

**Byron Township Board Meeting**  
**June 27, 2005**  
**Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Byron Township Board was called to order by Clerk Joel Hondorp on Monday, June 27, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., at the Byron Township Offices, 8085 Byron Center Avenue, Byron Center Michigan.

Members Present: Joel Hondorp, Carol Houseman, Paul Nevins, Tim Slot,  
Norm Wustman

Members Absent: Kathy Burgess, Audrey Nevins

Prayer was offered by Joel Hondorp.

Recognition of Guests, Visitors, and Township Residents.

Steve MacBride, 3528 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, had several questions for the Board regarding Rockford Ambulance. He also requested the Board rescind their April 25 vote.

Judy Gunderson, 6901 Quincy, asked about Rockford's one paramedic to AMR's two paramedics per ambulance and asked what happens if Gaines doesn't approve.

Kim Grooters, 435 Sunbrook, asked if residents when calling 911 be able to choose their provider.

Bob Vennema, 580 Gardenview, asked about equal dispatch and asked the Board to reconsider their vote.

Emily Kirk, 8541 Woodhaven, asked why the Board sought out Rockford Ambulance and asked about costs for housing and service.

Seth Post, Amber Terrace, the three firefighters and AMR should not be gotten rid of.

Sue Kaeckle, 2030 76<sup>th</sup> Street, asked the Board to rescind their February 14 vote for Station's Edge and offered comments on the Ambulance proposal.

Denny Buist, 9978 Byron Center Avenue, Byron Township Fire Department Captain, on certain calls there is a need for more people than just an ambulance crew.

Tom Gerter, Grand Rapids Township FD, state there is long response for Rockford Ambulance, the won't advance calls, and he is not happy with the service.

Ruth Besteman, 968 Amberwood West, stated that as a medical professional she knows time is crucial.

Michelle VanHall, 388 Summershores, explained how many people are needed on a Class 1 patient.

Judy VanEllen, 3559 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, stated that the Board was elected to represent the residents.

Ray Simmons, 7955 Navajo Valley, stated that the Board needs to talk to the Fire Department and make sure they understand what the Fire Department does.

Tracey Scholten, 6633 Andale, stated that there should be a township wide vote on the issue.

Wayne Boerman, 2449 Ranchland, concerned about Ambulance at football games.

Sara Balk, 25 68<sup>th</sup> Street, said her grandson was hurt and the Cutlerville Firefighters were there right away to help.

Gary Grooters, 9650 Ivanrest, can't see where money is being saved.

Travis Girt, Grand Rapids FD and Dorr Resident, prefers AMR over Rockford and doesn't see the logic in the decision.

Delores Boerman, 2449 Ranchland, likes that the Fire Department comes first.

Mark Grooters, 435 Sunbrook, asked the Board to answer questions.

A motion was made by Houseman and supported by Slot, that the Board approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 13, 2005.

Yes – 5 No – 0 Absent – 2. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Paul Nevins and supported by Wustman, that the Board approve the accounts payable for the following funds in the amounts stated: General Fund \$54,664; Fire Operation and Maintenance Fund \$592.03; Water Fund \$29,281.91; Sewer Fund \$19,747.62.

Yes – 5 No – 0 Absent – 2. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Paul Nevins and supported by Slot, that the Board table the request for a dance permit for Russo's Restaurant to the next meeting.

Yes – 5 No – 0 Absent – 2 The motion carried.

A motion was made by Houseman and supported by Paul Nevins, that the Board approve the \$535 purchase for book carts at the Library.

Yes – 5 No – 0 Absent – 2 The motion carried.

Tim Wiest, 2030 76<sup>th</sup> Street, asked the Board to look at the site plan for Station's Edge and make sure buffers and berms are built correctly.

A motion was made by Houseman and supported by Wustman that the meeting adjourns.

Yes – 5 No – 0 Absent – 2 The motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Byron Township Board will be held Monday, July 11, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at the Township Offices, 8085 Byron Center Ave., Byron Center, Michigan.

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Joel H. Hondorp  
Byron Township Clerk