

Resolution No. 2026-008
Authorization of Life Saving Station Night-Time Cleaning

At a regular meeting of the Elberta Village Council, Benzie County, Michigan, held at the Community Building, 401 First Street, Elberta, Michigan, on September 2nd, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., the following resolution was offered by Trustee O'Dwyer and supported by Trustee Radionoff.

WHEREAS, the Village of Elberta maintains the Life Saving Station (LSS) as a public facility available for rental and community use; and

WHEREAS, the Village has sought qualified cleaning services to perform overnight cleaning of the facility following events, specifically between the hours of **2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.**; and

WHEREAS, several cleaning companies declined the opportunity due to the required overnight schedule; and

WHEREAS, **Merren Garber** agreed to perform the emergent LSS night-time cleanings so there would be no interruption to contracted weddings/events and thereby loss of revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds the proposed rate of **\$350 per clean** to be reasonable and necessary to maintain facility standards and ensure timely readiness for subsequent rentals;

WHEREAS, in the interest of transparency, it is noted that **Merren Garber is the daughter of Village President Jennifer Wilkins**, and President Wilkins has **recused herself from discussion and voting** on this resolution to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Elberta, Benzie County, Michigan, that:

1. The Village hereby authorizes **Merren Garber** to perform **Life Saving Station night-time cleaning services** between the hours of **2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.** at the rate of **\$350 per clean**.
2. This authorization shall remain in effect until a person(s) is hired to do these back-to-back cleanings.
3. Payment shall be retroactive to May 21, 2026, recognizing services performed since that date, and shall continue upon completion of each cleaning, verified by the Clerk or designated staff.

AYES: Holmes, Radionoff, Fiebing, O'Dwyer

NAYS: ~~Ø~~

ABSENT: ~~Ø~~

Recused: Wilkins

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. By:

Kenneth Holmes

Ken Holmes, Village President Pro Tempore

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Village of Elberta, Benzie County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by said municipality of Benzie County at its public hearing and regular meeting held on September 2nd, 2026, relative to adoption of the resolution therein set forth; that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Dated: 9-2-26

Rachel Perkins

Rachel Perkins, Village Clerk