

**Byron Township Board Meeting
September 24, 2007
Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Byron Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Audrey Nevins on Monday, September 24, 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

Prayer was offered by Joel Hondorp.

Recognition of Guests, Visitors, and Township Residents.

A motion was made by Paul Nevins and supported by Burgess, that the Board approve the minutes of the September 10, 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 \$76,284.19; Water Fund \$247,250.49; Sewer Fund \$143,409.95.

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

A motion was made by Paul Nevins and supported by Slot, that the Board accept the quote of \$7760.90 from Central Interconnect for updating the Sound System in the Meeting Room.

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

Martha Smart and Marie VanFleet updated the Board on activities at the Kent District Library.

The following residents and guest addressed the Board with their concerns regarding the Master Plan:

Todd Boorsma, 21st Street, 84th Street and US 131

Ron VanSingel, 1299 Gleneagle, 68th Street and Wilson, Mixed Use

Sanford DeHaan, 2800 64th Street, 84th Street and US 131

Carol Boverhof, 6419 Byron Center Avenue, Byron Center and 64th Street

Al Postma, 6696 Highmeadow, 84th Street and US 131

Lisa Smith, 570 Alles Drive, 84th Street and US 131

Missy Bouwman, 1384 108th Street, 84th Street and US 131

Dave Spoelma, Second Byron CRC, 84th Street and US 131

Stan Jansen, 2175 Pleasant Glen, Byron Center and 64th

John VanSingel, 2201 Pleasant Pond, 84th Street and US 131

John Lowder, Berean Bible Church, 84th Street and US 131

Chad Versluis, 896 Timberwinds Court, 84th Street and Burlingame

Jim Telman, Byron Center and 64th

Larry Boomsma, 4400 64th Street, M-6 and Wilson
Mark Fennema, 978 64th Street, 64th and Byron Center
Tom Burgess, 6509 Pleasant View, 64th and Byron Center
Judy Johnson, 2331 Pleasant Pond, 64th and Byron Center
Brian Smits, 6756 Pleasant Hill, 64th and Byron Center
Cliff Westendorp, 1525 108th Street, 84th Street and US 131

A motion was made by Paul Nevins and supported by Burgess, that the Board reject the Master Plan and advises the Planning Commission to review the following areas:

1. Southwest corner of US 131 and 84th Street. Recommend from Commercial to Commercial PUD.
2. Northwest corner of Division and 100th Street. Recommend from Commercial to Commercial PUD
3. Area of M-6 and Wilson between 68th Street and 64th Street. Recommend review of Mixed Use definition
4. Southwest corner of Byron Center Avenue and 64th Street. Recommend review of designation of Office.
5. Northeast and Northwest corners or 84th Street and Burlingame Avenue. Recommend review of designation of Office/MFR at that location and review the 1998 Master Plan of that area

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

Supervisor Audrey Nevins opened a Public Hearing at 8:22 pm for an Industrial Development District at 7670 Caterpillar Court. No Public Comment was offered. The Public Hearing was closed. A motion was made by Hondorp and supported by Slot, that the Board adopt **Resolution 19-07-08**, a resolution establishing the Industrial Development District at 7670 Caterpillar Court.

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

Supervisor Audrey Nevins opened a Public Hearing at 8:26 pm for an Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate for Plasma Tec. No Public Comment was offered. The Public Hearing was closed. A motion was made by Hondorp and supported by Slot, that the Board table the IFT application to the next meeting.

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

A motion was made by Slot and supported by Paul Nevins, that the Board adopt **Resolution 20-07-08**, a resolution adopting Grand Valley Metro Council Resolutions 33 and 34 adding Belding and Lowell to the GVMC.

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

A motion was made by Houseman and supported by Paul Nevins, that the Board adopt **Resolution 21-07-08**, a resolution adopting the Byron Township Credit Card Use Policy and the penalties for misuse.

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

A motion was made by Paul Nevins and supported by Hondorp, that the adopt **Resolution 22-07-08**, a resolution requesting the Kent County Road Commission to request a permanent banner structure over 84th Street.

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

A motion was made by Wustman and supported by Slot, that the Board approve the design of a 25,718 square foot Senior/Recreation Building at a cost of \$2.4 million.

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

A motion was made by Houseman and supported by Paul Nevins, 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, October 8, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Township Offices, 8085 Byron Center Ave., Byron Center, Michigan.

Joel H. Hondorp
Byron Township Clerk