

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Torquay Village Council held on August 13, 2025, in Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Terry Malaryk, Councilor Richard Grabauskas, Councilor Derrick Kardos, Councilor Travis Cassin via telephone and CAO Tammie Jackson.

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Mark Mason.

Call to Order: Mayor Malaryk called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No conflicts of interest were declared.

Adoption of the Agenda:

111/25 Grabauskas - That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes:

112/25 Grabauskas - That the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council held July 9, 2025, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Approval of Financial Statements:

113/25 Cassin – That the financial statements for the month ending July 31, 2025, are accepted as presented. CARRIED

List of Accounts for approval:

114/25 Grabauskas – That the list of accounts for approval from batch 2025-00110 to 2025-00135 which includes all cheques, online payments, and EFTs for a total amount of \$114,983.81 is accepted as presented.

Committee Board Reports:

Brad Jackson was in attendance from 6:30pm to 8:15pm

Mayor Malaryk attended the Mainprize Meeting.

Councilor Kardos and Councilor Cassin attended the Fire Department Board Meeting. 115/25 Kardos - That all verbal committee board reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED



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Past Due Utility Accounts

Twenty-one (21) past due accounts, totaling \$8702.29 disconnection letters will go out on the 15th of August.

Three (3) agreements have been made to pay \$200.00 every two (2) weeks until paid in full, totaling \$2672.48

Past Due Property Tax

Sixteen (16) properties in arrears (2024) totaling \$38,492.83

Four (4) of those properties are in tax enforcement, five (5) properties to be added if not paid by December 31st, 2025.

Tax Enforcement

116/25 Kardos - That Council accepts the List of Lands in Arrears as presented;

AND That the list excludes properties on which the amount of taxes in arrears does not exceed one half of the immediately preceding year's tax levy;

AND That TAXervice be authorized to manage tax enforcement proceedings on behalf of the municipality.

AND That TAXervice arrange for the list of lands in arrears to be published in the Estevan Mercury.

CARRIED

Dump Trailer

117/25 Grabauskas – That the village will purchase a dump trailer from NJ Cleaning Services for \$3500.00.

Estevan Landfill

Torquay residents are unable to take garbage to the Estevan Landfill; the village will increase the number of roll off bins from four (4) to Six (6) if required yearly to accommodate residents. Garbage can still be taken to the Weyburn Landfill.

Tax Abatement

118/25 Grabauskas – That the taxes will be abated by \$400.00 on lot 29-34 Block 1 starting in 2026.



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Audit

119/25 Grabauskas – That the council accepts the contract from Sensus for 2025-2027.

CARRIED

Fire Department

The Fire Department Board is requesting that both the Village and RM increase their yearly donations from \$5000.00 to \$10,000.00 to help cover operating costs, update equipment, and bring the fire department classification from wildlands to defensive. This would enable the fire department to defend structure fires. The Village has requested a breakdown of operating expenses; the costs associated with getting trained and maintaining the defensive level and will discuss further at the next meeting.

Water Meters

There are currently twenty-nine (29) water meters that do not work and eight (8) that are missing or need to be relocated to be read.

The Saskatchewan Municipal Board denied the council's request to lower the water consumption and increase overages for 2025. The board is hoping that the increase to the water bill will be enough to cover the expenses, and the water treatment plant will break even in 2026.

120/25 Kardos – That the cost to repair/replace meters exceeds the potential revenue generated from overages. Meters will not be read at this time.

CARRIED

Brad Jackson will continue to monitor the water usage at the plant for irregularities.

Volunteer Run Facilities

A discussion was held regarding financial liability for both the village and the committees that hold a bank account, WCB coverage and volunteer training. Administration and council representatives to reach out to the committees to discuss the changes that will need to be made.



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Old Buildings

Councilor Kardos to present to the centennial committee to use some funds from the celebration to purchase paint for the old general store and hall as demolishing the buildings is not an expense the village can budget for in the near future.

Correspondence:

All correspondence has been received and filed accordingly.

Next meeting date: September 10th at 6:30pm

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Terry Malaryk – Mayor

121/25 Kardos - this meeting is now adjourned.

CARRIED

Tammie Jackson - Administrator

A motion was made via WhatsApp on Friday August 15th, 2025.

122/25 Cassin – That council rescind the motion to purchase the dump trailer. Seconded by Kardos.

CARRIED