

Bergland Township Board Meeting

**Bergland Fire Hall
July 17, 2025 at 6:30pm**

Meeting called to order by Jack Otlewis at 6:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Jack Otlewis.

Roll Call: John Berglund, Trustee; Jack Otlewis, Supervisor; Lori Schmidt, Clerk; Jerald Wuorenmaa, Trustee; and James Bucknell, Attorney. **Absent:** Shawna Lundwall, Treasurer.

Public Comment: Public Comment open at 6:31 pm. A proposal is needed for the request to assist with payment of the FinnTown Assessment. Public Comment closed at 6:33 pm.

Agenda Approval: Jerry Wuorenmaa made a motion to approve the agenda. John Berglund seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Utilities Superintendent: Nick Negri provided an update with the curb stops which are needed for Coleman Engineering to complete the work. 81 will be completed within a week and work will begin in three weeks. The campground is going well. There are six grinders that have been rebuilt.

Planning Commission: Wendy Savola and Jerry Wuorenmaa stated that the soonest that the setbacks can be worked through the process would be in September.

Fire Chief: Nothing to report.

Supervisor's Report: Jack Otlewis provided an update.

- a. Beach restoration: was a project in which there was a \$28,000 donation.
- b. Campground: Fire rings will be coming soon.
- c. Maintenance cost comparison for 2024 vs 2025: displays a significant savings.
- d. Side by side: purchase has improved efficiency for the completion of duties for the staff.
- e. Grinder pump: update.
- f. Dumpster: looking at cost saving alternatives.
- g. Banking: Desktop depositing will be available. This will enable cost and staff efficiencies.
- h. Statutory duties

Meeting Minutes from June 18, 2025: Jerry Wuorenmaa made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. John Berglund seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Warrants: Jerry Wuorenmaa made a motion to approve the Warrants. John Berglund seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

New/Continued Business:

- A. **Township Campground Dumpster:** relocation of park dumpster.
- B. **Treasurer/Taxes:** Complaints, banking balances and 4410 statutes.
- C. **Finn Town Cost/Payments:** Need more information.
- D. **Alleys in Bergland:** Jack Otlewis will follow up with the County.

- E. **Desk Deposits set up by Flagstaff Bank:** Will assist with efficiencies. Cash deposits will still have to occur.

Old Business:

- A. **Assessments:** Jack Otlewis will meet with Renee in order to review how the assessments were applied. There is a Assessment meeting at 5:30pm on 7/21/2025.
- B. **Speed Limit on M28:** John Berglund provided an update.
- C. **Side Setbacks change from 10 feet on lake property:** More information forthcoming with the next Planning Commission meeting.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made at 7:57 by Jerry Wuorenmaa. A second was made by John Berglund. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVED