

Energy Team Meeting: 4-15-16 (draft summary)

Attending: Bob Wasserman, Sally Wallace, John Sarver, Heidi Porter, LeRoy Harvey, Dennis Antone

Updates: Sally mentions there is very little movement at the Public Service Commission on net metering but there may be an opportunity to sell energy through "[PURPA](#)." Final order might be out toward the end of the year though the "transfer" or "avoided cost" – that the utility would pay could be in the \$.06 - .075/KWH. John and Sally also mention that it might be more cost effective to use the energy-produced on-site to offset demand.

Climate Action Plan: John, Roger, and Sally have been working on a draft of a Climate Action Plan. A timeline and table of contents was shared. We decided to discuss this in more detail next month. John also mentions that this topic may be featured at a future "GREEN THEME" presentation at an Environmental Commission meeting. Bob suggest that we include specific targets in the plan. He also brought examples of 15 communities (including G.Rapids) of communities with specific targets. LeRoy spoke with John Warbach about his expertise in Climate Sustainability. See his article [here](#).

Energy Improvements: Dennis wrote an RFP for an engineering study of the HVAC system in the Municipal Building. Unfortunately no firms attended a mandatory pre-bid meeting. He's following up. He also suggests that the Phase II improvements can be bid out individually... such as perimeter LED lighting that he's exploring now. See the list of PHASE II improvements attached.

Solar: We were approached by Srinergy, a Michigan firm that has presented at a prior community solar forum. They've developed a financing model that may be appealing to the Township. While a minimal 500kw system is mentioned, we are hopeful that we might partner with one or more local organizations such as Okemos High School or the ELM Water Authority. We will invite Srinergy to present to us in the next month.

Other: Heidi's holding another "Green Meet-up" at her business in Okemos on May 5 at 6:30pm. RSVP to Heidi. There will be food and beverages and people will be invited to share tips about how to save energy. There was also discussion about Whole Foods which is opening a zero waste store in Los Angeles and has a major PV initiative underway.

Next week is the Zero Energy Homes presentation at Michigan Energy Options. More [here](#)

Next Meeting: May 20 at 9:30am at the Town Hall Room or the Conf. room across the hall.