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Village of Cross Plains Sustainability Committee

Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda

February 23, 2023
6:00 pm

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83824326133>

Phone Number:

1-312-626-6799

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Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 11, 2023
6:00 pm

This meeting was conducted virtually.

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Agenda Review

The meeting of the Sustainability Committee was called to order at 6:03 pm.

Present: Melissa Gavin, John Burandt, Kevin Thusius, Andy Hartman, and Steve Douglas

Also Present – Village Administrator Brian Mooney

II. Public Comment – None

III. General Business

1. Committee Member Report Outs and Updates

Administrator Mooney shared that President Lengfeld requested the Village Sustainability Committee's standing as a formal Village Committee be discussed at the upcoming January 23, 2023 Village Board Meeting. To date, the Sustainability Committee has served as an ad hoc Village Committee. Mr. Mooney stated if approved by the Village Board, the Sustainability Committee will be chaired by an elected Village Trustee beginning in April, 2023.

Mr. Mooney also shared that he recently held a virtual meeting with Mr. Lydon from MG&E to discuss best practices related to Village property energy efficiency improvements. Mr. Mooney stated fixing building inefficiencies was the first recommended step from MG&E prior to exploring Green Energy solutions. Mr. Mooney stated the training was useful, but the volume of information and bills to research was greater than his current schedule allowed. Mrs. Gavin recommended the Village consider a future energy auditor be contracted, as well as the Village exploring adding interns to assist.

Mr. Burandt informed the Committee he was able to do some additional research on the City of Monona's green rebate and incentive programs. Mr. Burandt stated he learned these programs were run through the State-administered PACE program, which had many options for assisting similar initiatives within communities.

Mr. Hartman notified the Committee that the Village's Water Utility Policy was reviewed during the recent November Village Board Meeting. Mr. Hartman shared the background on the current policy, and how it has impacted residents requesting billing adjustments due to outdoor water usage. Ultimately, the Village Board decided against making modifications to the existing policy. Mr. Hartman also informed the Committee the Board recently heard a proposal for a Village Recreation complex at

Baer Park. Pending private fundraising levels being reached, the Village has agreed to donate the required acreage to be used as the site for this facility. Updates on the fundraising will be provided at future Village Board Meetings in 2023.

2. Discussion and Possible Approval of the November 9, 2022 Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Andy Hartman, seconded by Steve Douglas, and unanimously carried by the Sustainability Committee, to approve the November 9, 2022 minutes.

3. Discussion of Research Needs for new Village Hall/Police Building

Mrs. Gavin requested this topic be removed from the evening Agenda. Mr. Burandt requested the Next Village Sustainability Meeting discussion be moved to this Agenda topic as there were known conflicts. Upon Committee discussion, the new proposed date for the February Sustainability Meeting was February 23, 2023 at 6pm.

4. Discussion of Sustainability Plan implementation

Mrs. Gavin introduced the topic of the Sustainability Committee's future Green Energy plan for the Village. Upon discussion, there were a few suggestions for additions to the Plan, including language for the Village to incorporate an energy audit of facilities. Committee members collaborated on goals for the Resolution, and the next steps for Village Board action.

5. Discussion: Private Well Contamination in and around Dane County

Not discussed due to time.

6. Wrap Up, Next Steps and Future Meetings

Mrs. Gavin provided a brief recap on the evening's discussion and confirmed the changes for the February Meeting.

Next Meeting Thursday February 23rd.

IV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Andy Hartman, seconded by John Burandt, and unanimously carried by the Sustainability Committee, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm.

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Village of Cross Plains Energy Audit Resolution
Resolution No. _____

In November of 2021 the Village Board of Trustees unanimously approved the Comprehensive Suitability Plan created by the Sustainability Committee.

In the past several years the events of global climate change have severely impacted the residents of Cross Plains. Through historic flooding, extreme storms, and increasingly violent weather events; the Village of Cross Plains has been required to spend hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars to mitigate the effects of climate events.

The purpose of this resolution and pledge is to focus all future village decisions, projects, and official government business towards contributing a net-zero impact on climate change and towards an environmentally sustainable decision-making process and impact.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that given energy efficiency is the Village's first and most economical choice for meeting energy needs and reducing our carbon footprint, the Village will prioritize energy efficiency and conservation projects, programs and outreach; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village will increase green infrastructure such as urban tree canopy, green streets, green roofs, electric vehicle charging stations, and bike and pedestrian paths as an effective strategy to reduce energy consumption and increase public health and wellbeing along with other climate resiliency strategies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village will implement an energy audit of village operations to establish baseline energy use by 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village will prioritize community-based development of renewable energy in Dane and surrounding Counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village will collaborate with other governmental and public entities locally and regionally to facilitate all energy measures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village will prioritize local and micro-grid-based renewable energy projects over remote generation and transmission, and provide renewable energy and energy storage at key public facilities to reduce vulnerability to main electric grid failure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village will develop a resiliency plan to deal with anticipated changes associated with climate change.