Village of Bailey Lakes
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Began prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Roll call of those present: Mayor John Benshoff; Council Members: Tina Killion; Tom Dilgard, Dottie Scott, Krissy Kauf, and Alan Bauckman. Fiscal Officer: Leighanna Cawrse and Village employee: Tyler Brown.
Absent-Betty Brown

Public: Kyle Elswick

MINUTES APPROVAL
Dottie Scott moved to approve August 24, 2026 regular meeting minutes with correction on page one under Dumpster quote-Flashes Trash to remove "and discuss at the next meeting." Krissy Kauf seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

NEW BUSINESS
James Lake Report
Council was provided with the lake report via email prior to the meeting. No questions were asked.

Dumpster quote- Countryside Trash Removal
Leighanna Cawrse provided council with a quote from Countryside Trash Removal for a 2-yard dumpster for $245 per quarter, bi-weekly pickup on Thursdays, no contract.

Dottie Scott moved to accept the quote for a 2-yard dumpster from Flashes Trash for $85 per month, bi-weekly pickup on Thursdays, for a two-year agreement. Alan Bauckman seconded. Roll call: 4 ayes; Krissy Kauf no.

Sump Pump
Leighanna Cawrse provided council the solicitors update on the verbiage of the letters. All is good and Cindy is looking into submitting responses through the village website. Response date is October 20th and if no response will go door to door. Letters will be sent out at the next billing cycle.

Resolution 2026-10
Leighanna Cawrse read title only "A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF BAILEY LAKES, ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF BAILEY LAKES TO CERTIFY DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER CHARGES TO THE ASHLAND COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE TO BE PLACED AS AN ASSESSMENT ON THE LISTED PARCEL NUMBERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY" Dottie Scott moved to adopt Resolution 2026-10. Tom Dilgard seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

August Reconciliation & M-T-D Report
Krissy Kauf moved to approve August Reconciliation. Dottie Scott seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

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August 2026 Bills

Krissy Kauf made a motion to approve August bills. Dottie Scott seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

REPORTS

Village Administrator/Zoning

Council was provided with the July report via email prior to the meeting. No questions asked.

Water/Sewer Operator

August report not provided.

Events Committee

Residents are inquiring about Halloween date and time. The information also needs to be placed in the upcoming newsletter. Council was all in general agreement Halloween will be on October 29th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. with no rain date.

Alan Bauckman will look into light rentals for Wesley Road and McClain. Tyler Brown suggested contacting Ruggles-Troy Volunteer Fire Department to see if they would be available to come out participate/assist.

Mayor

- Would like to purchase cold patch from Sarver Paving, one tone at a time, for Richard Brown to fill in indentations in the road and holes. Dottie Scott made a motion to purchase cold patch from Sarver Paving. Tina Killion seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.
- Provided council an update on the playground equipment. OUPS has been called in and weather permitting will be prepping the playground area this Wednesday and begin installing the equipment in the month of October.
- Nate Young removed the dead tree in Ringler Park where the one large limb came down due to a lightning strike. Nate Young evaluated the surrounding trees and only found two trees that might be a problem in the future however will not affect where the playground is being installed.
- Todd Fisher from RCAP came out and performed a mock sanitary survey of the public water system on September 4, 2026. John Benshoff, Leighanna Cawrse, and operator Brian Horst were all present for this. The mock inspection findings, action items, and recommendations were sent via email and provided to council, village administrator, and operator.
    - Krissy Kauf inquired if there is a plan to update the hydrant flushing and the other recommendations provided by RCAP? John Benshoff spoke with Dave Pitsenbarger and the village should flush exercise the valves once every five years yet unsure when the last time it was flushed.
- Krisy Kauf inquired if there was a recommendation on when to review and update the contingency plan and policy and procedures. For example, should it be reviewed/updated at

the beginning of the year or any time of the year? Also, the village needs three different contractors to provide water in the event of an emergency. John Benshoff suggested talking with Ashland EMA to see if they could provide water. John Benshoff suggested having Krissy Kauf pick a crisis and we can discuss it on how it will be handled and then log it into the contingency book.

- Found a leak on Ridge Road at the curb box and has been replaced with all-stainless steel.
- Has been asked by residents on purchasing the bicentennial flags provided through the County. Will speak with Ervin from Clear Creek Township on what they are deciding to do with theirs and go from there. Council would like to keep a couple of them and will come up with an idea of what to do with the remaining one. More discussion is needed.

Council

- Tina
    - Communicating with ODOT for 1) A caution light to be put up at the intersection of SR250 and Wesley Road, 2) A pedestrian crossing at McClain Road and SR250, 3) Traffic counter. These would be good items to bring up at the ODOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program meeting for 2028-2030 proposed projects that will be held September 23, 2026 from 2:00pm – 6:00pm.
    - Trying to get a hold of the Sheriff's Department for a Sherriff's speed limit electronic sign to be put up either on or before Halloween trick-or-treat night.
    - Air horns have started up again with residents on James Street/Wesley Road. John Benshoff suggested the residents that are affected by the air horn should go to an attorney and filing a civil lawsuit.
- Dottie
    - Received a "thank you" from Savannah for the bicentennial and asked Cindy to do the same for Savannah Village and Clear Creek Township.
- Krissy
    - Is the auger still scheduled to come in on September 16th? John Benshoff response yes and has not been notified of any changes.
    - Ohio Municipal League sent out an email of their updated bylaws and encouraged all municipalities to update theirs at least annually.

<u>Public Interaction</u>

Kyle Elswick presented to council a proposal for his consulting firm to invest for the village in industries that will bring money back to the community. The one industry example provided was marijuana for testing, dispensary for selling and/or growing in the village. The fee for this service to start would be $3,000.00.

Since there was no further business Tina Killion moved to adjourn regular meeting. Dottie Scott seconded. No one opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM

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Council President, Tina Killion Fiscal Officer- Leighanna Cawrse