

WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL HOME RULE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021

A meeting of the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at the Department of Revenue, State Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia.

The following members were present:

Dave Hardy (designee for the Honorable Jim Justice)

The following members participated via telephone:

Brian Jones, Member

Jack Rife, Member

Mark Polen, Member

Dan Vriendt, Member

Honorable Brandon Steele, West Virginia House of Delegates

The following members were absent:

Honorable Mark Maynard, West Virginia Senate

Others present:

Allen Prunty, Deputy Secretary and General Counsel, WV Dept. of Revenue

Leslie Dillon, Deputy General Counsel, WV Dept. of Revenue

Others participating via telephone:

Greg Burke, Town of Reedsville

Carl Fletcher, Counsel for WV Senate Gov. Org. Committee

Jaclyn Schiffour, Counsel for WV House of Delegates Gov. Org. Committee

Susan Economou, Deputy Executive Director, WV Municipal League

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hardy at 10:30 a.m. It was reported that the notice of the meeting was lawfully given, a quorum was present, and the meeting was convened. A motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2021, meeting

was made by Mark Polen and seconded by Brian Jones. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Chair's Report

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Town of Reedsville:

- Greg Burke, Town Councilman, presented the proposed plan application for the Town of Reedsville.
- Chair Hardy confirmed that the Town of Reedsville complied with all legal requirements as provided in WV Code § 8-1-5a in order to submit their proposed plan application to the Home Rule Board.
- Chair Hardy asked for a motion to accept the Town of Reedsville into the WV Municipal Home Rule Program. The motion was made by Mr. Vriendt and seconded by Mr. Polen. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.
- The single item on the proposed plan application was the imposition of the 1% municipal sales tax. The proposed plan application was presented, and a brief discussion took place. A motion to approve the request to impose a 1% municipal sales tax was made by Mr. Vriendt, with a second by Mr. Polen. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Allen Prunty instructed Mr. Burke that the town will have several more steps to complete this process before the town can start collecting the sales tax and that the town will need to work with the State Tax Department in this regard.

Next Meeting

Chair Hardy announced that the next meeting will take place October 13, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., and will be an in-person meeting. The location is T/B/D.

Other Business

Mr. Polen inquired as to how many Class IV municipalities have been accepted into the program so far. Chair Hardy explained that with the acceptance of the Town of

Reedsville, there are currently two Class IV municipalities so far, and that two more are eligible for admittance for 2021.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Polen and seconded by Mr. Jones. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote. The meeting concluded at 10:47 a.m.