

**MINUTES**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
**Village of Port Byron IL**  
**Village Hall**  
**Wednesday, March 23, 2011**  
**7:00 pm**

A Special Board Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Robert Wilson at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2011.

**ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

**Roll Call #1: Present Trustees** Harold French, Scott Sidor, Shawn VanDriessche, Todd Wiebenga

**Absent Trustees:** George Bathje, Janet Stoltenberg

**Also present:** Public Works Director Rick Kessler

A quorum was declared by the Mayor.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF MEETING**

**a. Discussion of flood preparations and policies**

Several issues were discussed and questions were raised about various aspects of dealing with impending flooding by the Mississippi River within the Village of Port Byron.

R Kessler, Public Works Superintendent, explained that the Village has about 5000 sandbags on hand right now, and at present has no shortage of sand; the crest date and severity of the flooding is unknown yet.

The Village will host another meeting next Wednesday for the Rock Island County Emergency Services, so those individuals who live outside the Village limits will want to attend.

D Carey, RCFPD, said that the Fire Dept is recruiting volunteers to come on this Friday at noon to fill sandbags, with a goal of filling 5000 bags.

A question was raised about delivering sand to residents who need it – R Kessler said to let him know name and address and he will see it is delivered

Another question was raised about limiting the number of sandbags per resident, especially in light of limited numbers on hand; it was felt a limit of 2,000 bags per resident was appropriate at this time. If flood emergency declared, Corps of Engineers will give unlimited numbers for free.

**Trustee Sidor made motion to purchase 20,000 sandbags for the Village, seconded by Trustee Wiebenga**

**RC #2: Ayes: Trustees: Sidor, Wiebenga, VanDriessche, French**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Bathje, Stoltenberg**

**Mayor Wilson declared motion approved**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURN**

**Trustee Sidor made motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee French**

**All Ayes**

**Mayor Wilson declared meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.**

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Approved (Date)

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Mayor - Robert Wilson

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Village Clerk – Barbara Cray