



## VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB

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### **SUSTAINABILITY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

- 1) Call to order
  - a. Roll Call  
Chair White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: White, Grabe, Saltes, Roeethle and Giles. Absent: Behler and Halverson. Also Present: Administrator Owen.
- 2) Public Comments  
No comments.
- 3) Consent Agenda
  - a. Legislative Proposal To Protect Pollinators  
White noted the information provided by Beheler. No action taken.
- 4) Agenda Items
  - a. Consideration of April 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes  
Motion by Giles to approve the April 22, 2025 meeting minutes as presented, second by Saltes. Motion carried.
  - b. Presentation by Rand Langer, Strand Associates, Wastewater Discharge Permit and Adaptive Management Program  
Randy Langer of Stand Associates presented the changes to the new wastewater discharge permit effective April 1, 2025. The utility chose to address the new phosphorus management requirements by adopting an adaptive management program as it seemed to be more cost-effective in the long-term. In the adaptive management program, the Village works with conservation-related organizations in Dane County to identify interested property owners in the watershed and provide an incentive to fix a sustainable practice from traditional agricultural practices. Sustainable practices include continuous cover crops, no-till agriculture, streambank improvements and farmyard improvements. The end goal is to lower the phosphorous runoff into the West Branch of the Little Sugar River. The effectiveness will be measured at the end of the 5-year permit term.

- c. **Green Team Update**  
Grabe reported there were over 13 attendees at the kick-off meeting. They will be developing a mailing list for distributing information, setting a meeting schedule and setting up a database for messaging. Grabe will speak to other organizations to make sure the Green Team is included in future events to distribute relevant information. The Green Team set their purpose, goals and vision and established the leadership team for the group and discussed projects. Once the next meeting date is set, Grabe will send it to Administrator Owen. Grabe added the paperwork for inception of the group should be submitted to Rotary International for creation of the group by July 1.
  - d. **Discussion on Seed money for Green Team**  
Administrator Owen reported he spoke with the Village Attorney who advised the SNR should be provided seed money for the Green Team to keep the separation of the group so they are not considered an extension of the committee and required to comply with open meetings and records laws.
  - e. **Charge Up Dane County**  
White noted the Charge Up Dane County Flyer in the Packet. The committee discussed areas in Mount Horeb where EV chargers may be beneficial. Grabe thought the west side would be good and thought of potentially a project with the school that ties in with their electric charger for the new electric bus. The committee discussed ways to publicize, including having the chamber share the flyer. Administrator Owen reported the utility is working on an application as well.
  - f. **Revisit SolSmart Designation**  
White reported that he felt with the SolSmart energy plan we may be eligible for an upgrade to Silver status. Owen will discuss with SolSmart and White will research what is needed for an application and report back next month. The committee was in favor of moving forward.
- 5) **Future Agenda Items**  
Future agenda items include: Green Team Update, SolSmart update, Charge Up Dane County Update, Pollinator Pathway/Bird City Update, Bike City Update, Update on Sustainability Leaders Collaborative meeting update.
- 6) **Meeting adjournment.**  
Motion by Giles to adjourn, second by Roethle. Motion carried. 8:12.