a monthly fee to the town for such use. The Mayor asked for a motion to pursue this further. Council Member Garlington motioned to pursue the matter, Council Member Cole seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Mayor Staley discussed the ongoing issue of the lack of restrooms in the old town commercial buildings. In talking with our attorney, it would be allowable for potential tenants (current tenant on Terrentine) to use the restrooms in other old town buildings that are owned by the same owner with the understanding that the new tenant gets signed authorization from the tenant in the building with the restroom and the building's owner and sign themselves. This authorization does not negate the fact that the buildings themselves must pass all other federal, state, local and ADA building codes. This authorization would need to be renewed every year when the business license is renewed. The Mayor asked for a motion to allow for this addition to our regulations pertaining to the occupancy of our old town commercial buildings. Council Member Garlington motioned to allow this addition, Council Member Cole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

It was discussed that the town has outdoor restrooms that maybe the businesses could use if they obtained a key. Council Member Cole was concerned with the damage to the restrooms. This matter should be tabled until the next meeting. Council Member Parten motioned to table the idea, Council Member Garlington seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Mayor Staley mentioned that we just received the draft water contract back from Turin's attorney. This is close to the one we sent to them in April. We have not had time to go over and compare the two documents. The item needs to be tabled to the next meeting. Council Member Cole motioned to table the issue, Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Public Comments -

- When will the playground get built? When funding is available.
- The grass was cut on Terrentine Road
- Mr. Bridges thanked the Mayor and Council for considering options for the restrooms.

Polling of the Council -

- Clay Cole - GDOT is working on getting the Hwy 16 ROW addressed. It has the potential to cause wrecks and its only time before a massive one happens.
- Polly Garlington - Restroom in the library needs a ADA bar. Newspaper ad for postponed meetings.
- Keith Rhodes - Waste Industries was very quick to pick up some yard debris out in front of the house. The surveillance system for the Rec. Center and the park was bid out and the amounts were outrageous. We ordered a Vanguard system that is digital/Wi-Fi. It saved the town about \$8000.
- Stan Parten - Security system signs will need to be put up.

Mayor's Minutes - The park progress is coming along:

- The restroom fixtures are in
- HVAC is installed
- Countertops should be installed this week
- Saved a lot of money searching for items

Mayor Staley called for a motion to go into executive session for real estate matters. Council Member Parten motioned, Council Member Garlington seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Mayor Staley called for a motion to exit executive session. Council Member Parten motioned, Council Member Garlington. Motion carried, unanimously.

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

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Donna M. Camp  
Town Clerk