Bergland Township Board Meeting
September 17, 2026 6:30pm EST
Township Hall
906-575-3522

I. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Bobbi Jo Ferguson, Clerk.

II. **Meeting called to order**: 6:30 pm EST by Bobbi Jo Ferguson, Clerk.

III. **Meeting Delegate:** The motion was made by Sue Barnaby, Treasurer, to have Bobbi Jo Ferguson, Clerk, designated as the meeting delegate. The second was made by Shelly Newhouse, Trustee. All in favor; motion carried.

IV. **Roll Call:** Sue Barnaby, Treasurer; Irene Sorelle, Trustee; Bobbi Jo Ferguson, Clerk, Shelly Newhouse, Trustee and James Bucknell, Attorney.

V. **Public Comments:** Opened and closed at 6:33 pm. No comments.

VI. **September 17, 2026 Agenda:** A motion was made by Sue Barnaby, to approve the amended agenda with the addition of the Polaris Charging Station and plowing under New Business. The second was made by Irene Sorelle. All in favor; motion carried.

VII. **Reports:**

i. Dave Niemi, Sexton: Reviewed his monthly report.
ii. Treasurer's Report: It has been extremely busy as tax payments are continuing to come in.
iii. Utilities Supervisor: not present for an update.
iv. Supervisor: vacant.
v. Planning Commission: Sue Barnaby noted that the meeting for the month of September was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.
vi. Fire Chief: Brad Huettl, Fire Chief provided an update. They are working on the replacement of a dry fire hydrant that is out of service.

VIII. **Approval of the August/July 2026 Warrants:** A motion to approve the warrants was made by Irene Sorelle. The second was made by Sue Barnaby. Roll call: Sue Barnaby – yes; Irene Sorelle – yes; and Bobbi Jo Ferguson – yes; and Shelly Newhouse - yes. All in favor; motion carried.

IX. **Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on August 6, 2026**: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Sue Barnaby. The second was made by Irene Sorelle. All in favor; motion carried.

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X. Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on August 20, 2026: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bobbi Jo Ferguson. The second was made by Irene Sorelle. All in favor; motion carried.

XI. Approval of the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Board Meeting held on August 20, 2026: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Shelly Newhouse. The second was made by Sue Barnaby. All in favor; motion carried.

XII. New Business

i. **Supervisor Position:** Dave Roberts submitted a letter of intent for the Bergland Township Supervisor Position. A motion was made by Sue Barnaby to approve the hiring of Dave Roberts. The second was made by Bobbi Jo Ferguson. All in favor; motion carried.

ii. **BOR Resignation of Cindy Ellsworth:** A motion to accept the resignation of Cindy Ellsworth from the Bergland Township Board of Review was made by Bobbi Jo Ferguson. The second was made by Shelly Newhouse. All in favor; motion carried.

iii. **Fire Department Grant Program Application:** A motion was made by Irene Sorelle for the fire department to apply for a grant in the amount of $50,000 for fire gear in which they need the approval submitted by Bobbi Jo Ferguson as the Clerk. The second was made by Sue Barnaby. All if favor; motion carried.

iv. **Charter Communications Video Service Local Franchise Agreement Renewal:** This is a 10-year franchise agreement renewal. A motion was made by Bobbi Jo Ferguson to renew the agreement with the ability to charge a 2% gross revenue fee if this is to in turn placed on the residents of the township. Otherwise, Bergland Township will forgo the fee. The second was made by Sue Barnaby. All in favor; motion carried.

v. **Polaris Charging Station:** Dave Roberts will contact Polaris to discuss the lease agreement termination or renewal. This will be discussed further in the October meeting.

vi. **Plowing:** Shelly Newhouse would like the Board to approve for the township to conduct the snow removal from the sidewalk in front of the Senior Center, Post Office and Bergland Bay Bar. This will be discussed further at the October meeting.

vii. **Township Insurance Update:** Bobbi Jo Ferguson provided an update as Decker Insurance Agency will be taking over in place of Hannu Insurance Agency.

viii. **Michael Camilli Communication:** Sue Barnaby did read the letter written to the board by Michael Camilli regarding the Finn Town Assessor's Plat. Finn Town Assessor's Plat will be discussed in the regularly scheduled meeting in October.

ix. **Ahonen & Tregembo Interim Billing for Audit:** A motion was made by Irene Sorelle to pay the interim bill for the audit in the amount of $6,550. The second

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was made by Sue Barnaby. Roll call: Sue Barnaby – yes; Irene Sorelle – yes; and Bobbi Jo Ferguson – yes; and Shelly Newhouse - yes. All in favor; motion carried.

x. **Recharge Fire Extinguisher Inspection:**
    i. **Fire Department:** A motion was made by Shelly Newhouse to approve the payment of $755 for the inspection, recharging and replacement of fire extinguishers for the Fire Department. The second was made by Sue Barnaby. Roll call: Sue Barnaby – yes; Irene Sorelle – yes; and Bobbi Jo Ferguson – yes; and Shelly Newhouse - yes. All in favor; motion carried.
    ii. **Township:** A motion was made by Shelly Newhouse to approve the payment of $619 for the inspection, recharging and replacement of fire extinguishers for the Bergland Township building. The second was made by Sue Barnaby. Roll call: Sue Barnaby – yes; Irene Sorelle – yes; and Bobbi Jo Ferguson – yes; and Shelly Newhouse - yes. All in favor; motion carried.

XIII. Old Business

i. Proof of Septic Pumping: Bobbi Jo Ferguson provided an update regarding the status of the septic pumping which will begin to be addressed as noted by the Bergland Township resolution.

XIV. Public Comment: Opened at 7:42 pm. Mike Hindrick discussed the ORV Connector Trail. A motion was made by Sue Barnaby to move forward with the process of a connector trail for ORV's. The second was made by Irene Sorelle. All in favor; motion carried.

XV. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bobbi Jo Ferguson. The second was made by Shelly Newhouse. All in favor; motion carried. Adjourned at 7:57pm EST.

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