

Village of Mason  
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**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday May 16, 2023**  
**6 pm at Village Hall**

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. In attendance were David Larson, Douglas Johnson, Layne Richardson, Kate Mitzner, and Marian Schraufnagel.

Bill Bailey explained information about funding opportunities available for municipalities in Bayfield County for solar energy projects. We determined that the Village would probably have two projects: (1) an approximately 10 KW solar energy project at the sewage treatment plant and (2) an approximately 13 KW solar energy project at the Village Hall/Garages site. There is the possibility of adding battery microgrid expansion to these projects.

The Department of Energy grants pay for about 80% of costs. The Village would need to take out a loan, with the savings in the electric bills covering the loan payments. The loan would be paid off in less than ten years. Then electricity generated from the solar project would pay future electric bills and generate income for the Village. We don't have any specific figures yet, but it sounds optimistic.

Layne made a motion to pursue solar power for the Village facilities and to research the microgrid feasibility for both sites. Douglas seconded and the motion passed.

We hope to join with a group of other towns in Bayfield County and apply for these grants in a block to decrease costs.

Layne made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Douglas. Motion carried.