



# HISTORICAL COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

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Sharpsburg Historical Commission

Date: 12/21/2017

Honorable Richard C. Panza and members of the Sharpsburg Council,

The Sharpsburg Historical Commission was founded June 15, 2017 by the Borough of Sharpsburg Resolution 17-09. In order to meet the goals of the resolution, the Commission has performed the following:

- Elected officers in the first year's meetings.
  - Chair – Malina Suity
  - Vice-Chair – Devin Russian
  - Treasurer – Joe Bruno
  - Clerk – Regina Russian
  - Appointed members include – Leo Rudzki, Matt Rudzki, Lou Deluca, Matt Diersen, and Melanie Linn Gutowski
- Starting in June 2017, the commission has held monthly meetings on the third Thursday of each month. Meetings will be moved to the first Wednesday starting in January 2018.
- Members of the commission have met with, and plan to work with, representatives from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to place St. Mary's Church on the National Register of Historic Places.

- The Commission has also worked with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to explore the possibility of creating a National Register Historic District in the Borough of Sharpsburg
- The Commission has established its digital engagement with the citizens of Sharpsburg by creating a page through the Borough of Sharpsburg's website and expanding a social media presence with the Sharpsburg Historical Commission Facebook group page.
- The Fugh Foundation has awarded a grant of \$1,500.00 to the commission to be used towards completing our goals.
- Members of the Commission have contacted and are working with Arcadia Publishing to begin the process of creating a History of Sharpsburg book.
- To that end, members of the commission have begun cataloging and creating digital copies of photos and historical articles for research and use in the book.

The Sharpsburg Historical Commission would like to thank the Mayor and Council for all of its support in the year 2017 and we look forward to working with the Borough of Sharpsburg in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Malina Suity, Chair

Devin Russian, Vice-Chair

Joe Bruno, Treasurer

Regina Russian, Clerk

Melanie Linn Gutowski , Leo Rudzki, Matt Rudzki, Lou Deluca, and Matt Diersen, Members