

1 MINUTES

2 Special Meeting of the Elberta Village Council

3 401 First St (Community Building) Elberta

4 November 21, 2016

5 6:00 PM

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7 Call to Order at 6:03 pm by President Pro Tempore O'Dwyer

8 Roll Call. Present: Joyce Gatrell, Ken Holmes, Holly O'Dwyer, Bill Soper. One Vacancy

9 An open discussion was held between the Council members and the community in attendance,  
10 which included three experienced water operators, regarding the near term needs for the Village  
11 Department of Public Works.

12 The Village has a back-up plowing contract with the Benzie County Road Commission and is  
13 considering whether to advertise for a short-term snow plow operator.

14 The Village will investigate options with outsourcing the water operator services to either a  
15 company or individual(s). In the near term, Michigan Rural Water Association and Dave Bissell  
16 are providing emergency water operator services.

17 The Village Council assigned the Clerk the action to contact Great Lakes Water Lab in Lake Ann  
18 about providing water operator services.

19 The Village president, with the consensus of the Council, appointed a Steering Committee to  
20 evaluate the needs of the Village DPW and provide recommendations to the Village Council  
21 regarding the DPW Department. Recommendations will include how the DPW should be  
22 organized to meet the needs and help grow and improve the Village services into the future, how  
23 many employees are required, what skills are required, and which services should or could be  
24 contracted out. The DPW Department Steering Committee is comprised of: Robin Rommell,  
25 Sue Oseland, Ken Holmes, Holly O'Dwyer, Emily Votruba.

26 Motion by Holmes, supported by Gatrell to adjourn. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:02

Catherine M. Anderson  
Village Clerk