

**Observer Corps Summaries
August 2023**

Emmet County Commissioners

Date: 08/07/2023
Note: Nothing to report.
Issues: None

Date: 08/17/2023
Notes: Commissioner and Chair Ginop did not appear to be prepared to explain his policy positions and actions as representative to the Health Department Board. Some members of the public who made comments to the board were unaware of the role and procedure of grant funding for public agencies. The Health Department of Northwest Michigan made its annual report, with 5 staff members present.

Issues: It is noteworthy that some commissioners are opposed to social service grants (most recently for pediatric dental care and teen nicotine use reduction) but have no objection to state grants to subsidize county responsibilities.
to watch

Public frustration is growing. Commissioner Koontz specifically asked Commissioner Ginop to be replaced on the Board of Health or resign altogether. Commissioner Koontz later urged the board to take action concerning Commissioner Ginop under the Board's Code of Ethics. Ginop declined to resign. Commissioner Ahrens offered to serve on the BOH.

Petoskey City Council

Date: 08/07/2023
Notes: Nothing to report.
Issues: None

Bear Creek Township:

Date: 08/02/2023
Notes: It was decided to hire a firm to gather data on the estimated 150 short-term rental units in the township.
Issues None
To watch:

Public Schools of Petoskey

Date: 08/17/2023
Notes: No report filed.
Issues: None.
To watch

Petoskey District Library

Date: 08/24/2023
Notes: Friends of the Library reported that used book sales during the sidewalk sales were down. Need to draw more attention to the library. The Friends will help with the tween area in the library.

Val Myerson provided an update on the ongoing construction. The film series in the Carnegie building will be renewed in September.

Harbor Springs City Council

Date: 08/07/2023
Notes: Nothing to report.

Issues
To watch: None

Date: 08/21/2023
Notes: Nothing to report

Issues
To watch: None

Charlevoix County Commissioners

Date: 08/09/2023
Notes: Nothing to report

Date: 08/23/2023
Notes: Nothing to report

Charlevoix City Council

Date: 08/21/2023
Notes: It was a short meeting. They went into closed session for evaluations.

Issues: None

Cheboygan County Commissioners

Date: 08/22/2023

Notes: Nothing to report.

Issues: None