

July 13, 2021

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the Otsego County Library located at 700 S. Otsego Ave, second floor conference room, Gaylord, Michigan 49735. Due to the novel Coronavirus pandemic, this meeting was held remotely for the public as permitted by the Open Meetings Act. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Ken Glasser. Invocation by Chairman Ken Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Larry Corell.

Roll Call:

Present: Julie Powers, Henry Mason, Paul Liss, Brett McVannel, Rob Pallarito, Ken Glasser, Doug Johnson, Jason Caverson.

Absent: Bruce Brown.

Commissioner Bruce Brown arrived at 9:35 a.m.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the Regular minutes of June 22, 2021 with attachments.

Motion to approve OCR 21-14 Alpenfest Honored Industry-Frontline Doctors, Nurses and Health Dept of NW MI.

Motion to approve OCR 21-15 Alpenfest der Buergermeister-Robert McNamara, Jr.

Motion to approve OCR 21-16 Alpenfest Parade Marshal-Ken Mattei.

Motion to approve OCR 21-17 Alpenfest dar Mongeau- Dave and Sarah Duffield.

Motion to approve OCR 21-18 Alpenfest Unsung Hero Award (In Honor of the Late Pam Duczowski) – Terri Cwik.

Motion to approve OCR 21-19 Alpenfest Edelweiss Award (In Honor of the Late Patti Dobrzelewski)- Rachel Frisch.

Motion to approve OCR 21-20 Discharge of Mortgage- Doris Dellinger.

Consent agenda approved unanimously.

Chairman Ken Glasser opened the meeting for public comment for agenda items only.

Special Presentations:

Christine Gebhard reported on North Country Community Mental Health 2020 annual report; during COVID still able to reach out to clients by phone and videoconferencing; nine staff were

trained in the Critical Incident Stress Management model, they can respond to requests for assistance after community events involving significant trauma; NCCMH is participating with five other Michigan agencies in the first ever Dialectical Behavior Therapy for Adolescents program, it is an evidence base practice for youth and adults who experience significant difficulty in emotion, behavior and thought management; eight monthly trainings on trauma informed and trauma responsive care were provided for NCCMH staff and community partners through a 31N grant with COP-ISD; NCCMH has offered the Photovoice program for 2 years with 36 participants, photovoice is a process that has been used internationally to highlight people whose voices may go unheard and whose perspectives are frequently overlooked; NCCMH offers a mystrength health and wellness app.(norcocmh.org)

Department Head Report: None.

Committee Reports: None.

Administrator's Report: None.

City Liaison, Township & Village Representative:

Michelle Noirot reported on the Bagley Township meeting, annexation of some property with the City regarding the RV park.

Correspondence:

Chairman Ken Glasser received a letter from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Henry Mason, to approve the June 29, 2021 Warrant in the amount of \$186,875.03. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, seconded by Commissioner Jason Caverson, to approve the July 6, 2021 Warrant in the amount of \$364,010.71 and 16 voided checks. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Henry Mason, seconded by Commissioner Brett McVannel, to approve the July 13, 2021 Warrant in the amount of \$143,417.11 and 2 voided checks. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Chairman Ken Glasser opened up the meeting for public comment.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Paul Liss had no report.

Commissioner Julie Powers reported on the City Council meeting, liquor license request for Greystone Coffee Company.

Commissioner Bruce Brown reported on EMS; runs up from a year ago; short staffed.

Commissioner Henry Mason reported on the City Council meeting; letter received from Stephen Butka regarding new jail.

Commissioner Rob Pallarito congratulated all of the honorees for the 2021 Alpenfest.

Commissioner Jason Caverson had no report.

Commissioner Doug Johnson reported on the Parks and Recreation meeting; concurrent 5 year plan expired, contract with NEMCOG; lot available by County park, people want to sell it; Soil Conservation District to come over and look at the trees at the Community Center, trees dying and need to be removed; upgrades around the Community Center; 4th of July fireworks went very well, thanked the Sheriff's Department for their attendance before, during and after the fireworks; work began at the Louis Groen nature preserve; Ironstone springs been busy.

Commissioner Brett McVannel had no report.

Chairman Ken Glasser had no report.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Kenneth R. Glasser, Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk

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PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner:

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**OCR 21-14
RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE 2021 ALPENFEST HONORED INDUSTRY –
FRONTLINE DOCTORS, NURSES AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF NORTHWEST
MICHIGAN**

Otsego County Board of Commissioners
July 13, 2021

WHEREAS, Frontline Doctors, Nurses and the Health Department of NW Michigan worked tirelessly during the COVID-19 pandemic, in the most challenging of circumstances, to ensure public health and safety.

WHEREAS, Frontline Doctors, Nurses and the Health Department of NW Michigan put their own health on the line to help others, as well as standing by our community to provide us with guidance throughout the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Alpenfest Honors Committee has named Frontline Doctors, Nurses and the Health Department of NW Michigan as the 2021 Alpenfest Honored Industry;

WHEREAS, Otsego County would like to render just gratitude for the heroism exercised during the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, that the County of Otsego recognizes the importance of having a dedicated team of frontline doctors and nurses in conjunction with local public health officials as a cornerstone of safe and accessible healthcare. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners hereby congratulates Frontline Doctors, Nurses and The Health Department of NW Michigan as the recipients of the 2021 Alpenfest Honored Industry.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

Kenneth Glasser, Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyter, County Clerk

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Susan I. DeFeyter, County Clerk

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PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

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**OCR 21-15
RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE 2021 ALPENFEST DER BUERGERMEISTER –
ROBERT MCNAMARA, JR.**

Otsego County Board of Commissioners
July 13, 2021

WHEREAS, Robert McNamara, Jr. is an active community member in the County of Otsego and is married to his wonderful wife, Theresa. Bob has one son Calvin who is married to wife Stephanie, As well as, step-son Scotty who is married to wife Crystal and step-daughter Samantha who is married to husband Marcus. Bob has the honor of being "Papa Bob" to Hayden and Leah and "Grandpa Bob" to Weston and Brielle Fry, his four amazing grandchildren.

WHEREAS, Bob is the owner and president of McNamara Insurance Agency and has been a Gaylord business owner for several decades.

WHEREAS, Bob's current and former involvement in the community has landed him a list of titles: Chairman of the Gaylord Downtown Development Authority, Alpenfest Herr Gessler for 32 years, former Chairman of Gaylord Gus Macker, former member of the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce Board, former United Way Campaign Chairman.

WHEREAS, Bob was a volunteer coach for 38 years with Gaylord Football, helping to build the Varsity Football program. Additionally, Bob was selected by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) to referee two State Final High School Football games.

WHEREAS, Bob has been inducted into the Otsego County Sports Hall of Fame, been a recipient of the Chamber of Commerce "You Made It Happen Award", Alpenfest "Dar Award", named "Business Person of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce and selected as the St. Patrick's Day Parade Marshal by Eagle Radio Group.

WHEREAS, the Gaylord Herald Times has named Robert McNamara, Jr. as the 2021 Alpenfest der Buergermeister; and

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego recognizes that one of its greatest assets is the strength, diversity, and commitment of its community members; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions that Robert McNamara, Jr. continues to make in our community.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

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ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner:

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**OCR 21-16
RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE 2021 ALPENFEST PARADE MARSHAL –
KEN MATTEI**

Otsego County Board of Commissioners
July 13, 2021

WHEREAS, Ken Mattei is a dedicated member of our community. Ken started becoming involved with the Gaylord community when he was still a part-time resident. After retiring from a 33-year career at General Motors in 2009, Ken made Northern Michigan his full-time home and brought his spirit of volunteerism with him.

WHEREAS, Ken's current and former involvement in the community has landed him a list of titles: President of Gaylord Alpenfest from 2017-2019, Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce-Chairman 2019, member of the Kirtland Community College Advisory Board 2021, President of the Mancelona Bass Festival, Co-Chair of St. Anne Fall Festival in Warren and Euro-Peds board member. Ken Mattei is also involved with United Way Power of the Purse and Mancelona Education Foundation.

WHEREAS, in 1997 Ken became very involved with Wertz Warriors, which is a fundraising arm for the Special Olympics of Michigan. Ken served as chairman from 2014-2019 and continues to be an active member; as well as serving on the Special Olympics of Michigan board since 1980.

WHEREAS, the Alpenfest Board of Directors and the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce has named Ken Mattei the 2021 Alpenfest Parade Marshal; and

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego recognizes that one of its greatest assets is the strength, diversity, and commitment of its community members; Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions that Ken Mattei has made to our community and to Alpenfest.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

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PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner:

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**OCR 21-17
RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE 2019 ALPENFEST DAR MONGEAU RECIPIENTS –
DAVE AND SARAH DUFFIELD**

Otsego County Board of Commissioners
July 13, 2021

WHEREAS, Sarah Duffield is a resident of Gaylord. Sarah and her late husband, Dave, have 5 children and 9 grandchildren.

WHEREAS, Dave was a lifelong Gaylord resident and served the community as Treasurer for the City of Gaylord for many years.

WHEREAS, Dave served on the Otsego County Fire Department for 47 years, 13 years as the Chief. Dave was also a member of the Gaylord Rotary Club and the Market Manager for the Downtown Farmer's Market.

WHEREAS, in recent years Dave and Sarah Duffield led the process of organizing and bringing crafters to Alpenfest, significantly expanding the number and variety of booths. Building up the vendor booths has helped to attract visitors to Alpenfest.

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego recognizes that one of its greatest assets is the strength, diversity, and commitment of its community members; Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions that Dave and Sarah Duffield have made in our community.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

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PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner:

**OCR 21-18
RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE 2019 ALPENFEST UNSUNG HERO AWARD RECIPIENT (IN
HONOR OF THE LATE PAM DUCZKOWSKI)
TERRI CWIK**

Otsego County Board of Commissioners
July 13, 2021

WHEREAS, Terri Cwik is recognized with the "Unsung Hero Award", in honor of the late Pam Duczowski.

WHEREAS, Terri has been married to her wonderful husband Mike for 39 years. They made Northern Michigan their home in 2010, following Terri's retirement from Detroit Medical Center in 2009 where she worked in Health Information Management. Post retirement, Terri has pursued her passion for gardening, spending many hours building an exquisite home garden.

WHEREAS, Terri has been an active member of the community for over a decade. In particular, Terri is very active with Alpenfest. Terri loves to watch Alpenfest goers enjoying the festival each year. Terri is always working tirelessly in the background doing the less glamorous jobs, without being asked, to keep Alpenfest running smoothly.

WHEREAS, the Alpenfest Board has named Terri Cwik the 2021 recipient for the Unsung Hero Award (in honor of the late Pam Duczowski); and

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego recognizes that one of its greatest assets is the strength, diversity, and commitment of its community members; Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions that Terri Cwik has made in our community.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED

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PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner:

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**OCR 21-19
RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE 2021 ALPENFEST EDELWEISS AWARD RECIPIENT (IN HONOR
OF THE LATE PATTI DOBRZELEWSKI)
RACHEL FRISCH**

Otsego County Board of Commissioners
July 13, 2021

WHEREAS, Rachel Frisch is a long-term Gaylord resident after graduating from Gaylord High School as class Salutatorian, Rachel went on to earn her degree in accounting with honors from Michigan State University. Rachel returned to the community she loves and is now the Otsego County Administrator.

WHEREAS, Rachel is the proud daughter of Aaron and Linda Summers who owned a local business in Otsego County for nearly 40 years. She is the loving wife of 27 years to husband Kevin, and mother of two sons Tyler and Austin.

WHEREAS Rachel's current and former involvement in the community has facilitated her participation with multiple local committees and organizations: Otsego County Economic Alliance, Gaylord Downtown Development Authority, Otsego County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Governing Advisory Board for Kirtland Community College/University Center and the Chamber of Commerce Government Committee. Rachel is a recipient of the Chamber of Commerce "You Made It Happen Award. She is also a member of the Gaylord Rotary Club, and she has served on the Alpenfest Honors Luncheon and Queen's Pageant Committees.

WHEREAS, the Alpenfest Board has named Rachel Frisch the 2021 recipient for the Edelweiss Award (in honor of the late Patti Dobrzelewski); and

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego recognizes that one of its greatest assets is the strength, diversity, and commitment of its community members; Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions that Rachel Frisch has made in our community.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

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