

**Village of Bailey Lakes
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2026**

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

Roll call of those present:

Mayor: John Benschhoff, absent

Council Members: Ariel Isaacs, Tina Killion, Tom Dilgard, Dottie Scott, Betty Brown

Fiscal Officer: Leighanna Cawrse

Village Administrator: Richard Brown

CHANGES TO AGENDA- None.

PRESENTATION- None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- None.

ORGANIZATIONAL

Fiscal Officer entertained for opening nominations.

Fiscal Officer administered the oaths of office to Councilwoman Dottie Scott, Tina Killion, and Betty Brown for their terms 1/1/2026 through 12/31/2029.

Nomination for vacant council seat for term 2026-2029

Alan Bauckman, Krissy Kauf, and Connie Deal were all interested in the vacant council seat.

Ariel Isaacs nominates Alan Bauckman.

Dottie Scott nominates Krissy Kauf.

No other nominations were made.

Open vote Ariel Isaacs Alan Bauckman, Tom Dilgard Krissy Kauf, Betty Brown Krissy Kauf, Tina Killion Krissy Kauf, Dottie Scott abstain.

Betty Brown moved to appoint Krissy Kauf to fill the vacant term 1/1/2026 through 12/31/2029. Tom Dilgard seconded. Roll call: Ariel Isaacs no, Tom Dilgard yes, Betty Brown yes, Tina Killion yes, Dottie Scott abstain.

Fiscal Officer administered the oath of office to Krissy Kauf for the council seat for the term 1/1/2026 through 12/31/2029.

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Nomination of Council President

Leighanna Cawrse asked for nominations for Council President

Ariel Isaacs nominated Tina Killion for President.

Tina Killion nominated Ariel Isaacs for President.

Ariel Isaacs moved to elect Tina Killion as Council President. Betty Brown seconded. Roll call: Ariel Isaacs yes, Tom Dilgard abstain, Betty Brown yes, Tina Killion abstain, Dottie Scott yes, Krissy Kauf yes. Motion carried.

Now that a Council President has been elected, Tina Killion is now the acting Mayor for the remainder of the meeting.

Nomination of Council Vice President

Ariel Isaacs moved to elect Dottie Scott as Vice President. Krissy Kauf seconded. Roll call: Ariel Isaacs yes, Tom Dilgard yes, Betty Brown yes, Dottie Scott abstain, Krissy Kauf yes. Motion carried.

Now that a Vice Council President has been elected, Dottie Scott is now the acting Council President for the remainder of the meeting.

Clear Creek Fire District

Ariel Isaacs made a motion for John Benshoff to serve as Village representative on the Clear Creek Fire District Board. Dottie Scott seconded. Roll call: Ariel Isaacs yes, Tom Dilgard yes, Betty Brown yes, Dottie Scott abstain, Krissy Kauf yes. Motion carried.

2026 Meeting Schedule

Council unanimously agreed to cancel the regular meeting for May 25, 2026 and December 28, 2026

Nomination of Council member in absence of Fiscal Officer

Ariel Isaacs moved to elect Krissy Kauf to fill in the Fiscal Officers absence to read the agenda and take meeting notes. Dottie Scott seconded. Roll call: Ariel Isaacs yes, Tom Dilgard yes, Betty Brown yes, Dottie Scott yes, Krissy Kauf abstain. Motion carried.

WATER/SEWER OPERATOR

New Business

December report read by Leighanna Cawrse.

Sump Pump

Discussion on notifying residents about disconnecting sump pump from the sanitary sewer lines. A list and letter from 2015 were presented to council at the meeting. Updates to council from previous operators were provided through meeting minutes from 2015 to 2018. It is unknown how many

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sump pumps are still connected to the village's sanitary sewer line. Will have to start the process over to verify where the infiltration is coming from.

Pending Business

July report waiting to receive from Tim Hickey and Dave Pitsenbarger. Since the report has yet to be sent; Council is in general agreement to remove from the agenda.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Dottie Scott moved to approve December 8, 2025 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Krissy Kauf seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

FISCAL – NEW BUSINESS

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

Ariel Isaacs moved to approve the bills for December 2025 as submitted by the fiscal officer. Betty Brown seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

Fiscal Report M-T-D

Ending balances for December 2025 read by Leighanna Cawrse.

Water/Sewer Expenses Line Items

Leighanna Cawrse discussion with council on the capital improvement line item for water has been created and sewer capital improvement line item was already established. A breakdown of the total revenue from 2024 and 2025 and the 3 percent increase each year was provided to council with the total to start 2026 expenses in those line items.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

New Business

Ordinance Temporary Appropriations-2026

Ariel Isaacs made a motion to read title only. Dottie Scott seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

Leighanna Cawrse read title *“ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION MEASURES ORC 5705.38(A) AN ORDINANCE POSTPONING THE 2026 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION MEASURES AND PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION MEASURE FOR MEETING ORDINARY EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 5705.38 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”*

Ariel Isaacs made a motion to dispense the three-read rule. Krissy Kauf seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

Ariel Isaacs made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-01. Betty Brown seconded. Roll call: Roll call: Ariel Isaacs yes, Tom Dilgard yes, Betty Brown yes, Dottie Scott yes, Krissy Kauf Yes. Motion carried.

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Pending Business

Meeting/Agenda Procedure – Council discussion on the wording presented no action taken. Dottie Scott made a motion to table the meeting and agenda procedure. Ariel Isaacs seconded. No one opposed.

TOWN HALL

New Business- None.

Pending Business- None.

ROADS/STORM SEWER

New Business- None.

Pending Business

(2) Culverts estimates- Tabled, still awaiting to receive call from contractor that the camera has been repaired.

PARKS/LAKE

New Business

Ariel Isaacs updated the council on the playground grant. The County is waiting on paperwork from the State and final approval. In spring 2026 still anticipate to open bids.

MAYOR REPORTS/COMMENTS

Friendly Express would like a light added across the road on the telephone pole. Ariel Isaacs suggested Friendly Express to call AEP and see if they could install the light.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Dottie Scott:

- Thank you to all that helped raise about \$1,000 for the family in need.
- Would like to have Cindy write grants for the village and take classes at the village expense. Cindy will gather prices and present to council at the next meeting.
- Asked Alan Bauckman if he would be interested in joining the events committee.
 - Leighanna Cawrse inquired with the solicitor and read to council the email response from the solicitors regarding the events committee. The committee needs to be mindful of the open meetings act. This would include all meetings open to the public, disclosing the date, time, and location of the meetings for the general public. Tina Killion and Dottie Scott said it is not village business and only do fun things for the village with no village money. However council did vote and approved to have an events committee. After some discussion it is very unclear as to what the event committee does and will handle for the village.

Tina Killion: see Mayor's comment.

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Ariel Isaacs:

- Asked Richard if he could put up the sidewalk close sign and chains.
- Thank you Richard Brown for picking up tree limbs around the lake.
- Reached out to the Commissioners office and County Parks Office and they might be able to help the village with the grant for the light house and provided the number for that department.

Tom Dilgard:

- How is the little free library doing? Ariel Isaacs responded warmer months is better and does keep an eye on the quantity of books available throughout the year. The variety of books is from children to adults.
- Suggested having items posted and sent for the meeting on Wednesday instead of Friday.

Betty Brown: None.

Krissy Kauf: None

Public Interaction

Cindy Gaubatz, Krissy Kauf, and Alan Bauckman were present at the meeting.

Alan Bauckman discussed with council on the 4th of July for this year such as date, budget, location, sponsors, etc., Tom Dilgard suggested talking with Savannah Village to see if they are planning anything or interested in a joint 4th of July fireworks.

Leighanna Cawrse inquired if that is something the events committee could handle. Tina Killion response is that not something that events committee is doing. The committee gets together to bring the community together and raise money for more events for the community, for example Mother's Day, Easter egg hunt, gift wrapping, kids Halloween parade, Christmas Santa. The event committee has not discuss or thought about putting on the 4th of July. More discussion on the 250th celebration and clarification on what the events committee should be doing for the village is needed.

Since there was no further business Tom Dilgard moved to adjourn regular meeting. Dott Scott seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM

Council President, Dottie Scott

Fiscal Officer- Leighanna Cawrse