

# Village of Cross Plains Sustainability Committee

*Regular Meeting Minutes*

**Wednesday, August 9, 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: Michael Pomykalski, John Burandt, Melissa Gavin, and Steve Douglas

Also Present – Village Administrator Brian Mooney

II. Public Comment – None

III. General Business

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

Sustainability Chairman Pomykalski stated the Sustainability Meetings will begin having an in-person presence within Village Hall beginning in September. Public without access to Internet can now be present during the meetings as the meeting will be shown on the Meeting Room projector.

**2. Discussion and Possible Approval of the July 12, 2023 Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes.**

A motion was made by Steve Douglas, seconded by John Burandt, and unanimously carried by the Sustainability Committee, to approve the July 12, 2023 minutes.

**3. Discussion of Sustainability Plan Implementation**

A. School and Benchmarking Offering- Chairman Pomykalski notified the Committee that the Village had been accepted into the Focus on Energy Benchmarking program. Village Administrator Mooney stated he will consult with Village Staff about creation of the website access permissions, and Chairman Pomykalski volunteered to input the energy use data into the site during the course of the study.

B. Village of Cross Plains Energy Assessment and Summary- Mr. Pomykalski stated he is still awaiting a response from Village Public Works Director Mr. Gray related to a few Wastewater Treatment Plant Energy-use questions.

C. Progress on Sustainability Plan-A Solar Farm update was provided related to where things ended with Jeff Davis' property, as well as a summary of past discussions on the solar topic. Conversation amongst Committee members included the benefits to leasing panels and building the repayment

costs into the energy purchase rates. Upon conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Mooney stated he would contact Jeff Davis and see if conversations could resume related to the solar farm project and his property.

- D. Sustainable Purchasing Policy-Decision was made by the Commission to remove this topic from future discussion due to the complications with enforcement and oversight of the policy.
- E. Sustainability Plan Priorities Worksheet- Discussion surrounded completing an assessment and update of the Village Sustainability worksheet to determine priorities and closeout completed items. This review can be completed during the September Village Sustainability Committee meeting, with a Village Board Meeting update to be shared at the end of the year.
- F. Light Ordinance Update-None

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

Mr. Pomykalski stated he would follow-up with Jerry Gray on the energy use email, and reach out to Committee Member Linus on interest in continuing with the Sustainability Committee. Mr. Mooney stated he would contact Jeff Davis regarding the Solar Farm interest, along with creating the login permissions for the Energy Star Benchmarking program. Mr. Mooney asked if the September meeting could begin at 6:15 due to another Village meeting schedule conflict.

Next Meeting Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm.

#### **IV. Future Agenda Items**

None

#### **V. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Melissa Gavin, seconded by Steve Douglas, and unanimously carried by the Sustainability Committee, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm.

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