

# Munising Memorial Healthcare Facility

The primary hospital and primary care facility for residents surrounding the Munising, MN area.

## the challenge

As a core healthcare provider for area communities, Munising Memorial Hospital provides the highest level of quality care within its facilities. In order to better serve the growing population, they began a large-scale hospital replacement project. The new hospital consisted of a 58,000 square foot building including in-patient rooms, emergency room, labs, physicians offices, therapy, diagnostic, outpatient surgery, and administrative offices.

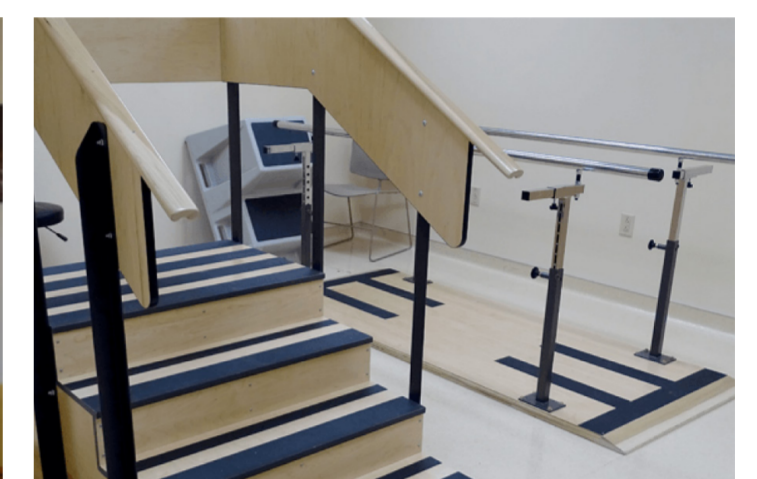
Large-scale healthcare construction projects traditionally present unique challenges, however, this particular project encountered potential schedule delays due to harsh winters in Northern Michigan. Being able to manage risk and keep things under control in this hospital construction project required a depth of knowledge and experience.

## the zumBrunnen solution

The zumBrunnen team was brought in as a third-party construction expert to keep the project on schedule and budget. As a neutral third party, zumBrunnen streamlined the negotiation process by helping to broker a lump sum contract, which saved over a month in contract review time and associated attorneys fees.

During construction, zumBrunnen served as a liaison with the architect, contractor, and owner – keeping things under control with the depth of knowledge and experience. When unexpected delays threatened to ruin the schedule, the team came up with a unique solution of constructing 50% of the building – allowing crews to work inside, protected from the extreme northern winters, while the other half could be constructed weather-permitting.

This complex healthcare construction project was able to move more swiftly with the guidance of the zumBrunnen’s expertise and collaborative approach – eventually completing the project on time and under budget.



**Bill Pippine**  
Senior Project Manager

### project details

- \$14M Hospital Replacement Project
- 58,000 Square Foot Critical Access Hospital Building
- Out of the Box Solutions Save Months in Delays



As a neutral third party, zumBrunnen added an extra dimension to our team and helped us bring a \$14 million project under budget and on schedule. I was very pleased with the professionalism of zumBrunnen’s project manager, and the value he added to the team.

Ric Sanderson, President  
Sundance Design and General Contractors



## Complex Hospital Construction Projects Need Experts to Help Teams Collaborate and Perform their Best

1. contract negotiation

2. pre-closing document review

3. new construction monitoring