Village of Byron
Special Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Stevens.

Pledge of Allegiance Led By: President Stevens

Roll Call – Present: Guttersohn, Bibbee, Willett, Chapman, McDowell, Campbell, and Stevens. Also Present: Village Administrator Todd Thomas and Reed, Clerk.

Approval of Agenda: Guttersohn moved to approve the agenda; McDowell seconded. Voice Vote: Ayes: Guttersohn, Bibbee, Willett, Chapman, McDowell, Campbell, and Stevens. Nays: None.

New Business: Veterans Memorial
Guttersohn shared the possible locations for the 30-foot Veterans Memorial: by the Mill Pond, the Unknown Soldier, and the original location. He explained the problems with the Mill Pond, including overgrowth of weeds and constant maintenance; at the Unknown Soldier, the ground is soft and off the path, which would not do the Memorial justice. He said that the original spot is the best place for it. Rosemary sent a text saying she is okay with the original spot. Guttersohn said lights will be run at a later date, and a resident suggested running the conduit so it would be ready for lights. Comments from the public about placing it like Flint and Durand have theirs. Council said it has to be on property owned by the Village. Another comment was to place it by the water, kill the weeds, fill with broken concrete, then fill with sand. Council replied that the DNR would not allow that. A question was asked about how many graves will be lost to the memorial. Guttersohn said 64 graves. Another question was asked about whether that will leave enough graves, and Guttersohn replied enough for 150-200 years. Guttersohn explained that all branches of service will have a flag and under the American flag the POW flag will fly. Brittain asked the resident what the placement issues are, and the resident said parking and added that she saw someone with a long gun in the cemetery. All council members were asked to explain their choice of the best placement of the memorial. McDowell motioned to have the memorial placed in the original area; seconded by Bibbee. Roll Call: Ayes: Guttersohn, Bibbee, Willett, Chapman, McDowell, Campbell, and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Public Comments: None

Any Other Business from Council /Comments: Everyone told Arter welcome. Stevens explained the homecoming parade time change from 5 pm to 2:30 pm, and council agreed to the time change.

Items For Next Agenda: None

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:23 pm; motioned by Stevens and seconded by Guttersohn. Voice Vote: Ayes: Guttersohn, Bibbee, Willett, Chapman, McDowell, Campbell, and Stevens. Nays: None.

Marsha Reed, Clerk — 10/12/26 Date — Vicki Stevens, President