

**Village of Bailey Lakes  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM and began roll call.

Roll call of those present:

Mayor: John Benshoff

Council members: Council President Randy Ramsthaler, Anne Ramsthaler, Dottie Scott, Krissy Kauf, Tina Killion, Ariel Isaacs

Fiscal officer: Leighanna Cawrse

Operators: David Pitsenbarger and Tim Hickey

Zoning Inspector: Patrick Miller, Absent

Meeting held via Facebook live.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Town Hall- New Business-Frontier

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Dottie Scott moved to approve June 10, 2024 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Krissy Kauf seconded the motion. No one opposed.

Ariel Isaacs moved to approve the July 8, 2024 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Krissy Kauf seconded the motion. No one opposed.

July 13, 2024 special meeting- tabled

Krissy Kauf moved to approve the July 16, 2024 emergency meeting with one correction. Tina Killion seconded the motion. No one opposed.

**FISCAL – NEW BUSINESS**

**M-T-D Check Register Report/Invoice Approvals**

Anne Ramsthaler moved to approve the bills from July 2024 as presented by the fiscal officer. Ariel Isaacs seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

**Fiscal Report**

Ending balance for July 2024 was read by Leighanna Cawrse.

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2025 Tax Budget Hearing

Leighanna Cawrse discussed with council the meeting with the County Auditor on August 5<sup>th</sup> for the 2025 tax budget. No concerns or questions were raised.

Fiscal Resolutions/Ordinance

Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates-2025

Anne Ramsthaler moved to read the title only. Krissy Kauf Second the motion. No one opposed.

Resolution No. 08122024-A was read

“RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR”

Krissy Kauf made a motion to adopt resolution no. 08122024-A. Anne Ramsthaler seconded the motion.

Roll call: Anne Ramsthaler yes, Randy Ramsthaler yes, Tina Killion yes, Dottie Scott yes, Krissy Kauf yes, Ariel Isaacs yes

Resolution Ashland County Solid Waste Plan Ratification- Tabled

**COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS**

- Anne Ramsthaler-None
- Randy Ramsthaler-
  - Aqua Doc treated the lake for the ninth time this year.
  - Ashland County Soil and Water Conservation District is having an public event at Ashland University this coming Tuesday tickets are \$5.
- Dottie Scott- None
- Krissy Kauf-
  - Notification for the NRPA grant the village was not selected this round and will apply again.
  - Still working on the Teen Mobile grant and park benches.
- Tina Killion-
  - Complaint sent to Friendly Express about storing the plastic for the benches in the basement. The plastic has been moved out and is stored in the villages water plant garage. Tina will no longer be collecting plastic. John ask if anyone knew when we can get rid of the plastic and get another bench. After some discussion will have to contact Cindy to see if someone could pick up the plastic that makes the benches and the

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renewal date is sometime in September for the village to collect 1,000lbs and get another bench.

- Ariel Isaacs-
  - Complaint sheet
  - Wrote up order of action in the event a resident is in violation of the village's ordinance. First letter would be an warning letter stating that they are in violation of the village's ordinance and gives the resident 30 days to correct and approach council in a public meeting. The second letter would be a fine letter and give them 10 days to correct. Then council would vote to send the violation to solicitor for further action.
  - Ariel would like to at least send residents a warning letter before any letter is sent to a resident from the village's solicitor.
  - Council was in general agreement to post the list of titles of all ordinance/resolution. The newer ordinance/resolution could start being posted online.
  - Received a complaint about a house on Lake Drive that is being remodeled/renovated is piling drywall and other materials by mud lake.
  - Received a complaint on Boulevard about work that was done and not completed. Pictures provided at the meeting. Leighanna gave an update on this project, Nida project, that the manholes were on backorder and the landscaping will be completed soon.

**MAYOR REPORTS/COMMENTS**

- John provided council with an estimate from Engineering Associates to run the storm sewer drain from the curve on Wesley Road (east side) to mud lake. Estimate of \$157,200.00 and drawing provided at the meeting and Engineer Associates is looking into available grants. Ariel mention the village has to do something to correct this problem. Also the road is sinking more due to the pipe underneath most likely being crushed.
  - Ariel asks if there is an alternative solution. John said that the village could put it back into an open ditch and would not cost as much.
  - Dottie mentioned that the drawing doesn't show a storm drain down the road heading North by the tree.
  - Leighanna the village will have to set aside money and budget for this project. The village does not currently have \$157,200.00 available for this project this year and next year's budget is already approved.

Council would like to have an estimate at the next meeting on the cost to put in an open ditch.

- There is a dead tree on the South end of James Lake by the gas company and needs to be removed however it's in the wires.
  - Council ask John to call Nate Young to provide an estimate.

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- Found someone that can trap muskrats anytime for \$75 to set up and \$20 per muskrat. Over 20 muskrats will provide a discount.

Dottie Scott made a motion for the removal of the muskrat in James Lake. Tina Killion seconded the motion. Roll call: Randy Ramsthaller yes, Anne Ramsthaller no, Ariel Isaacs yes, Tina Killion yes, Dottie Scott yes, Krissy Kauf yes

**OPERATORS REPORTS/COMMENTS:**

**July 2024**

- Wastewater
  - Processed .3885 million gallons wastewater
  - Filed monthly EPA reports
  - Performed all required and operational testing
  - Routine equipment maintenance
- Water
  - Filed monthly EPA reports
  - Performed all required and operational testing
  - Read water meters
- Projects
  - Located utilities per OUPS request
  - Moved plastic to water treatment plant
  - Need to brush hog water treatment plant property
  - Stone placed at village hall front beds.
- I & I report
  - Highest daily flow reported was .0195 MGD
  - Monthly average flow was .01253 MGD
  - Total of 0 days above design flow rate of .040 MGD
  - Reported CBOD 3mg/l
  - Reported suspended solids 5 mg/l
  - Reported NH3 .9 mg/l
- Other
  - Lead and Copper spreadsheet 75% completed
  - Dam should be mowed
    - Tim will do this work again
  - Faucet at the village hall needs replaced
  - Outside faucet to water landscaping should be installed

Dottie Scott made a motion to have the faucet in the kitchen replaced. Anne Ramsthaller seconded the motion. Roll call: Randy Ramsthaller yes, Anne Ramsthaller yes, Ariel Isaacs yes, Tina Killion yes, Dottie Scott yes, Krissy Kauf yes

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**Town Hall- New Business**

Frontier would like to tree trim and install new lines along State Route 250 through the village. Frontier contacted the village to see if there were any permits and needs permission from council to proceed. The poles are existing and would like to start in the fall this year.

Dottie Scott moved to allow Frontier to proceed. Ariel Isaacs seconded the motion. Roll call: Randy Ramsthaller yes, Anne Ramsthaller yes, Ariel Isaacs yes, Tina Killion yes, Dottie Scott yes, Krissy Kauf yes

**Water/Sewer/Wastewater Treatment Plant- New Business**

- The property owner, Neil Burkholder, has property on the west side of County Road 758 outside the village limits and would like to tap into the village water line. Neil would be responsible for all costs associated for the tap in. Neil will bore a 1" line from his property on the eastside of County Road 758 down to State Route 250 and hook into a pit meter. Neil was provided with a cost of \$1,500 tap fee and \$1,500 pit meter and will be responsible for obtaining all permits and easements. The village will be responsible for hooking Neil up into the pit meter and water line.
  - Dottie's question to Neil is how much water will they be using? Neil's response, it will be under the minimum.
  - Tina asks is it for residential? Neil said no it will be for commercial and for restrooms only.
  - Krissy's question will it decrease the water pressure for the rest of us? John's response no.
  - Dottie inquired what is going to be in the commercial building. Neil's response that has not be reviled to the public yet and will be announced in October this year.
  - Ariel inquired if the building is part of NeilCo. or separate. Neil's response that this is a completely separate business.
  - Leighanna asks if Neil if it was just the water line that he would be needing and not sewer service now or in the future. Neil said he discussed it and that it would not be a good plan and will be putting in a leech line. The commercial building will not be open to the public.

Anne Ramsthaller made the motion to allow Neil Burkholder to tap into the village's water line for the future commercial building. Aerial Isaacs seconded the motion. Roll call: Randy Ramsthaller yes, Anne Ramsthaller yes, Ariel Isaacs yes, Tina Killion yes, Dottie Scott abstain, Krissy Kauf abstain.

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**Water/Sewer/Wastewater treatment plant- New Business**

Accounts that are past due will be sent a letter for shut off the following Tuesday. If their water is shut off after 4:00 PM will be turned on the next business day between 8:00am – 4:00pm.

**Roads/Storm Sewer-New Business**

Wesley Road Storm Sewer discussed in Mayor reports/comments

**Zoning- Pending Business**

Joe Olecki, village solicitor, has spoken with Patrick Miller and Patrick has the letters and are waiting to go out. Joe apologize for the delay on getting the letters out.

**Public Interaction**

Patrick Miller inquired if a residential home was being billed for water and/or sewer. Tim Hickey responded that there is no water or sewer connection at 851 Helen Street.

Joe Olecki brought to councils' attention that there are two trials coming up one will be a jury trial and the other a bench trial.

**Facebook Live comments**

- What is happening with the collection of unlicensed or expired or not tag with the vehicles on Wesley Road and on St. Rt. 250.
  - Response is a letter is being sent.
- We already don't have good water pressure.
- Lake is a mess.
- Specify the next business day if someone is shut off on a Friday and can it get turned back on that Monday.
  - Ariel said that we are going to be shutting it off on Tuesday and if it happens to be shut off on Friday then it could be turned on Saturday.

Since there was no further business Krissy Kauf moved to adjourn regular meeting.

Ariel Isaacs seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM

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Council President- Randy Ramsthaler

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Fiscal Officer- Leighanna Cawrse

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