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# Village of Cross Plains Sustainability Committee

*Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda*

**March 8, 2023**  
**6:00 pm**

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**Phone Number:**

1-312-626-6799

**Meeting ID:**

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# Village of Cross Plains Sustainability Committee

*Regular Meeting Minutes*

**Thursday, February 23, 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 6:04 pm.

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

Also Present – Village Administrator Brian Mooney and Village Resident Tracy Burandt

II. Public Comment – Mr. Mooney stated Village President Lengfeld requested he inquire whether all current Village Sustainability Members were interested in staying on the Committee when the Sustainability Committee becomes a standing Village Committee in April.

III. General Business

**1. Committee Member Report Outs and Updates**

John Burandt-Mr. Burandt shared that he volunteered to be a member on the Village's Finance Committee.

Andy Hartman-Mr. Hartman stated the Village was approved to seek additional grant funding for a recreational multi-purpose Path on County Highway KP. Mr. Hartman also mentioned Village President Lengfeld is looking for feedback from Trustees on new Committee assignments in 2023.

Brian Mooney- Stated he applied for a Flood Mitigation Grant through Wisconsin Emergency Management Department, and is awaiting notice on a potential award.

**2. Discussion and Possible Approval of the January 11, 2023 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 January 11, 2023 minutes.

**3. Discussion of 2023 No Mow May Initiative**

Mrs. Gavin requested the 2023 No Mow May Initiative and the Village Green Energy Plan be moved up on the Agenda. Mrs. Gavin recapped the 2022 No Mow May initiative, and how the Committee should

approach the 2023 plans. Mr. Douglas stated the key hurdle is asking for the Village Ordinance on lawn maintenance to be suspended for the period of the No Mow May initiative, for participating residents. Additional discussion included identifying additional Village-owned properties for participation. Committee insight from Village Parks and Recreation Director Axon will be sought before the Committee presents their proposal for the new 2023 No Mow May program.

#### **4. Discussion of Village Green Energy Resolution**

Mrs. Gavin provided a background summary of the recent Village Sustainability proposals that were brought forward for Village Board review. Mrs. Gavin stated she recently spoke with SlipStream regarding a Village Energy Audit, and was ultimately referred to Focus on Energy regarding this process. Mr. Mooney stated he spoke with the contacts and provided them with some of the requested energy usage info for their free walk-through in the Village. The hopes upon completion is obtaining some recommendations for quick energy efficiency improvements, and ideas for how a full Energy Audit could assist in future Village energy improvements and cost savings. Upon discussion, the Committee will review the outcome of the Village Board Meeting topic and the upcoming Energy Assessment to determine next steps with the Resolution.

#### **5. Discussion of Sustainability Plan implementation**

Not discussed due to time.

#### **6. Wrap Up, Next Steps and Future Meetings**

Mrs. Gavin provided a brief recap on the evening's discussion.

Next Meeting Wednesday March 8th.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Steve Douglas, seconded by John Burandt, and unanimously carried by the Sustainability Committee, to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 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.