

**Village of Bailey Lakes
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Began prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Roll call of those present: Mayor John Benschhoff. Council Members: Tina Killion, Tom Dilgard, Betty Brown, Dottie Scott, Krissy Kauf, Alan Bauckman. Fiscal Officer: Leighanna Cawrse, Village Administrator: Richard Brown

CHANGES TO AGENDA

- A. List of streets with stone in yard-New Business
- B. History of Bailey Lakes-Event Committee

MINUTES APPROVAL

Dottie Scott moved to approve February 23, 2026 regular meeting minutes with correction to page 2 under Mayor report. Tina Killion seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

PENDING BUSINESS

- Playground grant still waiting approval from the State and the village needs copies of what was submitted to the County. John Benschhoff will contact the County to obtain the documents.
- Two culvert estimates- John Benschhoff waiting to hear back from two companies to schedule a date and camera the culverts.
- Council discussion on the Order of Business and reviewed the changes made.
- Water/Sewer Operator- January report not received.

NEW BUSINESS

- Rob Begin from USI Insurance provided council with information and a breakdown on the property and liability insurance program with the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP) and a proposal for the 2026-2027 year in the amount of \$4,191.00.
- Council was in general agreement to renew legal services with David Hunter and would like to know if the fees will stay the same or increase. Leighanna Cawrse will contact David Hunter and ask about the fees and inform him of the renewal.
- Council discussion on the selling of unused snowplow, generator, and iPad tables. No action was taken. Tom Dilgard will gather information on the cost of leasing a compact tractor, comparable to what Tim Hickey had used around the village.
- Cindy Gaubatz requested a monthly increase for printing and associated expenses for the newsletters. After some discussion council would like an itemized list of expenses and will discuss it at the next meeting.
- Several roads throughout the village have gravel in the yard from the chip seal/motor paving project last year and will need to look into a machine that can remove the gravel from the grass without damaging the yard.

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REPORTS

Village Administrator

- Provided council with a quote from NeilCo to rent a mini-excavator (no seat) for \$257/day. No action taken.
- BCU came out Friday and adjusted the security light in the back parking lot by moving the angle 15° down.
- Cleaned out storm sewer on James Street.
- Patching on James Street and will be back to fill more.
- Storm sewer cleaned out on McClain by creek.
- Dottie Scott moved to approve BCU safety hazard at town hall proposal in the amount of \$2,255.00. Tom Dilgard seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

Water/Sewer Operator

- February Report- not received.

Events Committee

- Upcoming meeting with Savannah Village and Clear Creek Township will be on March 17th.
- Next meeting March 10, 2026.
- Dottie Scott provided a history of Bailey Lakes and will be used for the 250 Celebration and would like to include a small history for Savannah Village and Clear Creek Township.

Fiscal Officer

- Krissy Kauf moved to approve the bills for February. Betty Brown seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.
- M-T-D report read by Leighanna Cawrse.
- Discussion on 2026 Budget council decided to hold a special meeting on March 16 for a work session at 6:00PM.

Mayor

- Cheryl Heinz would like to put in a Flea Market in at the Old Restaurant. More information and discussion is needed. John Benshoff will ask Cheryl Heinz to attend a meeting, have a drawing, and business plan ready to present to council.

Council

Dottie Scott

- Inquired about the late water bills that are high and why they went on so long.

Tom Dilgard

- Would like to have a list of who is renting town hall because of the constate questions being asked about what's going on at the hall.

Krissy Kauf

- Holiday lights around the chains should be taken down.

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Since there was no further business Krissy Kauf moved to adjourn regular meeting. Dottie Scott seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM

Council President, Tina Killion

Fiscal Officer- Leighanna Cawrse