

## VILLAGE OF ELM GROVE

### SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 \* 6:30 pm\* Village Hall

1. Call meeting to order at 6:36 pm: In attendance: Molly Salinas, Kristin Walters, Chelsea Meier, Liz Hermsen , Tom Castile, Natalie Schneider, Deb Baesemann and by phone Jennifer Hurd Studebaker
2. Review and Act on Past Minutes: Motion to approve as drafted by Liz Hermsen, second by Molly Salinas, passed unanimously
  - a. [Sustainability Minutes for 1-6-26.docx](#)
3. Ongoing Business
  - a. Budget Update: Textile bins generated \$1,291.40 during the year, increasing the fund balance to \$2,311.80
  - b. Update on Greenhouse Gas Audit Opportunity via Wisconsin Local Government Climate Coalition grant
    - i. Processes and tools are interesting, but we don't have skills and expertise to utilize them fully. Most other groups have a designated employee implementing information for municipal vision
    - ii. How do we turn it into action/plan?
      1. Lighting, composting, etc would all be a part of a plan
      2. Existing projects may already be a part of this vision (day lighting, pathways, etc.)
      3. Look at Capital Improvement Project/Plan, in the budget, how could we try and help with these items
      4. Work on incorporating into Comp Plan and Downtown Plan
      5. Can we share no/low-cost things for home-owners via education
        - a. Promote energy efficiency
        - b. Promote free things
      6. Using the word resilience as well
      7. Consistent monthly messages, library windows, articles...
      8. Deb & Natalie talk to Village about including sustainability in master plan, get sheets in library
      9. Building Brigade started at PPMS w/Mr. Mead
  - c. Lighting Ordinance
    - i. Jim Olsen wanted more info - gave it to him
    - ii. Let's get back on building board meeting by April
  - d. Green Infrastructure Ideas
  - e. Events to Promote
    - i. Recycle Day - library window for April 25th event

- ii. Safe Lawn practices
  - f. Pond Project - on hold until Spring
  - g. Recycle Day Update: All vendors committed, PPMS committed, looking good.
- 4. New Business/Other
  - a. NA
- 5. Adjourn - DB motion to adjourn 7:44 pm TC second - passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Debra Baesemann