

MUNICIPAL HOME
RULE PILOT PROGRAM
PHASE III

Senate Bill 323 / June 2015

APPLICATION

February 25, 2020

West Virginia Department of Revenue
Municipal Home Rule Pilot Program
State Capitol Complex, Bldg. 1 Room W-300
1900 Kanawha Blvd., East
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Municipal Home Rule Board,

Thank you for reviewing the Town of Sophia's Home Rule Application, we look forward to working with you to solve the unique challenges in our town. Currently, I'm not aware of any outstanding fees that the Town of Sophia owes the State of West Virginia.

If you should have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (304)683-4456.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Danny Barr". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Danny Barr

Mayor, Town of Sophia WV

HOME RULE APPLICATION, PLAN AND AMENDMENT CHECKLIST

- Class II legal advertisement of Public Hearing
Dates January 20th and 27th 2020
- Notice of Public Hearing to Municipal Home Rule Board (MHRB) and Cabinet Secretary of every State department mailed 1-16-2020

- Plan available for public inspection 30 days prior to Public Hearing

- Hearing
Date February 20, 2020

- Ordinance authorizing plan or amendment
1st reading date 8-15-19
2nd reading date 2-20-2020
Date of adoption 2-20-2020

- Required narrative presentation of each separate proposal (see Sample Form Application)

ATTACHMENTS

- Affidavit of legal notice of Public Hearing
- Minutes of Public Hearing, including comments (if any)
- Certified copy of ordinance authorizing plan or amendment
- Fiscal statement demonstrating municipality's ability to manage costs or liabilities associated with proposals
- Affidavit that municipality owes no outstanding State fees
- Attorney opinion letter that application and plan or amendment complies with applicable State law
- Submit eight (8) originals and one (1) electronic copy of application plan or amendment to the MHRB

Municipal Home Rule Pilot Program Phase III

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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2&3	Specific problem(s) created by the laws, policies, acts, resolutions, rules or regulations.
2&3	Proposed solution(s) to the perceived problem(s), including all proposed changes to law, policies, acts, resolutions, rules or regulations. Categorize and include: 1) Proposed solution(s) in one of the five areas (tax/administrative/organization/ personnel/other) 2) If revenue related, estimate(s) for proposed solution(s) and how the fiscal impact was determined. Example: Estimated reduction of administrative time and costs = X. Please attach the worksheet or formula used to determine "X" amount.

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22	State of West Virginia Fees Statement (none outstanding)

Municipal Home Rule Pilot Program Phase III APPLICATION

SECTION I: APPLICANT INFORMATION	
A. General Information	
Name of Municipality: <u>Town of Sophia</u>	
Certifying Official: <u>Danny Barr</u>	Title: <u>Mayor</u>
Contact Person: <u>Jeanie White</u>	Title: <u>Office manager / Clerk</u>
Address: <u>PO Box 700</u>	
City, State, Zip: <u>Sophia, WV, 25921</u>	
Telephone Number: <u>304-683-4456</u>	Fax Number: <u>304-683-3231</u>
E-Mail Address: <u>SophiaWV@yahoo.com</u>	
2010 Census Population: <u>1344</u>	
B. Municipal Classification	
<input type="checkbox"/> Class I <input type="checkbox"/> Class II <input type="checkbox"/> Class III <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Class IV	
C. Category of Issues to be Addressed (please attach descriptions for applicable categories)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax <input type="checkbox"/> Organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

SECTION II: NARRATIVE (written plan, including the following)
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SECTION III: AFFIDAVITS
Hearing Mandate Verification Publication Mandate Verification Ordinance Authorizing Submission of Plan Fiscal Impact Worksheets/Formulas (if revenue related) Feasibility Study (if taxes are proposed) Attorney Opinion (application complies with statutory requirements) State of West Virginia Fees Statement (none outstanding)

Town of Sophia

Municipal Home Rule Plan

The following proposed Municipal Home Rule Plan lists additional powers For the Town of Sophia (the "Town") which will, if approved, enhance and improve the ability of the Town to meet its present and future financial and civic service obligations. Provided the Town is granted these additional powers, it will improve its management, provision of services, the quality of life of its citizens and will further promote growth and prestige of our town and state.

The Plan: Pursuant to W.Va. Code 5a, Article 1, Chapter 8, the Town hereby Proposes the Municipal Home Rule plan:

1. Eyesores: and Dilapidated Structures (Administrative) current state law, W.Va. Code 8-12-16, only permits municipalities to "adopt ordinances regulating the repair, alteration, or the vacating and closing or removal or demolition...of any dwellings or other buildings unfit for human habitation due to dilapidation, defects increasing the hazard of fire, accidents or other calamities, lack of ventilation, light or sanitary facilities or any other conditions...which would cause such dwellings or other buildings to be unsafe, unsanitary, dangerous, or detrimental to the public safety or welfare." This does not allow municipalities to address problems with property maintenance that detract from the neighborhood or constitute eyesores but do not yet constitute a threat to public safety. Additionally, W.Va. Code 8-12-16 limits the lien amounts municipalities may assess for repairing Or demolishing a structure to the assessed value of the property and requires that the Town obtain a court judgement for the imposition of the lien.

Thus, it is proposed that the Town be given the power and authority, after due notice to the owner and owners of property, which is not being properly maintained, to enter the property and maintain, repair or demolish the property, and/or to mow or trim unkempt grass, brush or trees to ensure that the property does not detract from the neighborhood or deteriorate further. The cost of that rehabilitation would constitute a lien against the property without the necessity of obtaining a court order.

2. Building and Zoning Administration Enforcement Provisions (Administrative) Presently, there is no clear authority under state law that would Permit building and zoning administrators or Town law enforcement officers to issue "on the spot" citations for external sanitation violations or common nuisances. Additionally, W.Va. Code 8-12-16 mandates certain procedural and notice Requirements including a requirement that, "[a]ll orders issued by the enforcement Agency shall be served in accordance with the law of this state concerning the service of process in civil actions" and a requirement that such orders "be posted in conspicuous place on the premises affected by the complaint or order... Currently, building and zoning administrators issue citations only after

application to and approval by the Municipal Court. The process of successfully prosecuting a building or zoning violations may take a month, or more, and fosters recidivism from violators who will correct violations to get a case dismissed, then re-offend, knowing the prosecution clock will start anew. It is proposed that building and zoning administrators and/or Town law enforcement officers be given power to issue citations for reoccurring exterior sanitation/common nuisance violations (including, but not limited to, trash/rubbish, overgrown weeds/grass, junked or otherwise unlawfully situated motor vehicles, maintenance of vacant structures, broken windows or glass, failure to maintain sidewalks and driveways) at the site of the violation and at the time the violation is recognized, like the way traffic citations are issued.

3. Reducing or Eliminating Certain B&O Tax Categories and Adding the 1% Municipal Sales Tax (Taxing) Currently, the Town of Sophia collects various categories of B&O Tax at various rates (see attached Figure 1.1), it's the Town of Sophia's position that reducing certain B&O Tax categories (Figure 1.2) may Help the growth of startups and various businesses within town limits by reducing overall tax liability and increasing revenue for various businesses. This will allow businesses to hire more workers and allowing business to be more competitive in the marketplace. Given that the Town of Sophia is in the "Opportunity Zone", which allows for various tax incentives related to the investment, we believe this additional revenue will be reinvested in our community and will create further growth within our city limits. It's also the Town of Sophia's position that the addition of the 1% Municipal Sales Tax will allow the Town of Sophia to increase revenue to put towards special projects such as continued improvements to city streets and sidewalks, continued improvements to the school building that we will be using as a police department and community center, insurance for employees, and town fleet upgrades.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Town of Sophia,

West Virginia

HOME RULE PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given by the Town of Sophia, West Virginia, that it will hold a public hearing on February 20, 2020, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Sophia Town Hall, 100 Railroad Avenue, Sophia, West Virginia.

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss the Town of Sophia's proposed Home Rule written plan application. Information from this hearing will be utilized by the Town of Sophia in its application to the West Virginia Home Rule Program. The Town of Sophia's proposed Home Rule Plan is available for public inspection in the Mayor's Office, Sophia Town Hall, Sophia, West Virginia, beginning on Monday January 13, 2020 between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the public hearing scheduled on Thursday February 20, 2020, at 7:00 pm, and to present oral or written comments concerning Sophia's proposed Home Rule plan and application. Written comments may be addressed to Mayor Danny Barr, 100 Railroad Avenue, PO Box 700 Sophia, West Virginia 25921.

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Signed: Tara Meyer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day
01/27/2020

My commission expires: August 29, 2023

Notary Public: Valerie Stone

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Town of Sophia, West Virginia

HOME RULE PROGRAM

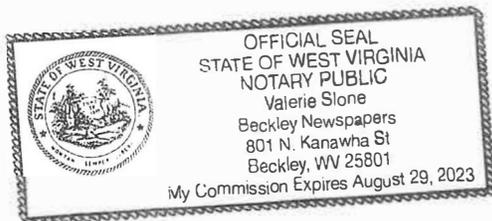
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**HOME RULE ORDINANCE
2-20-2020**

**AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE
MUNICIPAL HOME RULE BOARD FOR THE TOWN OF SOPHIA TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the Town of Sophia is seeking to improve the Town's economic, social, and cultural prospects, and in general enhance the quality of life of its Residents; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds that the Town faces challenges delivering services required by federal and state law and/or demanded by their constituents; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council further finds that participating in the Municipal Home Rule Program is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to W.Va. Code §8-1-5a(a)(7)(b), which was effective on June 7, 2019, the West Virginia Legislature granted the Municipal Home Rule permanent status; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sophia's participation in the Municipal Home Rule Program would allow the Town the reasonable legal flexibility to efficiently, effectively, and Responsibly pursue and achieve the goals set forth in the Town's Home Rule Plan; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT OBTAINED AND ENACTED BY THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOPHIA THAT CHAPTER 37 OF
THE TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES, WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY RESERVED,
SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS**

CHAPTER 37: MUNICIPAL HOME RULE

§37.01 MAYOR AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO SUBMIT APPLICATION AND PLAN

The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to complete and submit, consistent with the Form of the Home Rule Plan attached hereto and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the W.Va. Code §8-1-5a et. Seq., a formal application and proposed Home Rule Plan to the Municipal Home Rule Board requesting its consideration and approval to allow the Town of Sophia to participate in the Municipal Home Rule Program. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption following its second reading

Statutory reference: *For provisions concerning the authority of the Town to participate in Municipal Home Rule see W.Va. Code §8-1-5a et. Seq. (New Ord. passed :2-20-2020)*

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced and read at the regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Sophia on August 15, 2019. A second reading occurred on January 20, 2020.

Following the publication of a Class II Legal Advertisement in Conformity to W.Va. Code §8-1-5a(g)(1)-(4), and W.Va. Code §59-3-1 et. Seq. on January 20th and 27th, 2020, a public hearing was held by the Common Council on February 20th, 2020. After the public hearing on February 20th, 2020 Councilman Ralph Sallie moved for the adoption of said Ordinance and authorization for the Honorable Danny Barr, Mayor of the Town of Sophia, to sign said Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gary Taylor. After the discussion, the Common Council of the Town of Sophia adopted the foregoing Ordinance and authorization with ALL present voting for the Ordinance and authorization and NONE against.

TOWN OF SOPHIA

By: *Danny Barr*
Danny Barr, Mayor

ATTEST:
Gary Basham
Gary Basham, Recorder

I, the undersigned, being the duly appointed, qualified and acting Clerk of the Town of Sophia, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance is a true, correct and accurate copy as Duly and lawfully passed and adopted by the governing body of the Town of Sophia on the 20th day of February.

Jeanie White
Jeanie White, City Clerk

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2/27/20
PERIOD:13, YEAR ENDING: 2020

Town of Sophia
B U D G E T R E P O R T
GENERAL FUND REVENUES

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FILE	ACCOUNT #	ESTIMATED-BUDGET		MONTH	ACTUAL	OVER/UNDER	% OF ESTIMATED		
		ANNUAL	PRORATED		Y-T-D	ESTIMATE	ANNUAL	P-RATED	
REVENUES									
PROPERTY TAXES - CURRENT YEAR	1 301 010 00	127,985.00	127,984.92	00	77,543.85	(50,441.15)	60.58	60.58	
PRIOR YEAR TAXES	1 301 020 50	14,400.00	14,400.00	00	7,219.81	(7,180.19)	50.13	50.13	
SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES	1 301 060 00	1,200.00	1,200.00	.00	744.50	(455.50)	62.04	62.04	
TAX LOSS RESTORATION FUND DIST	1 301 070 00	500.00	499.92	.00	.00	(500.00)			
TAX INTEREST & PENALTIES	1 302 000 00	60.00	60.00	00	79.97	19.97	133.28	133.28	
GAS & OIL SEVERANCE TAX	1 303 000 00	2,500.00	2,499.96	00	3,193.79	693.79	127.75	127.75	
EXCISE TAX ON UTILITIES	1 304 000 00	30,000.00	30,000.00	00	23,459.86	(6,540.14)	78.19	78.19	
BUSINESS & OCCUPATION TAX	1 305 000 00	207,100.00	207,099.96	.00	197,980.91	(9,119.09)	95.59	95.59	
WINE & LIQUOR TAX	1 306 000 00	40,000.00	39,999.96	00	1,000.01	(38,999.99)	2.50	2.50	
FINES, FEES & COURT COSTS	1 320 000 00	78,000.00	78,000.00	00	76,566.25	(1,433.75)	98.16	98.16	
LICENSES	1 325 000 00	6,000.00	6,000.00	.00	9,567.34	3,567.34	159.45	159.45	
FRANCHISE FEES	1 328 000 00	18,000.00	18,000.00	00	12,953.90	(5,046.10)	71.96	71.96	
IRP FEES	1 330 000 00	14,400.00	14,400.00	00	13,250.05	(1,149.95)	92.01	92.01	
PRIVATE LIQUOR CLUB FEE	1 335 000 00	800.00	799.92	.00	.00	(800.00)			
RENTS AND CONCESSIONS	1 345 000 00	.00	.00	00	4,750.00	4,750.00			
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GRANT	1 365 000 00	.00	.00	.00	3,000.00	3,000.00			
STATE GOVERNMENT GRANTS	1 366 000 00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00			
CONT FROM OTHER ENTITIES	1 368 000 00	.00	.00	.00	300.00	300.00			
GAMING INCOME	1 376 000 00	10,800.00	10,800.00	00	6,621.49	(4,178.51)	61.31	61.31	
INTEREST INCOME	1 380 000 00	.00	.00	00	13.80	13.80			
REIMBURSEMENTS	1 381 000 00	3,000.00	3,000.00	00	2,739.22	(260.78)	91.30	91.30	
REFUNDS & REBATES	1 382 000 00	3,600.00	3,600.00	.00	2,374.37	(1,225.63)	65.95	65.95	
SALE OF FIXED ASSETS	1 383 000 00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00			
INSURANCE CLAIMS	1 386 000 00	.00	.00	00	.00	.00			
IDENT REPORTS	1 389 000 00	1,200.00	1,200.00	00	750.00	(450.00)	62.50	62.50	
VIDEO LOTTERY	1 397 000 00	4,800.00	4,800.00	00	3,367.93	(1,432.07)	70.16	70.16	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	1 399 000 00	100.00	99.96	00	.00	(100.00)			
TOTAL REVENUES		564,445.00	564,444.60	00	447,477.05	(116,967.95)	79.27	79.27	
UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	1 299 200 00	169,783.00	169,782.96	00	.00	(169,783.00)			
TOTAL REVENUES & FUND BALANCE		734,228.00	734,227.56	00	447,477.05	(286,750.95)	60.94	60.94	

ACCOUNT #	Y E A R - T O - D A T E		
	DETAIL	BALANCE	TOTAL
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
1 101 001 00	GENERAL FUND CHECKING	65,300.96	
1 101 100 00	POLICE DEPARTMENT CHECKING	.00	
1 101 200 00	EXCISE TAX CHECKING	.00	
1 101 300 00	GENERAL FUND SAVINGS	27,384.33	
1 109 000 00	TAXES RECEIVABLE	49,000.00	
1 115 000 00	DUE FROM SANITARY	.00	
1 115 100 00	DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS	.00	
1 122 100 00	PREPAID INSURANCE	30,377.09	
1 122 200 00	PREPAID WORKERS' COMP	3,729.50	
1 122 300 00	PREPAID DUES	.00	
	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		175,791.88
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT			
1 130 000 00	FIXED ASSETS	.00	
	TOTAL PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT		.00
OTHER ASSETS			
1 137 000 00	OTHER ASSETS	.00	
	TOTAL OTHER ASSETS		.00
	TOTAL ASSETS		175,791.88

LIABILITIES & CAPITAL

CURRENT LIABILITIES			
1 201 000 00	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	.00	
1 215 300 00	NET DUE TO PC	.00	
1 221 100 00	FICA EMPLOYEE PAYABLE TO PC	.00	
1 221 200 00	FICA EMPLOYER PAYABLE TO PC	.00	
1 222 000 00	FED TAXES PAYABLE TO PC	.00	
1 223 000 00	WV STATE TAXES PAYABLE TO PC	.00	
1 224 100 00	RETIREMENT DED PAYABLE TO PC	.00	
1 224 200 00	RETIREMENT BEN PAYABLE TO PC	.00	
1 225 100 00	AFLAC PAYABLE TO PC	.00	
1 227 100 00	WV CHILD SUPPORT PAYABLE TO PC	.00	
1 228 000 00	UNEMPLOYMENT PAYABLE TO PC	.00	
1 234 000 00	REFUNDS DUE CUSTOMERS	.00	
	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		.00
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES			
1 244 000 00	LONG-TERM DEBT	.00	
	TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		.00
	TOTAL LIABILITIES		.00

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2/27/20
Period:13, Year Ending: 2020

Town of Sophia
General Ledger
GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

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ACCOUNT #	----- YEAR - T O - D A T E -----		
	DETAIL	BALANCE	TOTAL
CAPITAL			
UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE	1 299 000 00	201,211.28	
CURRENT YEAR PROFIT	1 299 001 00	(25,419.40)	

TOTAL CAPITAL			175,791 88
			=====
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL			175,791 88

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Town of Sophia
B U D G E T R E P O R T
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

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LINE	ACCOUNT #	ESTIMATED-BUDGET		REVENUES/EXPENDITURES		OVER/UNDER BUDGET	% OF ESTIMATED		
		ANNUAL	PRORATED	MONTH	Y-T-D		ANNUAL	P-RATED	
STATE GRANTS									
	STATE GRANT - FLOODING	1 404 100 00	00	00	00	00	.00		
	TOTAL STATE GRANTS		00	00	00	00	.00		
MAYOR'S OFFICE									
	MAYOR'S OFFICE SALARY	1 409 101 00	14,400.00	14,400.00	.00	9,600.00	(4,800 00)	66 66	66 66
	MAYOR'S OFFICE FICA TAX	1 409 104 00	.00	00	00	734 40	734 40		
	TOTAL MAYOR'S OFFICE		14,400.00	14,400.00	.00	10,334.40	(4,065.60)	71.76	71.76
CITY COUNCIL									
	CITY COUNCIL SALARIES	1 410 101 00	12,000.00	12,000.00	00	8,000.00	(4,000.00)	66.66	66.66
	CITY COUNCIL FICA TAX	1 410 104 00	960 00	960 00	00	612 00	(348 00)	63.75	63 75
	COUNCIL TRAINING & EDUCATION	1 410 221 00	450 00	450 00	00	00	(450 00)		
	CITY COUNCIL DUES & SUBS	1 410 222 00	7,844 00	7,843 92	00	8,188 00	344 00	104.38	104.38
	TOTAL CITY COUNCIL		21,254 00	21,253 92	00	16,800 00	(4,454 00)	79.04	79 04
CITY RECORDER									
	CITY RECORDER SALARY	1 411 101 00	7,200 00	7,200 00	00	4,800.00	(2,400 00)	66 66	66.66
	CITY RECORDER FICA TAX	1 411 104 00	552 00	552 00	00	367 20	(184 80)	66.52	66.52
	TOTAL CITY RECORDER		7,752 00	7,752 00	00	5,167 20	(2,584 80)	66 65	66 65
POLICE JUDGE									
	POLICE JUDGE SALARY	1 416 101 00	4,800 00	4,800 00	00	3,200 00	(1,600 00)	66.66	66 66
	POLICE JUDGE FICA TAX	1 416 104 00	372 00	372.00	.00	244 80	(127.20)	65.80	65.80
	POLICE JUDGE UNEMPL	1 416 226 20	00	00	00	00	00		
	TOTAL POLICE JUDGE		5,172.00	5,172.00	00	3,444.80	(1,727.20)	66.60	66.60
CITY ATTORNEY									
	CITY ATTORNEY PROFESSIONAL SER	1 417 223 00	5,000.00	4,999.92	.00	4,185.00	(815 00)	83 70	83 70
	TOTAL CITY ATTORNEY		5,000 00	4,999 92	.00	4,185.00	(815 00)	83.70	83 70
CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMISSIONS									
	CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMISSIONS	1 424 000 00	6,000 00	6,000 00	00	1,363 00	(4,637 00)	22 71	22 71
	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS - COMM.		6,000 00	6,000 00	00	1,363 00	(4,637 00)	22 71	22 71
ELECTIONS									
	ELECTIONS MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	1 438 341 00	.00	.00	.00	.00	00		
	TOTAL ELECTIONS		.00	00	00	00	00		
CITY HALL									
	CITY HALL SALARIES	1 440 103 00	46,320.00	46,320.00	00	29,855.00	(16,465 00)	64.45	64.45
	CITY HALL FICA TAX	1 440 104 00	4,800 00	4,800 00	00	3,182 92	(1,617 08)	66.31	66.31
	CITY HALL RETIREMENT	1 440 106 00	5,400 00	5,400 00	.00	3,377 20	(2,022 80)	62 54	62.54
	CITY HALL OVERTIME	1 440 108 00	10,800.00	10,800 00	00	10,812 00	12 00	100.11	100.11
	CITY HALL TELEPHONE	1 440 211 00	9,000.00	9,000 00	00	5,140.95	(3,859 05)	57 12	57 12
	CITY HALL ELECTRICITY	1 440 213 10	3,900.00	3,900.00	.00	1,699.47	(2,200 53)	43.57	43.57

Town of Sophia
 B U D G E T R E P O R T
 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

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LINE	ACCOUNT #	ESTIMATED-BUDGET		REVENUES/EXPENDITURES		OVER/UNDER BUDGET	% OF ESTIMATED	
		ANNUAL	PRORATED	MONTH	Y-T-D		ANNUAL	P-RATED
POLICE SALARIES	1 700 103 00	201,200 00	201,199 92	.00	125,243.00	(75,957 00)	62 24	62 24
POLICE FICA TAX	1 700 104 00	15,600.00	15,600 00	.00	10,728 36	(4,871 64)	68 77	68 77
POLICE RETIREMENT	1 700 106 00	12,000.00	12,000.00	.00	7,902.13	(4,097.87)	65.85	65.85
POLICE OVERTIME	1 700 108 00	12,000 00	12,000.00	00	11,013.75	(986.25)	91.78	91.78
POLICE DEPT. ELECTRICITY	1 700 213 10	2,560.00	2,559.96	.00	502.61	(2,057.39)	19.63	19.63
POLICE DEPT- INTERNET	1 700 213 60	00	00	00	462.40	462.40		
POLICE TRAVEL	1 700 214 00	.00	.00	.00	00	.00		
POLICE MAINT & REPAIR EQUIP	1 700 216 00	00	00	00	00	00		
POLICE MAINT & REPAIR VEH	1 700 217 00	6,000.00	6,000 00	.00	5,950 13	(49 87)	99.16	99.16
POLICE TRAINING & EDUCATION	1 700 221 00	.00	00	00	3,120 91	3,120.91		
POLICE DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	1 700 222 00	.00	00	.00	.00	.00		
POLICE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1 700 223 00	.00	00	.00	.00	.00		
POLICE AUDIT COSTS	1 700 224 00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00		
POLICE INSURANCE & BONDS	1 700 226 00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00		
POLICE WORKER'S COMP	1 700 226 10	5,000.00	4,999.92	.00	.00	(5,000.00)		
POLICE UNEMPLOYMENT	1 700 226 20	1,200 00	1,200 00	00	887.43	(312.57)	73.95	73.95
POLICE BANK CHARGES	1 700 232 00	00	00	00	00	00		
POLICE INVESTIGATION EXPE	1 700 233 00	00	00	00	00	00		
POLICE REMITTANCE OF FEES	1 700 235 00	00	.00	00	15,900 00	15,900 00		
POLICE DEPT REFUNDS & RE	1 700 240 00	00	00	00	00	00		
POLICE MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	1 700 341 00	9,000 00	9,000.00	00	9,607 18	607 18	106 74	106 74
POLICE AUTOMOBILE SUPPLIES	1 700 343 00	18,000 00	18,000.00	00	9,307 87	(8,692.13)	51 71	51.71
POLICE UNIFORMS	1 700 345 00	00	00	00	6,347 67	6,347 67		
FIRE DEPT ELECTRICITY	1 706 213 10	00	00	00	1,690.11	1,690 11		
FIRE DEPARTMENT INTERNET	1 706 213 60	00	00	00	911 44	911 44		
FIRE DEPT MATERIAL & SUPPLIES	1 706 341 00	00	00	00	8,528 04	8,528 04		
FIRE DEPT AUTOMOBILE SUPPLIES	1 706 343 00	00	00	.00	2,165 31	2,165 31		
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT		282,560 00	282,559 80	00	220,268 34	(62,291.66)	77.95	77 95
STREET LIGHTS								
STREET LIGHTS- ELECTRICITY	1 751 213 10	30,000.00	30,000.00	.00	18,860.89	(11,139.11)	62.86	62.86
TOTAL STREET LIGHTS		30,000.00	30,000.00	.00	18,860.89	(11,139.11)	62.86	62.86
SIGNS & SIGNALS								
SIGNS & SIGNALS-ELECTRICITY	1 752 213 10	1,020 00	1,020 00	.00	00	(1,020.00)		
TOTAL SIGNS AND SIGNALS		1,020 00	1,020 00	00	00	(1,020 00)		
PARKS - MAINT BLDG & GROUNDS		1 908 215 00	5,500 00	5,499 96	00	00	(5,500 00)	
TOTAL PARKS		5,500 00	5,499 96	00	00	(5,500 00)		
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES POLICE	1 976 459 00	13,200 00	13,200 00	00	13,897 31	697 31	105 28	105 28
CAP EXPENDITURES PUBLIC WORKS	1 977 459 00	7,800 00	7,800 00	00	6,164 61	(1,635 39)	79.03	79 03
CAP EXPENDITURES PAVING	1 977 459 10	30,000 00	30,000 00	00	26,766 43	(3,233 57)	89 22	89.22
CAP EXPENDITURES PARK	1 979 459 00	00	00	00	00	00		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES		51,000 00	51,000 00	.00	46,828 35	(4,171.65)	91 82	91.82
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		728,728 00	728,727.24	.00	472,896 45	(255,831 55)	64.89	64 89

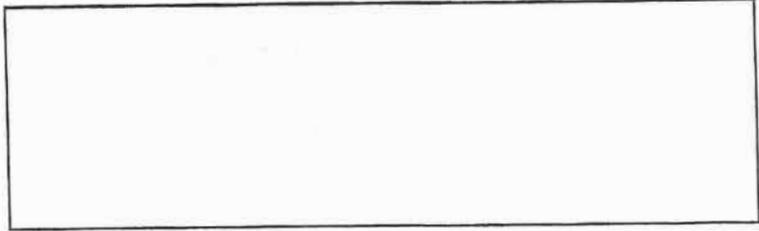


TOWN OF SOPHIA
 P.O. Box 700 • Sophia, WV 25921
 (304) 683-4456

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QUARTERLY BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX RETURN

This return is for the Quarter ending _____



This return with the amount of tax due must be received by the Town Treasurer on or before the expiration of thirty days from the end of the quarter in which they accrue. Make check payable to the Town of Sophia.

CLASS CODE	BUSINESS CLASSIFICATION	GROSS AMOUNT OF SALES & TAXABLE AMOUNT	EXEMPTION ON RENTAL PROPERTY	RATE PER \$100.00	TAX DUE
01	Coal			1.00	
02	Sand, gravel or other mineral; oil, blast furnace			2.50	
03	Natural Gas			4.50	
04	Limestone or sandstone quarried or mined or timber			1.50	
05	Other Natural Resources			2.00	
06	Manufacturing			30	0
07	Retailers			.40	
08	Wholesalers			15	0
09	Savings & Loan Companies: Banking			.75	
10	Electrical Power Companies (sales & demand charges) domestic purposes & commercial lighting; Water Companies			3.25	
11	Electrical Power Companies (all other sales & demand charges); Natural Gas Companies			2.65	
12	Contracting			1.75	
13	Amusement			.40	
14	Service			.75	
15	Rents & royalties			.75	
				TAX	
				DUE	
	ADD PENALTY: The Penalty shall be 5% for the first month, or fraction thereof, and 1% of the tax for each succeeding month.				
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (Remittance to be attached				

I hereby certify that the above return is true and correct.

Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

During period covered by this return did you: Quit Business YES ___ NO ___

Exact Date: _____

Sell or otherwise dispose of your business: YES ___ NO ___

Exact Date: _____

If business was sold, give name and address of new owner _____

DO NOT USE THIS SPACE (OFFICE USE ONLY)

Date Received:

Amount Received:

Category (Figure 1.1)	City B&O Tax Sheet Category	Gross Sales	Exemption	B&O Rate	B&O Revenue (Current Rates)	New B&O Rate	B&O Revenue (Proposed Rates)	Added 1% Sales Tax Revenue	Sales Tax Exemption
Valued Manufactured Products	5	2,298,095.00	-	0.3	6,894.29	0	-	-	
Retailers & Restaurants	6	21,348,058.00	-	0.4	85,392.23	0.4	85,392.23	205,875.66	760492
Wholesalers	7	2,520,871.00	-	0.15	3,781.31	0	-	-	
Electric L&P Co. Domestic and Comm.	8	1,503,539.00	-	3.25	48,865.02	3.25	48,865.02	15,035.39	
Electric L&P All Other Sales	9	792,476.00	-	2.65	21,000.61	2.65	15,849.52	7,924.76	
Natural Gas Company	10	-	-	4.5	-	4.5	-	-	
Contracting & Buliding	11	922,662.00	-	1.75	16,146.59	1.75	16,146.59	4,613.31	461331
Amusement	12	165,569.00	-	0.4	662.28	0.4	662.28	Exempt	
Service & All Other Business	13	2,449,129.00	-	0.75	18,368.47	0.75	18,368.47	24,491.29	
Rents & Royalties	14	1,493,661.00	-	0.75	11,202.46	0.75	11,202.46	-	
Public Utilities Service	16	-	-	0	-	0	-	-	
Banking and Financial	17	257,166.00	-	0.75	1,928.75	0.75	2,571.66	-	
					214,241.99		199,058.22	257,940.41	

B&O Revenue Loss (with new rates) **15,183.77**

New B&O Rate Revenue Collection **199,058.22**

New 1% Sales Tax Revenue Collection **257,940.41**

Total Revenue Collection (B&O and 1% Sales Tax) **456,998.63**

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Natural Gas Company	10		-
Contracting & Buliding	11	922,662.00	-
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0.3	6,894.29	0	-
0.4	85,392.23	0.4	85,392.23
0.15	3,781.31	0	-
3.25	48,865.02	3.25	48,865.02
2.65	21,000.61	2.65	15,849.52
4.5	-	4.5	-
1.75	16,146.59	1.75	16,146.59
0.4	662.28	0.4	662.28
0.75	18,368.47	0.75	18,368.47
0.75	11,202.46	0.75	11,202.46
0	-	0	-
0.75	1,928.75	0.75	2,571.66
	214,241.99		199,058.22

Added 1% Sales Tax Revenue	Sales Tax Exemption
-	-
205,875.66	760492
-	-
15,035.39	
7,924.76	
-	-
4,613.31	461331
Exempt	
24,491.29	
-	-
-	-
-	-
257,940.41	

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February 26, 2020

Municipal Home Rule Board
PO Box 11360
Charleston, WV 25301

RE: Application for Municipal Home Rule Program – Town of Sophia

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am contacting you regarding the above captioned matter. Based upon review of materials undertaken as provided to me by the Town of Sophia, the Town's application complies with the statutory requirements associated with the Municipal Home Rule Program.

Very Truly Yours,



James R. Sheatsley
WVBN 3359
JRS/jjw



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
State Tax Department, Taxpayer Services Division
P.O. Box 885
Charleston, WV 25323-0885



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Dale W. Steager, State Tax Commissioner

SOPHIA TOWN OF
PO BOX 700
SOPHIA WV 25921-0700

Letter Id: L0919592896
Issued: 02/07/2020

West Virginia State Tax Department

Statement of Good Standing

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 7, 2020

A review of tax accounts indicates that SOPHIA TOWN OF is in good standing as of the effective date of this document. Please note, this Statement of Good Standing expires on **May 7, 2020**.

The issuance of this Statement of Good Standing shall not bar any audits, investigations, assessments, refund or credits with respect to the taxpayer named above and is based only on a review of the tax returns and not on a physical audit of records.

Sincerely,

Nicole Grant, Tax Unit Supervisor
Taxpayer Services Division

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF RALEIGH
MUNICIPALITY OF SOPHIA
TO WIT:**

Meeting of the Sophia Town Council August 15, 2019 7:00 PM.

Present : Mayor Danny Barr, Gary Basham Recorder, Gary Taylor, Linda Hatfield, Tom McKinney, Ralph Sallie and Randy Paul council.

Meeting Called to order by Mayor Danny Barr 7:00 Pm.

Prayer lead by Tom McKinney.

Pledge by all.

Tom McKinney made motion to dispense with the reading of the July, 2019 minutes. Ralph Sallie made the 2nd. All voting in the affirmative. Passed by all.

Linda Hatfield made motion to accept the financial report. Tom McKinney made the 2nd. All voting in the affirmative. Passed by all.

PUBLIC HEARING REGION 1, The purpose of the hearing was for concerns from the public on the resubmission of its FY2018 STATE/ HUD COMMUNITY DEVELOPEMENT BLOCK GRANT application for the Sophia Sewer Project and funding. There were no concerns brought forth. Meeting was closed by Mayor Barr. Gary Taylor made motion to reapply for the grant. Ralph Sallie made the 2nd. All voting in the affirmative. Passed by all.

**ANNEXATION OF SOPHIA SOAK CREEK ELEMENTARY WITH MINOR BOUNDARY
ADJUSTMENT. 3RD AND FINAL READING.**

Mayor open the meeting asking for anyone that had concerns to wait to be recognized and then introduce themselves and state their concerns with no input from council. Mr. Michael Freeze ask to speak. Mr. Freeze concerns were on the issue of the posting of the 2nd reading being posted on the 3rd of July 2019 for the July 18th 2019, but nothing posted for the meeting held tonight August 15th. He has seen the posting for the County Commission meeting scheduled for August 20th at 10:00. Mr. Freeze ask about getting a copy of the Town council meeting. Mayor Barr told the would be available the following morning

Mayor Barr ask if anyone else had concerns. With no one else speaking, meeting was closed by Mayor Barr. Mayor Barr ask council their wishes on the annexation of Sophia Soak Creek Elementary. Ralph Sallie motioned to proceed with the annexation. Randy Paul made the 2nd. All voting in the affirmative. Passed by all.

The Code Enforcement Committee ask the council to seek out a new attorney for them. Randy Paul questioned getting a whole new attorney for the town, not just for Code Enforcement. Gary Taylor suggested that a meeting be held with current attorney and discuss the issues. Lance Morgan spoke on the reasoning and concerns for seeking a new attorney. Gary Taylor made the motion that we stay with our current lawyer, revisit next month if there isn't any improvement then hold meeting and discuss concerns. Ralph Sallie made the 2nd. All voting in the affirmative. Passed by all.

Mayor Barr spoke on the reports given by the committees. He informed council that no more reports would be given. That each group could type up report and it would be added to the council packet.

Randy White did give a report to council informing them that Sergeant Greg Stowers and CPL Shane Meadows had been given an award from the Governors Highway Safety Program. The 2 new Police candidates being at the academy and had completed their 5th week.

Mayor Barr spoke to council about he Police Department. He feels the department is professional and the best he has seen in a while. Mayor Barr informed council that the 2 recruits had mowed grass for the town before leaving for the academy.

Gary Taylor ask Randy White about new cruiser. R. White responded letting council know the cruiser was ordered and the department was keeping their cruisers clean.

Mayor Barr informed council that a new plant truck had been ordered.

Linda Hatfield spoke about the abandoned vehicles. Randy White spoke about abandoned vehicles and vehicles being parked at the veterans memorial.

Linda Hatfield ask about homeless people on Main Street. Sergeant Stowers confirmed and informed council that the fire department put them up in a hotel.

Debra Williamson a citizen of Sophia thanked Officer Stowers for checking in on her at midnight making sure she was alright.

Mayor Barr read the Ordinance "Authorization to Submit a Written Home Rule Proposal"
Mayor Barr ask for permission to apply for Home rule and spoke about the plan and ordinances. Mayor Barr said that it will be in the newspaper and the town would have 2 more meetings. The next meeting will be September 19, 2019. Ralph Sallie made the motion to accept the first reading to apply for Home rule. Tom McKinney made the 2nd. All voting in the affirmative. Passed by all.

Eric Fritz spoke on the monument for the Blue Hawk fallen Heroes. They now have an account open for donations and are ready to proceed.

Mayor Barr thanked everyone for their prayers for his wife. He also thanked all committees.

Mayor Barr ask for a motion of adjournment. Ralph Sallie made the motion. Gary Taylor made the 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.



Danny Barr Mayor



Gary Basham Recorder

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF RALEIGH
MUNICIPALITY OF SOPHIA
TO WIT:**

Meeting of the Sophia Town Council September 19, 2019 7:00 PM.

Present: Danny Barr Mayor, Tom McKinney, Ralph Sallie, Gary Taylor and Randy Paul Council.

Absent: Gary Basham Recorder, Linda Hatfield Council.

Jeannie White Town Clerk served as Recorder.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Danny Barr 7:05 PM.

Prayer by Tom McKinney.

Pledge by all.

Public Input Meeting on Home Rule: Mayor Danny Barr explained Home Rule and what it consist of : One percent (1%) sales tax and on the spot citations. Mayor Barr explained that the town would follow the plan and no changes on anything.

Mayor Barr ask if anyone would like to voice their opinions on the issue of Home Rule.

Deborah Williamson a resident of Sophia spoke on her family and roots in the community. Ms. Williamson she opposed Home Rule that it would put neighbor against neighbor and business's would not want to locate in the town of Sophia.

Mr. Jim Boyd spoke and commented that he strongly support Home Rule and urges Council to pass Home Rule.

Mayor Barr spoke about the Property Maintenance Ordinance that was already passed and that he doesn't think Home rule is putting neighbor against neighbor. He also spoke of the benefits of the one percent (1%) sales tax.

James Jones spoke on the one percent sales tax and said it would help the town. His concerns were the on the spot citations.

Mayor Barr clarified the on the spot citations.

Mayor Barr reinforced getting off subject the concerning of Home Rule.

Mayor Barr ask if anyone else would like to speak. The public input meeting was closed at 7:21 PM.

Regular Session of Town Council called to order at 7:21 PM.

Ralph Sallie made the motion to submit the application for Home Rule by title only. Gary Taylor made the 2nd. All voting in the affirmative. Passed by all.

Eric Fritz spoke on the progress of the new monument. There has been \$2880.00 raised which is one third of what is needed. There has been no donations received from business's in Sophia at this time.

Mr. Fritz also spoke on the Sophia High Reunion board and the usage of the school building. They will be painting it Sophia High School colors and getting shelves and old lockers donated. Mayor Barr spoke about getting the old high school trophies donated years ago and someone had thrown them away. Mr. Fritz also mentioned finding any year books also.

Mayor Barr discussed the annexation of the Sophia Soak Creek Elementary School. He informed council that it had been postponed until October 1st, 2019. He also spoke about trying to get Crab Orchard Elementary School but the Board of education decided to auction off the facility.

No reports were given with the exception of the police department. Acting Chief White spoke about the new cruiser and the candidates at the academy. Randy also addressed the Spielman system with the county. Sophia is piggy

backing and not having to pay, he says that updated computers are needed to access the system.

Mayor Barr informed council that Rob Godbey was still looking for equipment and lease purchasing as a package. Mayor Barr says we need the home rule to get the new equipment and be able to look into insurance for the employees.

Mayor Barr said that Officer Redden and Randy White had been working and getting grants for the police department.

Gary Taylor informed council that the fire department was getting new computers for the Spielman system, and also said that the system was very nice.

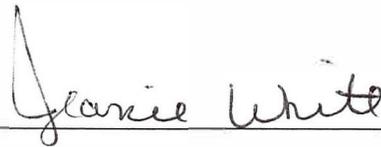
Mayor Barr spoke about people attending council meeting and wanting to speak need to be on the agenda in advance. People interrupting the meeting to speak would be stopped. That nobody would speak unless recognized.

Ralph Sallie made the motion to adjourn. Gary Taylor made the 2nd. All voting in the affirmative.

Meeting Adjourned 7:37 PM.



Danny Barr Mayor



Jeannie White Clerk

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF RALEIGH
MUNICIPALITY OF SOPHIA
TO WIT:**

Meeting of the Sophia Town council October 17th, 2019 7:00 PM.

Present: Danny Barr Mayor, Gary Basham Recorder, Gary Taylor, Randy Paul & Ralph Sallie Council.
Absent: Linda Hatfield & Tom McKinney Council.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Danny Barr 7:05 PM.

Prayer lead by Tom Oxley.

Pledge by all.

Public Input Meeting for Home rule. Mayor Barr explained the home rule process. Mayor Barr ask if anyone had concerns from the galley. No concerns were addressed.

Public Input Meeting Adjourned 7:15 pm by Mayor Barr.

Regular Council meeting was brought to order.

Gary Taylor made motion to dispense of the September 2019 minutes. Ralph Sallie made the 2nd. All voting in the affirmative. Passed by all.

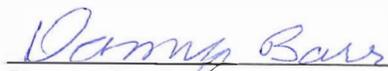
Financial Report Gary Taylor ask about the power bills on all buildings and ask that the town looked into going green to help decrease cost. Mayor Barr ask if anyone was opposed to the suggestion. Council agreed to look into his proposal. Randy Paul made the motion to accept the financial report. Ralph Sallie made the 2nd. All voting in the affirmative. Passed by all.

Mayor Barr ask for motion to accept the 2nd reading of the Home Rule application. Ralph Sallie made the motion to proceed with the Home Rule. Randy Paul made the 2nd. All voting in the affirmative. Passed by all. Ordinance 10172019 passed.

Mayor Barr spoke on the Coal City Sewer Project. Region 1 is looking into finding ways to refinance the \$500,000.00 . Randy Paul made motion to let Region 1 to continue with the process. Ralph Sallie made the 2nd. All voting in the affirmative. Passed by all.

Ralph Sallie made motion to adjourn. Randy Paul made the 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.



Danny Barr Mayor



Gary Basham Recorder

Had to reschedule Public hearing do to not notifying Home Rule Board 30 days in Advance. mtg 2-28-20

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF RALEIGH
MUNICIPALITY OF SOPHIA
TO WIT:**

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING FEBRUARY 20, 2020.

Mayor Danny Barr called to order the Home Rule Public Hearing at 7:00PM. Those in attendance were Mayor Danny Barr, Recorder Gary Basham, Council: Gary Taylor, Randy Paul, Linda Hatfield and Ralph Sallie. Residents of Sophia: Eric Fritz, William Shannon, Deborah Williamson and Garland Daniel Sisk. Non Sophia Residents: Mark Taylor, Steven Farnsworth and James Farnsworth.

Mayor Danny Barr explained the Home Rule.

Mayor Barr ask if anyone would like to speak.

Garland Michael Sisk a resident of Sophia commented that he was for Home Rule as long as the rules and laws were applied equally.

There were no further comments.

Mayor Barr closed the Public Input meeting at 7:05 PM.

Mayor Danny Barr called the regular Town Council meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Prayer & Pledge by all.

Mayor Barr ask for the motion to accept the Home Rule. Ralph Sallie made the motion to accept the 2nd reading and adoption. Linda Hatfield made the 2nd. All voting in the affirmative. Passed by all..

Randy Paul made motion to dispense of the reading of the minutes January, 2020. Gary Taylor made the 2nd. All voting in the affirmative. Passed by all.

Gary Taylor made motion to accept the financial report. Linda Hatfield made the 2nd. All voting in the affirmative. Passed by all.

Mark Taylor came to council to ask to have his property on Robert C Byrd Drive annexed into the town limits. Mr Taylor informed council that he would be opening a new business on the property. Randy Paul made motion to accept his request to annex his property into Sophia. Linda Hatfield made the 2nd. All voting in the affirmative . Passed by all. A public input will be scheduled.

Mayor Barr informed council that a new member for the Planning Commission was needed. Mayor Barr ask Garland Sisk if he would be interested and Mr. Sisk accepted. Ralph Sallie made the motion for Mr. Sisk to be appointed. Linda Hatfield made the 2nd. All voting in the affirmative. Passed by all.

Mayor Barr informed council that there were seats expiring on the Planning Commission. Ms. Debbie Barr had let the secretary know that she would gladly stay on the commission. Linda Hatfield made motion to reappoint Debbie Barr. Gary Taylor made the 2nd. All voting in the affirmative. Passed by all. Randy Paul made the motion to appoint Deborah Williamson to the planning commission. Gary Taylor

made the 2nd. All voting the affirmative. Passed by all.

Mayor Barr discussed the Cannabis ordinance and told Council that this would be one of the duties of the Planning Commission.

Mayor Barr informed council that the Code Enforcement had been looking into the parking ordinance with the 2hr. limit on Main Street.

Eric Fritz spoke on the progress of the new monument. Mr Fritz says that they have raised \$5585.00 but are still in need of \$2800.00 more.

With no further business Ralph Sallie made motion to adjourn. Gary Taylor made the 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.



Danny Barr Mayor



Gary Basham Recorder

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PRINT NAME	SIGN NAME
ERIC FRIEZ	Eric Friez
Mark Taylor	Mark Taylor
Steven Farnsworth	Steven Farnsworth
William Shannon	William Shannon
Kiethrell Stiefel	Kiethrell Stiefel
Robert Godby	Robert Godby
James Farnsworth	James Farnsworth
Deborah Williamson	Deborah Williamson
Garland D. Sisk	Garland D. Sisk

COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 20, 2020 SIGN-IN TO SPEAK

PRINT NAME	SIGN NAME
ERIC FRITZ	Eric Fritz
Mark Taylor	Mark Taylor
Steven Farnsworth	Steven Farnsworth
William Shannon	William Shannon
James Farnsworth	J. F. Farnsworth
Deborah Williamson	Deborah Williamson
Garland David Sisle	Garland Sisle

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING FEBRUARY 20, 2020 7 PM HOME RULE SIGN-IN SHEET

PRINT NAME	SIGN NAME
ERIC FRITZ	Eric Fritz
Mark Taylor	Mark Taylor
Steven Farnsworth	Steven Farnsworth
William Shannon	William Shannon
Robert Godbey	Robert X Godbey
Brett Sallee	Brett Sallee
GARY TAYLOR	Gary Taylor
James Farnsworth	James Farnsworth
Deborah Williamson	Deborah Williamson
Garland Daniel Sisk	Garland Sisk

