

Bergland Township Board Meeting

January 15, 2026 6:30 pm

Township Hall

906-575-3522

Pledge of Allegiance let by Township Clerk, Lori Schmidt.

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

Roll Call: Sue Barnaby, Treasurer; Jack Otlewis, Supervisor; Lori Schmidt, Clerk; Jerald Wuorenmaa, Trustee. Absent: James Bucknell, Attorney. John Berglund, Trustee arrived following the Agenda approval.

Agenda Approval: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jerry Wuorenmaa, Trustee. A second was made by Sue Barnaby, Treasurer. All in favor; motion carried.

Public Comments: no comments.

Reports:

Treasurer: Sue Barnaby, Treasurer presented an update.

Planning Commission: Jerry Wuorenmaa, Trustee provide an update.

Fire Chief: Brad Huettl, Fire Chief provided an update.

Utility Superintendent: Wally Saubert, Utilities Superintendent was present to discuss the current grinder pumps that have needed to be rebuilt. Wally is planning on learning how to rebuild them.

Supervisor: Jack Otlewis, Supervisor will hold off until later in the meeting.

December 18, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes: Incomplete and will be added to the agenda for the Planning meeting for approval.

Warrants: A motion was made to approve the warrants by John Berglund. A second was made by Sue Barnaby. All in favor; motion carried.

New Business:

Coleman Engineering Finn Town final numbers: Ron Jacobson, Tim Mattson and Brandon Cupitz presented Finn Town Plat status. Boundary line agreements that have been received are for the South Plat 9 out of 24 and for the North Plat 1 out of 7.

Assessor: Katie Carlon-Lynch, Assessor discuss the Board of Review schedule. A motion for a resolution for the Board of Review was made by Jack Otlewis, Supervisor, to change the Board of Review organizational meeting will occur Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 3-4:00 pm and the first Board of Review meeting will occur on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 3-9:00 pm and the second Board of Review meeting will occur on Friday, March 13, 2026 at 3-9:00 pm. A second was made by John Berglund, Trustee. All in favor; motion carried.

Jerry Wuorenmaa, Trustee made a motion to approve the processing agreement for Ontonagon County for taxes. John Berglund, Trustee made a motion to second. All in favor; motion carried.

Splits and combinations were previously charged a \$100 processing fee. This fee will not continue moving forward.

Appointing New BOR Members: Jack Otlewis provide a list for members of the Board of Review

Gloria Johnson

Cindy Ellsworth

Robert Wiard

Toby Trotochaud, Alternate

Erik Lundwall, Alternate

A motion to approve the list of members for the Board of Review was made by Sue Barnaby, Treasurer. A second was made by Jack Otlewis, Supervisor. All in favor; motion carried.

Township Insurance Renewal: A motion to approve the insurance renewal was made by Jerry Wuorenmaa, Trustee. A second was made by John Berglund, Trustee. All in favor; motion carried.

Grinder Pumps: A motion to purchase 2 new grinder pumps was made by Jack Otlewis, Supervisor in the amount of \$6,000 or less. A second was made by Sue Barnaby, Treasurer. All in favor; motion carried.

Township Audit Update: Jack Otlewis, Supervisor provided that the audit is complete.

Planning Commission Discussion: Jack Otlewis, Supervisor made a motion to post for a new member and appointment Wendy Savola as interim. John Berglund seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Bergland Lakefest Day: Jack Otlewis, Supervisor discussed this as being a fund raiser for the fire department, beach and campground.

International Snowmobile Day: Request from Mark Hanson to utilize the beach and pavilion area for 2/14/2026 for International Snowmobile Day. Jerry Wuorenmaa, Trustee made a motion to grant provided Gogebic Area Grooming the fill out the property use agreement and pay the \$50 rental agreement which \$25 is reimbursable. Roll call: Jack Otlewis, Supervisor-no; Lori Schmidt, Clerk-no; Jerry Wuorenmaa, Trustee-yes; John Berglund, Trustee-yes; and Sue Barnaby, Treasurer-no. Motion failed.

Old Business: none.

Adjourned: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jack Otlewis, Supervisor. A motion to second the motion was made by Lori Schmit, Clerk. All in favor; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED