

Pulaski-Richland Comprehensive Plan  
Clean Energy/Climate Smart Communities  
Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2024  
H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse

**Members Present:** Dawn Holynski, Jan Tighe, Robin Phillips, Robin Ford, Melissa Wadkinson and Mark Dobrynski.

**Absent:** Donna Gilson

**Guest:** Larry Atkinson, Town or Richland Board Member

Dawn Holynski called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made Jan Tighe and seconded by Melissa Wadkinson to accept the December 7, 2023 committee minutes. All were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made by Jan Tighe and seconded by Mark Dobrynski to accept the January 4, 2024 committee minutes. All were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**Climate Smart Communities:** Jan led the discussion with what the Village of Pulaski intends to do to earn more points in the Clean Energy Communities Scorecard. Both the Village and Town are at the bronze level, the Village has 12 actions completed earning 3,800 points and the Town has 8 actions completed earning 2,500 points.

The Village intends to purchase two electric pickup trucks and all new tools will be electric. The Town is still hoping to build a new highway barn, housing their fleet of plows, trucks, etc. It is unclear when this will be started or finished. It doesn't seem wise to install heat pumps or EV stations at an old highway garage with some buildings built in 1928 and some in 1972. When a new one is built then heat pumps will be installed. Dawn has continually suggested to the previous Town supervisor and board to install EV chargers within the township at the Richland Park or Port Ontario. We have a new supervisor and two new board members we hope will agree to EV installation.

Jan also noted that a new source of funding for states, local governments, tribes, nonprofits, etc. to be reimbursed for creating new clean energy projects, such as investing in and constructing clean energy such as wind turbines or solar, transition government vehicle fleet to EVs, placement of EV infrastructure in rural, urban and low income and rooftop solar.

Jan also mentioned that monies are available just for having an evaluation of buildings done recognizing where heat is being lost. There is now opportunity to earn a \$10,000 grant upon completion of one new action in the program as well as a \$50,000 grant upon earning 3000 points in the program! My suggestion is to work on CSC Recertification along with the Village which would earn you 800 points and both the \$10K and \$50K grant at the same time.

Dawn spoke about the Fernwood Community Center focusing on installing heat/cooling pumps this summer.

**Comp Plan:** Work continues reviewing the 2011 plan. Much of the table information retrieved from the US Census Bureau in 2009, looked like a daunting task, but Mark was extremely helpful and able to enter the 2020 US Census information into a new chart. Melissa and Mark came up with a way we can review the Plan, make changes to the Plan in a word document while we are altogether using computer and TV in the grand jury room. The pie charts from the 2011 Plan is old information. Those charts came from the Oswego County Planning & Tourism Department, so Dawn will contact Tim Stahl and see if we can meet to discuss how to get new information in those pie chart formats.

Jan Tighe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Melissa Wadkinson, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Next Meeting March 7, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dawn Holynski*