

**Byron Township Board Meeting**  
**July 23, 2007**  
**Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Byron Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Audrey Nevins on Monday, July 23, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., at the Byron Township Offices, 8085 Byron Center Avenue, Byron Center Michigan.

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

Members Absent: None

Prayer was offered by Paul Nevins.

Recognition of Guests, Visitors, and Township Residents.

Jim Telman, attorney for Marathon Oil, requested that the Township Board direct the Planning Commission to remove their rezoning application from the table and hold a public hearing.

A motion was made by Paul Nevins and supported by Wustman, that the Board direct the Planning Commission to set a Public Hearing for the Marathon Oil Zoning Application at their next meeting.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Absent – 0. The motion carried.

Kathleen Owens presented to the Board information about the Grand Rapids Community College Millage Proposal.

Tom Burgess, 6508 Pleasant Valley Drive, questioned the Master Plan discussions between the Township Board and Planning Commission. He thought it was clear the Planning Commission doesn't want commercial on that corner.

Nancy Hochstetler, 2299 Van Singel Lake, has concerns about the severe impact on neighborhood. She is very concerned about contamination from a gas station. She is not against all commercial, just a gas station. She said she feels for the Boverhofs. She would not want to live there either.

James Sullivan, 6550 Pleasant Hill, each situation is dictated differently. He said to look at the good for everyone. He questioned the cooperation between the Township Board and Planning Commission.

Sue Keyes, 2296 Van Singel Lake, stated she is against the rezoning on the corner.

A motion was made by Paul Nevins and supported by Slot, that the Board approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 9, 2007 as presented.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 1. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Wustman and supported by Houseman, that the Board approve the accounts payable for the following funds in the amounts stated: General Fund \$60,001.82; Fire Operation and Maintenance Fund \$27,687.20; Fire Capital Fund \$662.21; Water Fund \$149,844.34; Sewer Fund \$112,296.88; Law Fund \$42,921.61; Building Fund \$14,921.16.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Absent – 0. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Paul Nevins and supported by Slot, that the Board approve the Water and Sewer Contract for Planter's Cove.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Absent – 0. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Slot and supported by Wustman, that the Board adopt **Resolution 10-07-08**, a resolution declaring September 21, 2007, as POW-MIA Recognition Day.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Absent – 0. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Slot and supported by Burgess, that the Board approve the cemetery paving quote from Stallard in the amount of \$2364.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Absent – 0. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Paul Nevins and supported by Houseman, that the Board approve the Conference request for the Building Inspector in the amount of \$200.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Absent – 0. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Slot and supported by Burgess, that the Board adopt **Resolution 11-07-08**, a resolution amending the Street Lighting Agreement to add a streetlight at 64<sup>th</sup> Street and Wilson Avenue.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Absent – 0. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Houseman and supported by Burgess, that the Board authorize the purchase of 100 feet of hydraulic hose for the Byron Fire Department in the amount of \$982.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Absent – 0. The motion carried.

Dick and Carol Boverhof, 6419 Byron Center Avenue, stated they have lived there for 25 years. They stated that with increase and traffic and with a stop light, it is not as safe coming out of their driveway. They also stated they dealt with years of construction and are fine now that the construction is ended.

Tom Burgess stated he hopes for cooperation among everyone and to look at different uses. He also said some commercial would be fine, just not a gas station.

Sue Keyes stated for the Board to look at a different use.

Lori Swanson-Taylor, 2275 Van Singel Lake, is against the rezoning and wants the Township Board to listen.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0 Absent – 0. The motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Byron Township Board will be held Monday, August 13, 2007 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