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Village of Empire
Sue Palmer, Village Council President
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We hope you enjoyed another busy northern Michigan summer. We certainly did here at the library, providing varied resources to support life-long learning, entertainment, and enrichment for all.

As you may know, the library has also become the default public restroom for visitors to the village of Empire. During peak season tourists generate a majority of our restroom traffic. We're happy to provide this service to visitors, regardless of their reason for stopping in the community library. However, this increased traffic does present some challenges. We have to devote significant time and resources to maintaining the restrooms. More staff time is required for daily or even twice-daily cleanings; usage of paper products increases dramatically; and our septic system requires more frequent service.

Our facility features two spacious, ADA compliant restrooms. In the planning process for our new library, there were numerous service priorities established, as driven by our long-range plans. Serving as the primary public restroom for Empire was not one of these, nor is it an appropriate use of the support from our constituents and donors. The library serves the entire Glen Lake area – Empire, Glen Arbor and Kasson Townships – so our resources need to be allocated accordingly.

We're asking that the Village of Empire, Empire Township and the Empire Chamber of Commerce assist with the operational expenses of our community restrooms. The cost of maintaining our restrooms since the beginning of June has totaled \$2000. This includes \$1000 for multiple service calls by Williams and Bay Pumping, \$300 for bathroom paper products and cleaning supplies, and an estimated \$700 in staff wages. We feel it's appropriate that all parties with an interest in providing this basic visitor service share the financial burden. Therefore, we are respectfully asking that each entity reimburse the library for \$650, or approximately one third of this seasonal cost.

We would also suggest that a longer-term solution to the public restroom issue be explored. Our local economy is largely driven by tourist traffic. Visitors to Empire have a reasonable expectation to have clean, accessible and conveniently located restrooms. It's important to point out that the library is not open most evenings, nor on Sundays or holidays.

We'd welcome your feedback on this issue. If you're interested in attending one of our Board meetings, which take place on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm, please let me know. We appreciate your consideration and your ongoing service to our community.

Sincerely,

David Diller, Library Director

Chris Nelson, President, GLCL Board of Trustees

Village of Empire Deputy Clerk

From: Derith Smith <clerk@villageofempire.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 3:25 PM
To: Maggie Bacon; Linda Chase; March Dye; Thomas Rademacher; Meg Walton; Chris Webb
Subject: Fwd: Construction staging area for South Bar Lake Drain project ???

FYI

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Date: 09/26/2023 3:08 PM
Subject: Construction staging area for South Bar Lake Drain project ???

Sue,

If you recall in May of this year, Drain Commissioner Christensen and I came and spoke at the Village Council meeting to provide an update on the South Bar Lake Drain project. I am pleased to let you know that 2 weeks ago we received our EGLE permit for the project and are now just waiting on the Army Corps of Engineers portion of that permit to come through (which should be within the next few weeks). As such, we are getting ready to put the project out for bids but in preparing that we wanted to approach the Village to see what would be needed to get permission for the contractor that is awarded the project to be able to stage their equipment and materials on the Village's park property just south of where our work is taking place along Lake Michigan Drive?

There won't be that much material or equipment needed on this project and the length of the project and use of this storage areas would likely be around a 3 week or so time period. A contractor will likely have a large box for stone material and the box culvert pipe stored there temporarily as far as materials goes and for equipment, I'm thinking they'd have an excavator, front end loader and maybe a small 5 yard truck. I know this is land owned by the Village so not sure of your processes. We'd be looking for just a temporary staging area for the Drain's construction and the Village will already be listed as an additional insured on the Contractor's insurance documents and this temporary staging area would also be included on the Contractor's bond; in case whatever area is used does not look exactly like it did prior to them using it.

Below is the rough area I was thinking of but let me know what is needed, like a Temporary Construction Staging Area easement or Agreement or License to Occupy (I've seen different communities use different documents to execute this same type of thing on Parks or other Public lands) & then also what process we'd need to do to get this executed and secured (i.e. like Village Council approval, etc.)? Getting an area like this for the construction staging area ensures that we'll get the best price possible so contractor's won't need to look for their own areas and make their own deals with private landowners.



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Village of Empire Deputy Clerk

From: Pablo Majano (MEDC) <majanop@michigan.org>
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Subject: RRC Engagement - Village of Empire
Attachments: RRC Engagement Information - 2023.09.pdf; Welcome Memo - 2023.09.pdf

Good Morning Alacia,

I'd like to officially welcome you and the Village of Empire into the RRC program, I have attached COMMUNITY'S RRC engagement information to this email. The first document is some basic engagement information for the village and the second one is a Welcome Memo - could you please make sure the Village Council receives the Welcome Memo?

Also, could you provide me with the name and contact information of the person authorized to sign the Memorandum Of Understanding for the Village? Once I have this information, I can have our legal team send out the MOU (details of MOU can be found in the engagement information).

Thank you, and welcome again - I look forward to working with you!

Pablo Majano

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Munson Healthcare Welcomes Dr. Daniel Hadley to Empire Family Care!

Munson Healthcare has been actively working for many months to recruit a new provider to support the patient volume in the Empire community. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Dan Hadley will join the Empire Family Care clinic in November.


Dr. Hadley is currently practicing in the Western Upper Peninsula at the Lac Vieux Desert Health Center in Watersmeet, Michigan where he also serves as the medical director for family medicine. Prior to his arrival in Watersmeet, he worked in private practice in Boulder, Colorado for nine years.

Dr. Hadley is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Medicine, with an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan. He completed his internship and residency at the Rose Family Medicine program at the University of Colorado. Dr. Hadley is board-certified in Family Medicine and a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He holds medical licenses in Michigan and Wisconsin.

While not practicing medicine Dr. Hadley enjoys skiing, hiking, fishing, family time, and supporting University of Michigan and Detroit sports teams.

Dr. Hadley is accepting new patients now for appointments in November. Please contact Empire Family Care at 231-835-2088 to establish care with Dr. Hadley. Both in-person and virtual visits are available.

*Meet Dr Hadley October 14, 2023
at Heritage
Empire Area
He will be
there from
1-4.*



*Days at the
Museum.*