

**Village of Bailey Lakes  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 14, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM and began roll call.

Roll call of those present:

Mayor: John Benshoff

Council members: Randy Ramsthaler - Council President, Anne Ramsthaler, Dottie Scott, Krissy Kauf, Tina Killion, Cindy Gaubatz

Fiscal officer: Leighanna Cawrse

Operators: David Pitsenbarger and Tim Hickey

Public: Eric Bates, Dave & Marge Pond  
Meeting is also via Facebook live.

**CHANGES TO AGENDA**

- Presentation- Dave and Marge Pond RE: benches

**PRESENTATION**

Marge Pond discussed the Trex Recycling project where they turn bags to benches to keep out of landfill. Can only receive one bench every 6 months. There are certain types of plastic that cannot be accepted. The village will have a collection bin in town hall for residents to drop off bags. More information on this project and other locations to drop off is available at [www.trex.com](http://www.trex.com)

- Scroll down to the bottom of the webpage under “Our Company” then “recycling” new page will pop up and scroll down to “Community” and “University Program”.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Dottie Scott moved to approve the June 26, 2023 special meeting as written. Krissy Kauf seconded the motion. All ayes, no one opposed.

Dottie Scott moved to approve the June 27, 2023 special meeting minutes as written. Krissy Kauf seconded the motion. All ayes, no one opposed.

Krissy Kauf moved to approve the July 10, 2023 regular meeting minutes as written. Dottie Scott seconded the motion. All ayes, no one opposed.

Krissy Kauf moved to approve the July 17, 2023 special meeting minutes as written. Cindy Gaubatz seconded the motion. All ayes, no one opposed.

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**FISCAL – NEW BUSINESS**

Invoice Approvals (Expense/Check Detail Report)

Randy Ramsthaler moved to approve the check register report from July 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023 as presented by the fiscal officer. Anne Ramsthaler seconded.

Roll call: Anne Ramsthaler yes, Randy Ramsthaler yes, Tina Killion yes, Dottie Scott yes, Krissy Kauf yes, Cindy Gaubatz yes

Fiscal Report M-T-D and Y-T-D

The fiscal report for July 2023 read by Leighanna Cawrse.

2024 Tax Budget- County Auditor Update

Leighanna Cawrse attended the county budget hearing for 2024 held August 7, 2023 at 9:20 AM. Overall the villages budget was good. The local government line was reduced to \$31,944.74 due to the auditor not anticipating receiving more than that amount. Leighanna did ask the auditor about donations, the village can create a line item or fund either one will need a resolution passed.

**ROAD/STORM SEWER – NEW BUSINESS**

2023-2024 Snow/Ice removal

Three estimates were received for snow and ice removal from Bates Outdoor Management, Black Dog Property Management, and Soupy Enterprises.

Dottie Scott made a motion to accept Bates Outdoor Management, LLC for \$2,500 per month beginning December 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024. Tina Killion seconded the motion.

Roll call: Anne Ramsthaler yes, Randy Ramsthaler yes, Tina Killion yes, Dottie Scott yes, Krissy Kauf yes, Cindy Gaubatz yes

Council was in general agreement to extend the contract for 2024-2025 season at the same rate and also have the Mayor sign the contract.

**FISCAL – Resolution/Ordinance**

(2) Resolution to Certify Delinquent Water & Sewer Charges to the County Auditor

Dottie Scott moved to read the title only. Krissy Kauf Second the motion. All ayes, no one opposed.

Resolution No. 08142023 was read

**“A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF BAILEY LAKES, ASHLAND COUNTY,  
OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF BAILEY**

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**LAKES TO CERTIFY DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER CHARGES TO THE  
ASHLAND COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE TO BE PLACED AS AN  
ASSESSMENT ON THE LISTED PARCEL NUMBERS AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY"**

Dottie Scott made a motion to approve the resolution no. 08142023. Krissy Kauf seconded the motion.

Roll call: Anne Ramsthaler yes, Randy Ramsthaler yes, Tina Killion yes, Dottie Scott yes, Krissy Kauf yes, Cindy Gaubatz yes

**COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS**

- Anne Ramsthaler-
  - Inquired on the update for the McClain Road sewer project
  - Update is:
    - Paving street crossing on McClain St. (8/16-8/17) dependent on pavement availability at supplier
    - Finish grade and seed on McClain St. (8/18)
    - Manhole invert install on McClain St. (8/21-8/22)
    - Layout and elevation verification of Nida project
    - Start install on Nida (9/5-9/8)
  - Leighanna Cawrse received an estimate for one elm tree removal on Nida/Helen in the amount of \$1,800.00. Council was in general agreement to move forward with the estimate from Young's Tree Service and the funds to come out of roads.
- Randy Ramsthaler-
  - Aqua Doc came around today and they are doing a good job.
  - Ashland County Soil and Water is having a training on dam and will be held September 14, 2023 at 6:00PM.
  - Passed out an article prior to the meeting about surging cost of water
  - Mayor of Savannah receives \$8,000/year and would like to increase Bailey Lakes mayor's wage to \$5,000/year.
  - Savannah passed a resolution to have Rumpke pick up residents' trash and hold a spring clean-up. Residents did have the option to opt. out of this service.
- Dottie Scott-
  - Inquired when the pipe on McClain sewer project was going to be picked up.
  - We should keep an eye on the sewer fund- it is getting low.
  - Inquired what existing houses were tapped into for the water line extension project
    - Brooks, Hammerick, and the house across the street from Dollar General, these were on an old line and now on the new water line.

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- Inquired if the 6" water line tap is on the corner is the existing 6" main by the billboard. Response yes, it is a direct line to supply water to the village.
- Inquired where the 3" to 4" water tap is at. Response was it is at end of the water treatment plant driveway.

The water line project is nearly complete. The village still need to install another gate valve coming out of the water plant and replace old water lines.

Dottie Scott moved to approve Walter Dreibelbis Excavating invoice for \$31,800.00. Anne Ramsthaler second the motion. No one opposed.

Note: Village purchase the material for the water line extension project.

- Krissy Kauf- Inquired what was the status is resolve Betty Owsley concern on Highland Road
  - Tina Killion and Tim Hickey went to look at what needs done. There needs to be a catch basin installed or to extend the existing pipe. It was suggested that a catch basin was a safer route to take. A quote will be provided at the next meeting for a total cost for labor and materials.
  - Resident contact and willing to sign a complain form for a shed being used to store trash and causing a rodent problem.
  - Zoning inspector update as discussed at the last meeting? No updates.
- Tina Killion-None
- Cindy Gaubatz-
  - Inquired if it was ok to proceed with working with Savannah on the bench project and possible to store containers at the hall. Leighanna will keep an eye on the container and have it stored in the council chambers.
  - Received a question on when Trick-or-Treat will be held this year. It will be October 26, 2023 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

**MAYOR REPORTS/COMMENTS**

- Flagpole and bench install looks great
- Road estimate for all the roads to be completed \$160,000. It is too late to schedule this year and should look at bidding out spring next year.
- RCAP review our water/sewer usage from 2017-2023. So far, the village is doing good until 2029 and should consider increasing water rates from \$4.50/gallon (current) to \$5.00/gallon.
- Sewer plant UV project with trash trap still working with E.A. engineers. This project is projected to be more than the \$200,000 originally estimated once it goes out to bid.

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**OPERATORS REPORTS/COMMENTS:**

**July 2023:**

- Wastewater
  - Processed .690 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
  - Flagpole and benches installed
  - Storm grate on James and McClain
  - Tree removal on Lake and Indian
- I&I Report
  - Highest daily flow reported was .1185 MGD (million gallons/day)
  - Monthly average flow was .02225 MGD
  - Total of 2 days above design flow rate of .040 MGD
- Other
  - Dam needs mowed- Eastside of St. Rt. 250 at the creek on Lake Drive/McClain
    - Council was in general agreement to have Tim Hickey perform this work. No one opposed.
  - Field behind water plant needs mowing- Jeff Ling used to do this.
    - Tim Hickey will mow this \$100 per mowing and would mow it twice a year. Council was in general agreement to have Tim Hickey perform this work. No one opposed.
  - Brush pile needs to be burned by the water treatment plant
    - Council was in general agreement to have Tim Hickey and Dave Pitsenbarger perform this work. No one opposed.
  - Topsoil and seed is needed around new park benches
    - Council was in general agreement to have Tim Hickey and Dave Pitsenbarger perform this work. No one opposed.
  - Lake blower by the Friendly Express the motor needs replaced.
    - The cost to replace motor is \$475 from Hackworth Electric Motors. Cost for labor to install by Tim Hickey and Dave Pitsenbarger not provided.

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**WATER – NEW BUSINESS**

**PAST DUE ACCOUNTS**

Three accounts that are more than 60 days past due. The shut off date will be August 29<sup>th</sup> and Leighanna Cawrse will send a letter on or about August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**WATER – PENDING BUSINESS**

**St. Rt. 250 Water Line Extension project (update)**

This project is now complete

**Old water line replacement letters sent to residents**

There are two residents that still need water line replaced.

Since there was no further business Krissy Kauf moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Anne Ramsthaler seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM

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Mayor- John Benshoff

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Fiscal Officer- Leighanna Cawrse