

**Village of Bailey Lakes
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2026**

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

Those present were Council Members: Tina Killion, Dottie Scott, Tom Dilgard, Krissy Kauf, Betty Brown. Fiscal Officer: Leighanna Cawrse. Village Administrator: Richard Brown.

Mayor: John Benschhoff, absent. Tina Killion is the Mayor Pro Tempore in the mayor's absence.

New Business

Krissy Kauf found a Government website listing unclaimed funds and found the Village of Bailey Lakes has two with both amounts ranging between \$50-\$100. Council agreed to pursue the unclaimed funds.

No residents were nominated or present at the meeting for the current council vacancy for 2026-2029.

Village Administrator Report

Krissy Kauf inquired about an update on the noise that was at the sewer plant. Richard Brown investigated the issue and reported that a part was replaced by the Water/Sewer Operator, resolving the matter and no further action is needed.

Events Committee Report

Dottie Scott briefly provided the role of the Events Committee, including ideas for fundraising, hosting community events, how to come up with money and control donations. The committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall, with the next meeting scheduled for February 10, 2026. Meeting minutes were provided from the past few meetings.

Council discussion on methods of collecting money raised through events, including the use of a village line item and the possibility of creating a 501(c)(3). As well as community involvement and outreach efforts, with the use of village social media and newsletter to engage residents.

The committee is planning efforts related to the America 250 celebration and confirmed that the committee is working on the planning efforts for the celebration. As well as ideas for a village calendar featuring historical and current village photos, resident anniversaries, veterans, and birthdays (submitted voluntarily), and a possible village video for the America 250 celebration. There is an application to apply for through the Ashland 250 committee to receive \$1,500 and flags.

Minutes Approval

Krissy Kauf moved to approve January 12, 2026 regular meeting minutes as amended to page 3 and 5. Tom Dilgard seconded the motion. All ayes; No one opposed.

Mayor Report

Tina Killion will be sending to new resident and businesses "thank you" and "welcome" cards.

John Benschhoff and Tina Killion will work on pursuing the park-related playground grant.

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Council Report

Tina Killion and Dottie Scott provided their observations from attending the Village of Savannah council meeting on January 13, 2026 and recommends the rest of council to attend a meeting.

Betty Brown discussion on the PEP + Grant Program, including potential grants for fire extinguishers, safety equipment, and other safety items for the village. Betty will work on applying for the grant.

Betty Brown inquired about the opening of the new business Bargain Haven Outlet in the village went and if anyone went to the opening. Dottie Scott attended and said it went really well and there was a good turnout of customers.

Dottie Scott discussed the importance of formal meeting procedures and the possibility of adopting Robert's Rules of Order. Also, suggested that the meeting minutes to be shorter.

Tom Dilgard suggested that there be an agenda submission deadlines and requested that agenda items be submitted to the Fiscal Officer by Wednesday prior to the meetings.

Krissy Kauf would like to review and have the Agenda/Meeting Policy & Procedure be placed on the February 9, 2026 agenda for discussion.

Since there was no further business Krissy Kauf moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Dottie Scott seconded. No one opposed. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM

Council President, Dottie Scott

Fiscal Officer- Leighanna Cawrse