

It is expected that a Quorum of the Personnel Committee, Board of Public Works, Plan Commission and Administration Committee will be attending this meeting: (although it is not expected that any official action of any of those bodies will be taken)

**CITY OF MENASHA  
SUSTAINABILITY BOARD  
First Floor Conference Room  
140 Main Street, Menasha**

**Tuesday, December 16, 2008**

**6:30 PM**

**AGENDA**

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES
- C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE SUSTAINABILITY BOARD  
(five (5) minute time limit for each person)
- D. MINUTES TO APPROVE  
[Sustainability Board Minutes, 11/18/08](#)
- E. COMMUNICATIONS
  - 1. [Cap Times Article, 11/26/08; Home Savings article](#)
- F. DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - 1. Report on Lt. Governor's Climate Change conference
  - 2. City Department TNS Presentations/Sustainability Policy
  - 3. [Pool Baseline Study-Approach and Timetable](#)
  - 4. Demonstration projects - Stormwater/Water quality, natural landscaping
  - 5. Walking & Bike Audit
  - 6. [Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Ordinance](#)
  - 7. Sub-committee formation
- G. ACTION ITEMS
  - 1. [2025 Resolution and Grant Application](#)
  - 2. [R-24-08 – Supporting 21<sup>st</sup> Century Transportation](#)
  - 3. Set next meeting date
- H. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS
  - 1. Report on ECOS-FV meeting (Roger Kanitz)
- I. ADJOURNMENT

"Menasha is committed to its diverse population. Our Non-English speaking population and those with disabilities are invited to contact the Menasha City Clerk at 967-3603 24-hours in advance of the meeting for the City to arrange special accommodations."

**CITY OF MENASHA  
SUSTAINABILITY BOARD  
Third Floor Council Chambers  
140 Main Street, Menasha**

**Tuesday, November 18, 2008**

**Minutes**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Linda Stoll

**B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Present: Linda Stoll, Roger Kanitz, Becky Bauer, Trevor Frank, Mike Dillon

Also Present: Mayor Merkes, Bill Schultz

Excused: CDD Greg Keil

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE SUSTAINABILITY BOARD  
(five (5) minute time limit for each person)**

No public comments were made

**D. MINUTES TO APPROVE**

Moved by Roger Kanitz, seconded by Becky Bauer to approved minutes of 10/14/08.

Motion Carries.

**E. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. UW-Extension, Webinar Series: Focus on Sustainability

Linda commented that the UW Extension Sustainability series runs through next year; we can contact C. Neiswender for how to get to this information electronically for down-load and review.

**F. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Lt. Governor's Climate Change conference – Menasha Team

Mayor Merkes will contact 2 city and 1 school representatives to fill out the City of Menasha Team that will attend the Lt Governor's Climate Change Conference. Linda Stoll explained the need to have City officials attend Dec 12<sup>th</sup> conference who can implement changes in the City Operation.

2. City Department TNS Presentations/Sustainability Policy

Sustainability brochure developed by Community Development needs to be revised to properly reflect charter of our board based on the resolution that the council passed; Becky Bauer and Linda Stoll agreed to make suggestions on this. Our charter is to first help the City develop a city-wide sustainability plan using the Natural Step for Communities and the UW Extension Sustainability Toolkit as guides. Secondly it is to advise the City on sustainability actions that help implement the goals of the plan. It was suggested that we place the topic of the training of city staff as an item for discussion at our next meeting. Suggestions were made to place TNS training in the education budget for the city for '09 and potentially develop an on-line training program to make it easier for staff to use. The Departments of Public Works, Community Development and Parks were targeted for this training.

3. Pool Baseline Study-Approach and Timetable  
Becky Bauer is continuing to develop the pool usage survey with her students. Baseline report is due for review at our next meeting
4. Stormwater/Water quality demonstration projects  
ECWRPC is planning to install a water garden on its site next spring which will be cared for by staff of the commission themselves.
5. Walking & Bike Audit  
Audit of walking and biking will be conducted next year. Linda Stoll noted that there are two programs – Safe Routes to School and Complete Streets – that have assessment tools available on-line that students and citizens can use to help the Board complete this goal.
6. Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Ordinance  
Greg Keil is asked to get a copy of the electric vehicle ordinances passed by the Town and Appleton for review at our next meeting.
7. Recap of Farmers Market-Planning for 2009  
We believe the agreement with Neenah to jointly advertise the farmer's market program next year still exists. Timing and such will then match the Neenah plan.
8. Options to Support Sustainability Information – Bill Schultz  
Bill Schultz of Cumulus Broadcasting will forward us the power-point presentation he made. He showed us his "Answers to Your Energy Questions" advertising program which is intended to provide simple, clear and economical energy/sustainability guidelines to the public. This is intended to be supportive of developing a broader understanding of the benefits of sustainable thinking in the community. He stated that if people receive confused and conflicting information on sustainability issues, they will generally be confused and NOT take any action. We need to develop a clear message to be effective.

#### G. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2025 Resolution and Grant Application  
Moved by Becky Bauer, seconded by Trevor Frank to recommend the 2025 Resolution for adoption by the City Council at their next meeting.  
Motion Carried.

It is noted that if we get this grant funding, the city will need to conduct more sustainability training across all departments not just in the prioritized city departments of planning, public works, and parks.

2. Set next meeting date  
Next meeting date was set for December 16<sup>th</sup> at the same location and time.

#### H. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Report on ECOS-FV meeting on Nov. 6, 2008 (Roger Kanitz)  
A review of the November 6<sup>th</sup> ECOS meeting was made by Roger Kanitz. Twelve sustainability groups in the Valley attended and described their activities and goals to the attendees. The major needs that were expressed related to improved communication between groups as well as to finding better ways to communicate with the citizens of the Fox Valley. Electronic copies of the summary notes will be forwarded to Greg for inclusion in the minutes of the meeting.

2. Mike Dillon handed out a series of informational sheets. He will send those to the commissioners electronically so we can develop some electronic versions for future use. We will have to come up with a storage location for this type of information going forward that is also accessible to the public (Focol, Portal Wisconsin, our web-site, UW-Extension and the Office of Energy were used as examples).

I. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM by Linda Stoll

# Home savings

## A west side neighborhood organizes to cut energy use

By ANITA WEILER  
The Capital Times

Signs on front lawns clearly show the Crestwood neighborhood's environmental focus: "No Coal" and "Love Your Lakes, Don't Leaf Them."

It's a neighborhood tradition, in fact. Organized as a cooperative housing association, the west side neighborhood owns 23 acres of woods in common, does Earth Day plantings and clean-ups and shares a community garden.

And now Crestwood is taking another major step to protect the environment, this time by trying to cut its annual energy use — and consequently heat-trapping carbon dioxide emissions — by 10 percent communitywide.

Since June, more than 60 of the 175 Crestwood households have received energy audits that identify energy guzzlers so people can take steps to save energy. Data is being collected that will show whether energy use was subsequently reduced during a one-year period that started Aug. 1.

Frustrated with a lack of federal action on addressing climate change, residents in the Crestwood neighborhood and elsewhere are taking matters into own hands. Madisonians have, among other things, installed solar panels in their homes and businesses, paid extra money to buy "green power" from Madison Gas & Electric and started to use computerized programs, known as carbon footprint calculators, to determine individual or household energy use. MGE, for instance, just launched the CO2gether.org Web site for this purpose.

"There's a frustration about how our country is way behind the curve on this," said Dan Agre, an organizer of a grassroots group called Madison Lights Out, which advocates for reducing reliance on electric lights (see sidebar). "People have different motivations, but whether I am concerned about my pocketbook or people being flooded in low-lying places or the environment as a whole, if nothing else I will do something on my own so I can sleep at night."

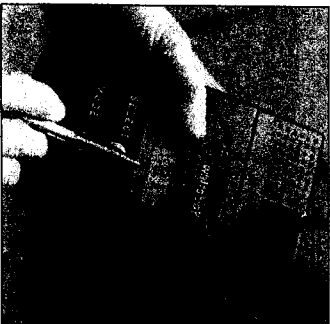
Debra Greene said she became involved in the Crestwood Energy Challenge because she was concerned about global warming. "I was feeling depressed and all of a sudden we had a chance to do something about it," she said.

Margi Kindig, a resident of Crestwood



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On a recent home energy audit, Margi Kindig (right) shows homeowner Robert Smith how much energy a small television uses.



MIKE DEVERES/THE CAPITAL TIMES

Watts Up? meters that measure energy use can be rented from the Madison Public Library.

who served on the Governor's Task Force on Global Warming, came up with the idea of community action and Greene and Suzanne Gaulocher helped her organize the program.

Members of a neighborhood ecology committee were then trained by the Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corp., a group that promotes energy efficiency and "renewable energy, on how to use "Watts Up?" meters to measure energy usage from appliances, electronics and lamps. These meters can be checked out from the Madison Public Library.

During a recent audit of their home on Bittersweet Place, Ingebood Casey and Robert Smith learned that an extra refrigerator in their garage was a real energy hog. Kindig, who did the audit, also pointed out that Smith, a retired social worker and Casey, a retired psychologist, could

consider replacing their water heater with a natural gas model and replace more of their incandescent light bulbs with energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs.

Casey was a bit reluctant about the latter proposal.

"We have already replaced the bulbs that are easy, but the overheads are more complicated and more expensive," Casey said. "They are recessed and are long-lasting bulbs, and I am not crazy about having those twisty bulbs exposed, though there may be alternatives now."

Kindig noted, however, that homeowners can save more than \$65 annually by replacing five heavily-used standard light bulbs with energy-efficient types.

She also suggested using a power strip to plug in several electronics such as a TV, VCR and stereo, and then turning off the power strip at bedtime to prevent a "phantom

tom load" of electricity.

"Phantom loads are electricity that is drawn by computers, monitors, routers, modems, TVs, stereos and other home electronics when they are not in use," Kindig said. "I was absolutely shocked in my own life how much phantom load was being used. We had almost 15 TVs that together were drawing almost 15 watts of power when they were turned off."

So confident was Kindig of her suggestions for Casey and Smith, she promised: "If you don't see a significant reduction in electricity use, I will buy you dinner."

The Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corp. is looking at Crestwood's energy audit program as a pilot project that could be replicated in other neighborhoods. The organization provides staff to handle data collection and analysis, funding for postage and other expenses, and free power strips and energy-efficient light bulbs for those who undergo audits.

## Dreaming of a not-so-bright Christmas

At the risk of being called a party pooper, a new group in town is proposing that the winter holidays be celebrated a little differently this year — by turning out the lights.

It's a radical proposal indeed, coming at the start of the Christmas lighting season. But Jennifer Satter, a leader of the re-

The program was publicized with fliers that were hand-delivered in Crestwood, followed by letters mailed to every household. About half of the homeowners expressed interest in participating, though some dropped out because of scheduling difficulties.

During an audit, the electricity being used by computers, appliances, dehumidifiers, lamps and other commonly used equipment is all measured. Incandescent bulbs and energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs are also counted.

WECC calculates the audit data, including utility bill information provided by the households, and sends a letter to each home providing annual average electricity use and energy-savings suggestions.

"We don't know at this point how much less electricity people may be using, but at the six-month point WECC will help us collect that data and compare usage to the corresponding six months from last year, adjusting for weather and other conditions," Kindig said.

Satter, a software salesperson, is less eager than agree to take on holiday lighting this December, hoping that awareness raised this year will translate to action next December.

Noting that traditions are very important to people, she hopes that Madison residents will develop community-oriented holiday traditions that don't require

Some houses are easier to audit than others, depending on where devices are plugged in and whether they have to be moved to measure kilowatt use.

Greene, who has audited about six households, has been impressed by how much people were already doing to limit energy use. "They were living fairly simply, not using a lot of electricity and thinking about how much they were running their furnace," she said.

In her own home, Greene washes clothes in cold water and hangs them out to dry. However, her home has an electric water heater that is not very energy-efficient, two kids who take long, hot showers, and occupants who tend to leave lights on when they leave a room.

"So there are areas we can improve on," she said.

The audits take up to an hour and a half, said Greene, allowing time to assess electricity use as well as "build community."

Smith and Casey, like many of their neigh-

bors, were already saving energy in various ways. They bought Energy Star appliances when they replaced old models, added insulation when a new roof was put in and placed film on some windows to keep heat out in the summertime.

But Casey said the audit was still very worthwhile. "We were shocked to discover that the blender takes phantom energy," she said. "That is easy to unplug."

Chris Quandt, a project manager for Bachmann Construction who lives on Elder Place with his wife and two children, said after their home energy audit this summer his family replaced light bulbs, installed a power strip for the computer and bought a front-loading washing machine when the top loader died.

And he no longer leaves his battery operated drill in a charger all the time, charging it instead a day before he needs it.

"I didn't have a clue how much electricity that used," Quandt said.

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## THE COLD HARD FACTS

### THE CAPITAL TIMES

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Sustainability Board

From: PRD Tungate and PS Huss *BT*

Date: December 12, 2008

RE: Request for Information about the Swimming Pool

PS Huss and myself have compiled some information that we hope you will find helpful. We would be happy to provide you with more information as we begin to prioritize our future actions.

Q. What has already been accomplished?

A. Pool basin water leaks have been repaired, skylights added to bathhouse during 1990 renovation, reduced water flow to children's splash area, high efficiency boiler to purchased for the 2009 season.

Q. What is happening to waste?

A. The concession stand generates the most waste – both from wrapper garbage, etc, but also with the boxes that the concessions come in. We recycle what we can and we have discussed adding special containers for plastic water bottles, etc. Soda is dispensed into paper cups. Popcorn into paper bags.

Q. How can pool transportation functions be improved?

A. Hard to answer. Perhaps look at reducing vehicle trips to maintain the pool. Incentives for pool staff to come to work on bike or moped was also discussed.

Q. How much energy are we using for heat, light and electricity?

A. See attached figures for 2008. **Heating the pool water is the biggest area for improvement.** We are continuing to look at heating some of the water with solar panels. Use of pool blanket is a possibility, but has some drawbacks.

Q. What chemicals are we using?

A. See attached. PS Huss can elaborate on this but switching from a diatomaceous earth pool filter material to a high rate sand system would reduce chemical use and be easier to maintain.

Q. What eco-friendly products can we use?

A. We are checking with our vendors on this. We will provide this to you as we receive it.

Q. How is equipment in the office being used?

A. We have 3 computes at the pool. We are open to discussion on this topic, but we aren't sure how we can be more efficient in this area.

### Pool Heat

Jan 1 through Dec 5, 2008	\$29,832.94
2007	\$18,889.37
2006	\$12,397.98
2005	\$15,101.22
2004	\$19,785.47
2003	\$12,109.02
2002	\$5,902.44
2001	\$7,822.06
2000	\$16,932.28

### Pool Water

Jan 1 through Dec 5, 2008	\$8,622.69
2007	\$13,260.84
2006	\$13,142.93
2005	\$10,639.41
2004	\$9,638.05
2003	\$10,920.28
2002	\$10,078.40
2001	\$7,687.60
2000	\$13,117.41

### Pool Electric

Jan 1 through Dec 5, 2008	\$ ??????
2007	\$8,877.48
2006	\$8,327.74
2005	\$8,394.56
2004	\$7,882.05
2003	\$7,237.99
2002	\$7,275.32
2001	\$6,949.41
2000	\$7,411.13



## Chemicals

Currently the pool water (570,000 gallons) is filtered by running through a series of filters that are coated with DE (diatomaceous earth) When those filters become plugged the pressure goes up and the flow rate decreases signaling the system needs to be backwashed. In the process the DE is flushed into the sanitary system. In the not so far future we are going to have to separate the DE before putting it into the system. A high rate sand filter will be the solution to this problem. In 2006 we switched to a chlorine tablet from the liquid bleach system: prior to that we had a gas chlorine system.

Product	Amount	\$	
Filter Powder	5050	2,045.24	
Sodium Bisulfate	11655.7	2,856.81	
Sodium Hypochloride	710	1,634.58	
Hydrochloric Acid	870	460.84	
Calcium Chloride	1600	608.00	
Stabalizer	225	374.25	
Freight		180.00	
Fuel		260.00	
PPG	5280	9,768.00	
Enviromental		88.00	
		18,275.72	2006 Total
Filter Powder	4,650	1,941.84	
Sodium Bisulfate	13,051	3,198.87	
Sodium Hypochloride	106	289.45	
Hydrochloric Acid	1,015	675.18	
ppg	6,435	11,908.75	
recycle		10.00	
Stabalizer	100	180.00	
Freight		153.50	
Fuel		210.00	
		18,567.59	2007 total

## Current Boilers

### Bath House Boiler

A.O. Smith -1984  
Natural Gas  
Model # HW420780  
Serial# 780JM8449139  
BTV/HR input 420000  
Btv/HR output 336000  
Min Rel Valve Cap 336 lbs/hr  
Volt 24  
HZ 60  
Max Gas Pressure 11 WC  
Min Gas Pressure 5 WC  
Max Water Pressure 160 PSI

### Pool Boiler

Lochnivar – 1999  
Natural Gas  
Model CSN2065  
Serial # D992432  
Control# M-9  
Max Water Pressure 160  
Heat Surface 200 square ft  
Input rating 2,065,000  
Min Rel Valve Cap 2,000,000 lbs/hrs  
Max Gas Pressure 10.5 WC  
Min Gas Pressure 5.0 WC

## 2009 Boiler Replacement

### Bath House Boiler

A.O. Smith – 2009  
Natural Gas  
Model# BTH-300  
Input btu/hr 300,000  
First hour delivery 440  
Recovery in gph @100 degree rise 349

### Pool Boiler

Suggested replacement to high efficient stackable units cut from 2009 budget

## Filter Pumps/Motors

### Front Pump

AS07-02943  
Type 344A-BF  
GPM 1600  
Headfeet 25  
RPM 1150  
Size 6 x 6 x 12B

### Front Motor

240 3 Phase  
25 HP

### Back Pump

AS02-56395  
Type 344A-BF  
GP < 1600 HF  
RPM 1200  
Size 6 x 12B

### Back Motor

240 3 Phase  
20 HP

During the pool season these motors run constantly to circulate the water through the filters. They only shut down when the system needs to be backwashed.

### **Transportation**

The pool caretaker also maintains/repairs the rest of the park controlled facilities. He drives a 1998 Chevrolet with mounted toolboxes for all of his equipment.

The Park Superintendent drives a 2008 Chevrolet pick-up.

### **Landscaping**

The green space areas at the pool are grass. The lawn is mowed with a 72" toro lawnmower by the Jefferson Park Caretaker.

### **Cleaning Supplies**

Cleaning supplies are purchased by the Park Superintendent and are brought over to the pool by the pool caretaker or the Park Superintendent.

### **Concession**

Vendors bring certain product others are picked up at Sams Club by pool staff using a park department pick-up truck.

Town of Menasha's NEV Ordinance:

ORD#080825-1:ORD *Second Reading and Adoption*

**AMEND TOWN OF MENASHA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 4 ADDING  
SECTION 4.11 - ALLOWING NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

*The Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Menasha does hereby ordain as follows:*

Part I. Chapter 4 is hereby amended to add Section 4.11 Neighborhood Electric Vehicles to read as follows:

**4.11 ALLOWING NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

**(1) Authority.**

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Town of Menasha by Wisconsin Statute 349.26(2), the following sections are hereby created to read as follows.

**(2) Definition.**

*Neighborhood Electric Vehicle* shall have the definition provided in Wisconsin Statutes Section 349.26(1), including any amendments thereto.

**(3) Regulation.**

- (a) Neighborhood electric vehicles may be operated on all streets and connecting highways within the municipal boundary of the Town of Menasha, except as limited by State law and this section.
- (b) Each person operating a neighborhood electric vehicle on a public street in the Town of Menasha shall possess a valid driver's license.
- (c) Each person operating a Neighborhood Electric Vehicle on a public street in the Town of Menasha shall be granted all of the rights and be subject to all of the duties applicable to a driver of any motor vehicle in the State of Wisconsin, including maintaining insurance as required by State law, except as to the special regulations in this section, and except as to those provisions which by their nature do not apply to the operation of a neighborhood electric vehicle.
- (d) Each person operating a neighborhood electric vehicle on a public street in the Town of Menasha shall observe all traffic laws and local ordinances regarding the rules of the road. A neighborhood electric vehicle shall not be operated on any public roadway with a posted speed limit greater than thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

- (f) The Town shall create, and the Community Development Department shall, at all times, maintain a map highlighting those roadways within the Town boundaries on which neighborhood electric vehicle use is prohibited.

**All sections within this chapter from this point forward shall be renumbered accordingly.**

Part II. All ordinances or parts of ordinances contradicting the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication or posting.

Date Introduced: **August 25, 2008**

**Accepted the First Reading this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008**

**Accepted the Second Reading and Adoption this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008**

*Requested by: The Town of Menasha Sustainability Committee*

*Submitted by: Arden Tews, Town Chairman*

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Arden Tews, Town Chairman

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Attest: Karen Backman, Town Clerk

**Wisconsin NEV Cities:**

**The following cities have approved an NEV ordinance:**

Stoughton, Mt. Horeb, Monona, Sun Prairie, Prairie du Sac, Sauk City, Boscobel, Reedsburg, Waupan, Hillsboro, Wonewoc, La Crosse, Eau Claire, Eagle River, DePere, Green Bay, Ashwaubenon, Janesville, Beloit, Milwaukee, Ashland, South Beloit, Kaukauna, Delevan, West Baraboo, Madison, Racine, Fontana, West Allis, Black River Falls, Spring Green, River Falls, Pardeville, Union Grove, Marshfield, Verona, Suamico, Egg Harbor, Pleasant Point, Columbus, McFarland, Evansville, Edgerton, Elkhart Lake, Waupaca, Rice Lake.

**The following cities have NEV ordinances under consideration:**

Watertown, Oconomowoc, Milton, Menomonie, Manitowoc, Stevens Point, Albany, Wausau, Whitehall, Waukesha, Monroe, Onalaska, Holmen, Grafton, Cedarburg.

If your city is not listed above and it currently has an NEV ordinance or one is under consideration, please contact us so we may update our lists.

We are willing to provide any assistance needed to have your community consider an NEV ordinance. This includes bringing an NEV to your city and meeting with your local government officials.

*From GreenAutos.com: [https://www.greenautos.com/NEV\\_Cities.php](https://www.greenautos.com/NEV_Cities.php)*

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the City of La Crosse in 2005 endorsed the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of La Crosse in February, 2005, approved Resolution #2005-02-018 that supports the efforts of the Governor's Task Force to have a goal of 10% of the state's energy resources to come from renewable energy by 2015, a commitment from the state to provide renewable energy in state buildings, tougher building codes to enhance energy efficiency and full and stable funding for energy conservation and efficiency programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of La Crosse in March, 2007, approved Resolution #2007-03-029 endorsing The Natural Step model for Eco-Municipalities for its principles of sustainable community development and authorizing the City Planning Department to prepare a request for proposals for developing a sustainable community plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of La Crosse in July, 2007, approved Resolution #2007-07-021 that the Common Council of the City of La Crosse endorses the principles of sustainable community development, and supports the application of these principles whenever possible in planning, policy-making and practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Energy Independence was created by Governor Doyle on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 with the mission to advance energy independence in The State of Wisconsin; the vision including generating 25 percent of the state's electricity and transportation fuels from renewable resources by 2025, capturing 10 percent of the emerging bioindustry and renewable energy market by 2030, and leading the nation in groundbreaking research that will make renewable energy more affordable and will create good paying Wisconsin jobs.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby resolves to advance Wisconsin's vision for energy independence by supporting the State of Wisconsin's Office of Energy Independence's vision to generate 25 percent of the City's electricity and 25 percent of our transportation fuels from renewable resources by 2025 and become a community partner with the Wisconsin Office of Energy Independence; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of La Crosse supports long-range planning and policies that reduce our dependence on fossil fuels while at the same time does not rely on using food-based energy products, but places more emphasis on the use of other renewable and sustainable resources such as wind and solar power and biomass; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Wisconsin, the Office of Energy Independence, our state and federal legislators, our local energy companies and co-ops, and the City and County Joint Oversight Committee on Sustainability.



Resolution to support 21<sup>st</sup> Century Transportation for America

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's transportation system – the backbone of our economy- is desperately in need of a new vision, plan and set of priorities that meet our needs and solve our transportation; and,

WHEREAS, Roads, bridges and transit infrastructure in the City of Menasha and across Wisconsin are increasingly in need of repair; and,

WHEREAS, Federal spending for transportation is distributed in an outdated manner that rewards increasing gas consumption and new road construction at the expense of repairing current roads and bridges and transit infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, The Menasha Common Council values capital investments for transportation that contributes to dynamic and accessible communities where residents have multiple transportation options; and,

WHEREAS, The Menasha Common Council values capital investments for transportation that encourages reduction in global warming and smog forming pollution, traffic congestion, and dependence on oil, while also improving safety and promoting healthy, sustainable communities.

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, The City of Menasha, on behalf of the citizens of Menasha, urges Congress and the Wisconsin State Legislature to support a transportation infrastructure investment plan that expands clean, efficient transportation choices for all Americans.

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, The City of Menasha, on behalf of the citizens of Menasha, urges Congress and the Wisconsin State Legislature to support a transportation infrastructure investment plan that fixes our crumbling roads and bridges by investing more federal highway money in maintenance, not massive new highway projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The City of Menasha, on behalf of the citizens of Menasha, urges Congress and Wisconsin State Legislature to support a transportation infrastructure investment plan that spends taxpayers' money more wisely by requiring objective criteria to prioritize the projects most in need to serve the people of Wisconsin. That means money should be prioritized on reducing our dependence on oil, curbing global warming pollution, alleviating congestion, improving safety, and supporting healthy, sustainable communities

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The City of Menasha, on behalf of the citizens of Menasha, urges Congress and Wisconsin State Legislature to grant the authority to form regional transportation authorities in communities that want them.

Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Donald Merkes, Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deborah A. Galeazzi, City Clerk