

**Village of Bailey Lakes  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 27, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM. Began prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Roll call of those present: Council Members: Tina Killion Acting Mayor, Tom Dilgard, Betty Brown, Dottie Scott, Krissy Kauf. Fiscal Officer: Leighanna Cawrse, Village Administrator: Richard Brown. Mayor John Benschhoff and Council Member Alan Bauckman absent.  
Public: Tyler Brown

**CHANGES TO AGENDA**

- A. Property Tax Amendment Update-New Business
- B. Mosquito Spraying-New Business

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

April 13, 2026 meeting minutes tabled.

**PENDING BUSINESS**

- Playground Grant- Bid will open May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am at the Ashland County Commissioners Office. Dottie Scott, Tina Killion, and/or Krissy Kauf will attend the opening.
- Ordinance 2026-02 Order of Business discussion. Council in general agreement to remove the second paragraph “whereas” on the first page. No further discussion. Krissy Kauf made a motion to take the Ordinance 2026-02 off Pending Business and moved to New Business. Dottie Scott seconded. No one opposed.
- Estimate from Tyler Brown tabled for the next regular meeting due to no quorum.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- First reading of title only for Ordinance 2026-02 read by Leighanna Cawrse.
- Snowplow for Bates Outdoor Management will be up March of 2027. Dottie Scott would like to start getting bids in January for 2027/2028 season.
- Leighanna Cawrse provided council with the lake report from Aqua Doc for their first visit of the season and will be back again in two weeks. This report will also be presented to council at the meetings going forward.
- Property Tax Amendment update; following up from Mr. Bittle discussion at the last meeting, the Ohio Municipal League sent out an email update on the status of the signatures obtained to put the property tax elimination on the ballot. There is a link included in the email sent that the village can educate the public on the importance of property taxes amid the proposed constitutional amendment to abolish them and post on the village website and Facebook page. Krissy Kauf was concerned about the comments. Leighanna Cawrse suggested to read the comments and not respond or just not read the comments. Council was in general agreement to proceed.
- Dottie Scott would like to have the mosquito spraying started as soon as possible. Leighanna Cawrse will let John Benschhoff know to get it scheduled through Valley View Spraying.

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**REPORTS**

**Village Administrator**

- Three meters need to be replaced and one of them is a pit meter.
- Bates Outdoor Management piled up branches at both parks and the sewer plant that will need to be cleaned up.
- Storm drain on McClain Road with all the rain it washed a whole bunch of logs and they are up on the side of the ditch right now and will have to clean out the ditch.
- The road back to the water plant needs to be graded and have stone put down.
- Personally purchased a mini backhoe tractor and it has a box on it to grade.
- Need to look and see what trees need to be trimmed up at Ringler Park where the new playground is going in at.
- Will install the Auger at the sewer plant in May.
- Lift station failed on Willow Lane and now replaced with a used one from storage.
- Took three days to get the water turned back on due to the homeowner not being present.
- Would like to have “No Un-Authorized Personnel” sign posted at the sewage plant.
- Would like to have work orders for any work performed.
  - Dottie Scott made a motion to implement work orders for any work done on residential/commercial property within the village. Tom Dilgard seconded. Roll call: Four ayes; No one opposed.
- BCU completed the lights out front of town hall.

**Mayor**

- Mother’s Day Brunch on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11am-2pm, help is still needed for set up and event. Friday set up at 6pm. List of items needed provided at the meeting.

**Council**

**Tom Dilgard**

- Provided an update on Cindy Gaubatz husband’s surgery.

**Dottie Scott**

- Received the parks information for the grant submitted from Ariel Isaacs and will email to everyone.
- Ariel Isaacs is also still maintaining the little free library on Lake Drive. However, she noticed someone else is re-stocking it also.
- Provided a printed copy of the History of Bailey Lakes and would like everyone to review for any errors and comments.

**Krissy Kauf**

- Thank you to whom ever took down the Christmas lights on the front of the hall.

Since there was no further business Dottie Scott moved to adjourn regular meeting. Betty Brown seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

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Council President, Dottie Scott

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Fiscal Officer- Leighanna Cawrse