

**Village of Bailey Lakes
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM and began roll call.

Roll call of those present:

Mayor: John Benschoff

Council Members:, Tom Dilgard, Tina Killion, Ariel Isaacs, Dottie Scott, Betty Brown
Krissy Kauf absent.

Fiscal Officer: Leighanna Cawrse

Zoning Inspector: Richard Brown.

Water & Sewer Operator: Cody Pitsenbarger – absent.

Public:

Meeting was held via Facebook live.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

None.

ZONING

New Business

Noise Complaint

A resident reached out to Ariel Isaacs and Dottie Scott about a noise complaint of an air horn being blown intentionally by their house. There was a Sherriff's report made but not sent to the solicitor. Council would like to have the solicitor to send a letter to the residents that were driving by blowing the air horn.

Pending Business – None.

WATER/SEWER OPERATOR

New Business

August Report submitted.

Pending Business- July report

MINUTES APPROVAL

Ariel Isaacs made a motion to approve the August 25, 2025 regular meeting minutes with the correction to page 3 under Roads/Storm Sewer- Pending business "Culvert". Dotte Scott seconded. Roll Call: All ayes; No one opposed.

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FISCAL

New Business

M-T-D Check Register Report (Invoice Approvals) August 2025

Ariel Isaacs moved to approve the bills for August, seconded by Tina Killion. Roll call: All ayes, no one opposed.

Fiscal Report- M-T-D

Ending balances for August 2025 read by Leighanna Cawrse.

Pending Business

None.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

Resolution accepting the Amounts and Rates - 2026

Resolution 09082025A: *"A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying under the county auditor."*

Dottie Scott made a motion to approve Resolution 09082025A, seconded by Tom Dilgard. Roll Call: Ariel Isaacs yes, Tom Dilgard yes, Betty Brown yes, Tina Killion yes, Dottie Scott yes. Resolution passed.

Pending Business

Social Media Policy-Resolution

Resolution 08252025B: *"A resolution adopting a social media and comment policy for the Village of Bailey Lakes"*

Council discussion on the need to have a social media policy and to have comments kept on or off for live streaming of council meetings. Council wants the residents to come to a meeting or call if they have questions. Ariel Isaacs made a motion to discontinue Facebook live-streaming of council meetings, seconded by Dottie Scotts. Roll Call: Ariel Isaacs yes, Tom Dilgard yes, Betty Brown yes, Tina Killion yes, Dottie Scott yes. Removed Social Media Policy from agenda further discussion.

Leighanna Cawrse inquired what council would like to do with the video equipment in light of discontinuing Facebook live-streaming. Council wishes to keep said equipment.

Meeting/Agenda Procedure – tabled.

TOWN HALL

New Business

September 22nd regular meeting location

Location will be First Street and Boulevard Avenue at 6:00 p.m. to view the site and ask questions. Christina Barker was present at the meeting and spoke with council about the reasons why to vacate First Street and provided a map of roads that have been vacated in the village. Council's concerns are the village's water line runs through First Street.

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Pending Business

Village Administrator

Ariel Isaacs provided a list of interested individuals for the position that the Mayor and herself interviewed with. Two had full time jobs and one withdrew his application and one did not attend the interview. The other issue was the salary amount, council approved a salary range of \$600-\$1,200 per month. There are two interested applicants that still need to submit a resume and interviewed. Council will hold executive session at the next regular meeting.

WATER/SEWER/WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Meter Readings

Two estimates provided at the meeting to perform meter readings for the month of September. One estimate from Cody Pitsenbarger in the amount of \$175.00 and the other estimate from Just-in Time Handyman in the amount of \$150.00.

Tom Dilgard to have Cody Pitsenbarger to do meter readings for the month of September in the amount of \$175.00, seconded by Dottie Scott. Roll Call: Ariel Isaacs yes, Tom Dilgard yes, Betty Brown yes, Tina Killion yes, Dottie Scott yes.

ROADS/STORM SEWER

New Business

Notices to Residents

When working within the village right-of-way, Leighanna Cawrse recommended improving communication by sending written notifications to the residents affected instead of posting on social media and newsletter of a general notice. There were a few residents' complaints and questions received after the recent tree trimming.

Pending Business

First Street - Vacate

Previously discussed under Town Hall new business. Ariel Isaacs will reach out to the solicitor to see what's involved and the process.

Catch basin and Culver estimates– tabled.

PARKS/LAKE

New Business - None.

Pending Business - None.

MAYOR REPORTS/COMMENTS

None.

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COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Dottie Scott:

- Suggested that when the village takes bids that they be sealed with specific date and time.
- Recommended a pay increase for Cindy who maintains the village’s social media/website/newsletter to \$175.00/month. Tina Killion made a motion to increase from \$100.00/month to \$175.00/month, seconded by Ariel Isaacs. Roll Call: All ayes; no one opposed. Increase from \$100.00/month to \$175.00/month was approved, effective September 2025.

Krissy Kauf: Absent.

Tina Killion: None.

Ariel Isaacs: None.

Tom Dilgard: None.

Betty Brown: Discussed the new Ashland County Sheriff’s Office app available.

PUBLIC INTERACTION

Christina Barker present at the meeting and previously discussed under Town Hall new business. Deb Rising also present addressed with council about First Street, asked questions, and spoke about her concerns about her driveway.

Live-stream questions were addressed during the meeting.

Since there was no further business Tom Dilgard made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Dottie Scott. Roll Call: All ayes; No one opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Council President, Ariel Isaacs

Fiscal Officer- Leighanna Cawrse