



Notice of Kremmling Board of Trustees Work Session
Kremmling Area Chamber of Commerce, 203 Park Ave, Kremmling,
CO 80459

Wednesday, September 2, 2026, 6:00 PM

Work Sessions or “Board Workshops” are open to the public for in-person attendance. No minutes will be taken, no decisions will be made, and the meeting will not be recorded. If you require special accommodations, please contact townclerk@townofkremmling.org.

Agenda

Discussion Items

- Recognition and Commendation Award for Officer Crocker 6:00 - 6:05 p.m.
- Kremmling Area Chamber of Commerce Update 6:05 - 6:20 p.m.
- Preliminary Draft of 2027 Budget Discussion 6:20 - 7:00 p.m.

Future Meetings:

- Regular Board of Trustees Meeting: September 16, 2026 - 6 PM @ 203 Park Avenue, Chamber of Commerce
- Board of Trustees Work Session: October 7, 2026 - 6 PM @ 203 Park Avenue, Chamber of Commerce
- Regular Board of Trustees Meeting: October 21, 2026 - 6 PM @ 203 Park Avenue, Chamber of Commerce



Jesse Lisenby
Chief of Police
Kremmling Police Department

7/27/2026

To Officer Doug Crocker;

It has come to my attention that on the day of 7/24/2026 you responded to a medical call just outside of Kremmling near County Road 22. You arrived on scene several critical minutes before any EMS personnel arrived and found a 38-year-old male unresponsive and turning an off color. The man's wife told you he had a pre-existing heart condition. You quickly assessed the situation and determined he needed immediate medical attention. You then began CPR on the man and directed his wife to assist by providing rescue breaths. You remained on scene providing lifesaving measures until the ambulance arrived several minutes later. You then assisted in setting up and operating the Lucas CPR machine as well as the defibrillator provided by EMS personnel. Ultimately, you provided lifesaving medical attention for approximately 20 minutes continuously. Those efforts were instrumental in the victim regaining vital signs and eventually a state of consciousness. The man was transported to the Kremmling hospital and then onto a MedEvac flight to a Denver hospital. As of the writing of this report, the man is conscious and responsive.

It is my belief, based on what I viewed of this call, that you unquestionably saved the life of this individual through your quick-thinking and problem-solving skills. Your performance on this call went well above and beyond the typical duties of a police officer, and I would like to recognize your dedication to the service that you provide to this community.

This letter and its accompanying Lifesaving Award pin will bear testament to the fine work you do for the citizens of Kremmling and the surrounding community.

Thank you,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to be "JL", written over a horizontal line.

Jesse Lisenby
Chief of Police
Kremmling Police Department

Memo: 2026 Christmas Tree Lighting Support

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Jen MacPherson, Town Manager

Date: August 2026

Re: 2026 Christmas Tree Lighting Support

Recommendation

Staff requests \$3,475 from the 2025 surplus funds to assist the Kremmling Chamber in preserving the 2026 Christmas tree lighting. The use of proceeds for this request is to pay the lighting vendor, Flying Z (contract attached).

Background

The annual Christmas tree lighting is a long-standing community tradition centered around the tree in Town Square. In 2024, the Chamber secured a contract with Flying Z to install, maintain and store the Christmas tree lights – a cost of \$3,475 per season. This effort was made following a request from Kremmling’s prior Town Manager after several years of relying on volunteers to install, remove, maintain and store the lights. At the time, the Chamber had sufficient funding to absorb the expense.

However, the Chamber’s funding picture has changed from prior years, which is driving the Chamber’s request for assistance. In 2026, the Town reduced its annual Chamber contribution from \$75,000 to \$50,000. Staff does not have complete information on how this impacted the Chamber’s overall 2026 financial position. At the time of the reduction, staff communicated to the Chamber that the intent was not to cancel community events, and that the Town could try to be helpful with specific event funding gaps by bringing them back to the Town Board for consideration.

The Chamber has also indicated that reductions in Grand County Tourism Board funding have created additional financial strain. Staff cannot provide any numbers or context around the full amount or impact of that reduction.

Event Budget

The overall budget for the Christmas tree lighting event is relatively modest. The event typically brings in \$1,100 - \$1,200 of revenue directly to the Chamber, and drives an unknown amount of indirect benefit to local businesses. Meanwhile, expenses for the event are largely driven by the cost of the tree lights. In 2025, the event cost \$3,094 (including \$2,475 for the tree lights) and \$1,505 in 2024 (including a \$1,000 deposit for the first year of lights). The budget for the 2026 event is unknown, but staff has been told that the Chamber:

- Remains committed to organizing the annual celebration
- Will continue to plan, promote and organize volunteers for the event
- Is planning on offering hot chocolate, apple cider and (likely) hayrides
- Is planning on expanding the event this year by welcoming Santa and his reindeer

Funding Rationale

Staff recommends funding the lights because this is a small, specific, and visible investment that preserves a community tradition during a year when multiple community events have already been disrupted. The Q1 ice fishing tournament was cancelled due to lack of ice, and the 4th of July fireworks were cancelled due to fire risk. Preserving the Christmas tree lighting is a reasonable way to maintain community momentum and support Kremmling's reputation as a warm, family-friendly community.

This request is limited to the 2026 tree lighting and does not create an ongoing obligation for future years. However, it should be noted that the Chamber has also requested that the Town bear the cost for the Christmas lights and managing the contract with Flying Z going forward. If the board would like to evaluate this request, it can be included in the 2027 budget discussions.