

**Village of Bailey Lakes  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2022**

Mayor John called the meeting to order and began roll call.

Roll call of those present:

Mayor: John Benschhoff, Council members: Jeff Ling- Council President, Randy Ramsthaler, Anne Ramsthaler, Courtney Ayers- Rhoades, Dottie Scott, Gary Strine; Fiscal officers/assistant- Stephanie Douglas, Brian Douglas and fiscal officer (in training) Leighanna Cawrse; Operators David Pitsenbarger and Tim Hickey.

Public present- Brenda Sweet, Krissy Kauf, Dave Kauf, Scott Engelhardt  
Meeting is also via Facebook live

### **Minutes**

Anne Ramsthaler moved to approve the February 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes with corrections/additions. Dottie Scott seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

NOTE: Correction/addition to February 14, 2022 minutes:

- The “Jake Brake signs put up by the State”. *The signs have not been put up at this time due to wrong size and had to be reordered; Correct signs arrived and currently at the town hall awaiting installation by the State.*
- *Courtney provided an estimate for a company to update/maintain the website*

Dottie Scott moved to approve the February 28, 2022 special meeting minutes as written. Randy Ramsthaler seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

### **Fiscal Report**

The fiscal report read by Stef Douglas; motion to accept by Randy Ramsthaler; Seconded by Anne Ramsthaler. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

### **Monthly Bills**

Council reviewed the monthly bills presented. Motion to approve by Randy Ramsthaler; Seconded by Anne Ramsthaler. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

**Records Retention Policy-** Still a work in progress all records are organized and in file room.

### **Water**

Letters have been sent out to the residents with old water lines and need to be updated.

### Public comment:

Brenda Sweet, Boulevard Road resident, received the letter and discussed with the mayor and Tim Hickey as to what water lines needed to be replaced on her property. Mayor John Benschhoff responded from the main line, on the northside of the house by additional parking area, to the

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house meter. Tim Hickey added that the village has to increase the water pressure in the system in order to reach residents up higher and the older lines, like Ms. Sweet, are not rated to withstand the increased/higher pressure of 200psi. There are two options for replacement 1) install a pit meter or 2) upgrade the existing water lines. Tim Hickey and Dave Pitsenbarger will schedule with Brenda when it is time to hook up to the meter inside the house.

**Village Insurance Renewal Policy**

Anne Ramsthaler made a motion to approve the insurance policy renewal for the Village for 2022-2023 year based on the presentation by Joel Bender of Whitaker-Myers. Seconded by Jeff Ling.

Roll call: Anne Ramsthaler aye, Jeff Ling aye, Dottie Scott aye, Courtney Ayers- Rhoades Nah, Gary Strine aye, Randy Ransthaler aye. Motion passed.

**Purchase Order Request**

Gary Strine made a motion to approve the purchase of a shredder as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Anne Ramsthaler. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

**Reports by Council**

*Jeff Ling-*

- Contacted by a resident that owns property across mud lake and inquired if the village could look and see what is causing the creek to back-up and flood his driveway. Neil Co. had built a bridge across St. Rt. 250 to get their equipment over the creek and the culvert was not big enough for water to go through. It is unclear which entity has jurisdiction, Clear Creek Township or Savannah Village, at this creek area between the Neil Co. new construction and Dollar General.
- Updates to town hall are BCU installed exit lights now connected to generator, smoke alarms, CO detector- still needs connected. Getting closer for inspection by the Savannah Volunteer Fire Department for reopening of rentals to the public and occupancy limit.

*Courtney Ayers-Rhoades-* Asked Leighanna Cawrse if she would maintain the Facebook page and website. Courtney had an estimate for Luke Eichelberger to maintain/update the website at a static cost of \$2,500/year and if needing to host there would be an additional monthly fee.

*At this time Leighanna will maintain/update Facebook, remind app. and website however will retain the estimate for the website should it be needed in the future.*

*Dottie Scott-*

- Tree limb on St. Rt. 250 (heading north) and Center Street is hitting the tops of vehicles. Is it possible for the village to removed?
- Presented a revised draft reservation form and distributed to council. A copy will be sent to the solicitor for review.

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*Gary Strine-* Last big rain event went around with Tim Hickey to see some of the problems with the clogging of sewer lines and recommended if anyone doesn't understand to get in touch with David Pitsenbarger or Tim Hickey to get an explanation. Gary didn't realize how bad it flooded behind the Lakeview apartments and on Indian Drive until he saw it.

*Randy Ramsthaler-*

- Presented a list of accomplishments the village has done over the past six years and will be published in the April newsletters.
- The lake algae issue really needs addressed; a few years back received an estimate to treat the lake however we need to revisit this and obtain quotes to treat and maintain. An alternative option is to purchase copper sulfate and put into the lake by the village however council really needs to decide sooner rather than later which direction to proceed. David Kauf said "liquid barley will take care of duck weed and possibly algae however it is pricy". Tim Hickey said "the algae is not too hard to control it is the duck weed and the chemical to get rid of it take a license applicator to apply it which Tim and Dave are not licensed for".

*Anne Ramsthaler-*

- Newsletters would like to add special occasions i.e., "Happy Birthday"
- Looked into community disasters, residents are to call Ashland County Emergency Management Agency 419-282-4220. They would advise the Red Cross and get them involved. In the event, warming centers for our area is Savannah Volunteer Fire Company and Village of Bailey Lakes could be a secondary. Ashland and Sheriff's office also have warming centers.

**Mayor Comments**

John Benschhoff-

- Working with Tim Hickey on the sump pump letters and should have that cleared up within the next few days.
- Will set up meeting with Savannah Volunteer Fire Company and Mayor Kruse to coordinate between the three different locations should there be a need in the event of a community disaster.

David Pitsenbarger and Tim Hickey-

- Installed new flag and rope at the town hall. Should look into an adjustment to make it easier for changing the flag and/or rope.
- Removed debris at the catch basin on the Lake Drive and McClain Road.
- Putting together sump pump list
- Replaced 5 broken end caps for the sewer lines to prevent water infiltration into sanitary sewer system.

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- Read water meters.
- Met with Engineers in regards to the sewer treatment plant project on the new trash trap- dilute the rags in the system and install the new meter.
- “No Engine Brake” signs are at town hall awaiting installation by the State.
- Generators have been serviced.
- Working on water meter issues-some not working properly.
- Met with the new owners of the former Ringler property (Next to the sewer treatment plant) about their water connection and it has been determined to install a pit meter.
- Jetted culvert pipe at Indian Drive and St. Rt. 250 unable to get all the way through the pipe and to resolve this is to clean out the culvert pipe across Indian Drive. A resident offered to share the cost for a new culvert pipe and Tim will be gathering estimates for new pipe.
- Need to get the manholes established for time and cost.

Next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

Since there was no further business Randy *Ramsthaler* moved to adjourn regular meeting. *Anne Ramsthaler* seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

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John Benschhoff- Mayor

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Stef/Brian Douglas- Fiscal/Asst Officer

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