

**Pulaski-Richland Comprehensive Plan
Climate Action Plan
March 2, 2023**

Attendees: Dawn Holynski, Jan Tighe, Shawn Doyle, Melissa Wadkinson, Robin Philips, Robin Ford, Donna Gilson. Guest: Mike Boccuzzi

Dawn called the meeting to order at 6pm.

There was no February 2023 meeting.

A motion was made by Donna, seconded by Jan, to approve the November 3, 2022 minutes. all-in favor, Melissa abstained as she was not present at the meeting, none opposed. Dawn moved the January 12, 2023 minutes, Robin seconded, in favor, Shawn and Melissa abstained as they were not present at that meeting; none opposed, motion carried.

Mike handed out the new Climate Action Plan draft, explained some differences. Mike addressed the hesitancy of long-term emission goals. Suggested we set the goals for 2030. Dawn asked how many small vehicles does the town have, maybe we can look when it is time to replace, the town can then replace with an electric or hybrid. She also asked Mike if there are any statistics to measure how many gas emissions are reduced by replacing one gas or diesel vehicle with an electric or hybrid vehicle.

Mike said inventory of the town and village fleets would be helpful. Replacing the smaller vehicles with hybrid or electric will be much easier than large trucks, then look to decide what can go EV. The village has a plan to buy EV for the police and some DPW. The new village street sweeper is more efficient. Discussion of school district, we need to learn if they have a plan. Mike said that NYS has monies for school districts. Robin spoke on what the difficulties are for electric buses, large charging stations, great deal of space needed. Robin reported there are at least 12 small school vehicles. Oswego School district is looking at this seriously now. All agreed the small transport vehicles would be "low hanging fruit".

Mike asked if the town and village have seals to put in the updated plan. Shawn will send photos and copy of town seal.

Shawn asked that we add into the updated plan the monies saved from the lighting district changeovers.

Dawn asked how the water buildings are heated/cooled. Donna talked about upgrades to the water building in Fernwood, at the well sites and these were not well insulated. Ron Novack, water supervisor, has asked to have the buildings better insulated, and better heating system needed (currently propane is used at an under insulated building.) Donna will get the details.

Jan mentioned the Community Solar savings that the village structures receive should be included in the updated Plan. Mike said he had it in initially but needed to check that this went into effect. Jan- yes, it is, and wastewater plant uses this at a savings.

Jan had to leave at 6:44 for another meeting.

Other: There was some discussion about the proposed campground on Canning Factory Rd. Most felt that this was not a good location and could be problematic.

Mike informed the committee that he will be out of the country for a funeral; however, he will have Internet and can answer emails. He also mentioned the timing when returned emails will occur is an unknown. He will be attending the next meeting in April.

A motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm made by Robin Philips, seconded by Melissa. All in favor, none opposed. Next meeting will be April 6th.

Respectfully submitted.

Shawn Doyle