

Bergland Township Board Meeting

September 18, 2025 6:30 pm

906-575-3522

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order 6:34 pm by Jack Otlewis.

Roll Call: Sue Barnaby, Treasurer; John Bergland, Trustee; Jack Otlewis, Supervisor; Lori Schmidt, Clerk. Absent Jerald Wuorenmaa, Trustee; and Jim Bucknell, Attorney.

Agenda Approval: Motion to approve the agenda was made by _____. A second was made by _____. All in favor; motion carried.

Public Comments: None. Discussion was to have added to the agenda in the future FinnTown Coleman Engineering update.

Reports:

Treasurer: Written report was attached to meeting packets.

Utility Superintendent: The flush of the sewer system was completed.

Planning Commission: no report.

Fire Chief: no report.

Supervisor: Jack Otlewis, Supervisor provided an update. Met with Egle, long term projects, and the lagoon. Looking into possible grant opportunities for pumping of the system. Toured Copper Mine and me with the White Pine Area. John Berglund, Trustee noted that the chain at the campground was to be removed.

August 25, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by John Berglund, Trustee. A second was made by Lori Schmidt, Clerk. All in favor; motion carried.

Warrants: A motion to approve the warrants for August and September 2025 was made by Jack Otlewis, Supervisor. A second was made by Sue Barnaby, Treasurer. All in favor; motion carried.

New Business:

Ontonagon County Road Commission Ryan Dehut: Discussion of a plan for the township to begin the road projects. Each block will cost an estimated \$350,000-375,000 to rebuild. Also discussed were the alleys.

Campground: Discussion regarding a colorful discount for the final days that the campground will be opened. Seasonal camping will be established at \$1600. A motion to approved the period of September 29, 2025 to October 13, 2025 at a discounted rate of \$15.00 per day was made by Jack Otlewis, Supervisor. A second was made by Sue Barnaby, Treasurer. Motion carried. The campground will then close for the season on October 13, 2025.

Township Audit: Needing to schedule.

Assessor: Jack Otlewis, Supervisor has requested that Laura Erhart, Assessor to turn in a monthly report and attend the monthly board meetings. A motion was made by Jack Otlewis, Supervisor to change the reporting of Laura Erhart, Assessor to the Township Supervisor. A second was made by Sue Barnaby. Roll Call: Jack Otlewis, Supervisor – yes; Sue Barnaby, Treasurer – yes; John Berglund, Trustee – no; Lori Schmidt, Clerk – yes. Motion carried.

50/50 Raffle: the Bergland Fire Auxiliary is seeking approval of the board in order to do fund raising raffles. A motion was made by John Berglund, Trustee. A second was made by Sue Barnaby. Motion carried and the Bergland Fire Auxiliary can have fund raising events.

Status on water and sewer billing and BS&A discussion.

Old Business:

Speed Limit on M28: John Berglund, Trustee provided an update. John Berglund, Trustee will follow up with a letter regarding this issue to the Michigan State Police.

Side setbacks change from 10 feet to 5 feet on lake property discussed.

Polaris Station: This will be discussed with Jerry Wuorenmaa, Trustee.

Adjourned: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jack Otlewis, Supervisor. A motion to second the motion was made by John Berglund, Trustee. All in favor; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.