

**Village of Bailey Lakes
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2026**

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

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

Public: Sandy Bally

PRESENTATION

Sherriff Schneider, present at the meeting, discussion with council about Village Law Enforcement Proposal for a five-year grant funding through the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Grant (Community Oriented Policing Services). The grant will fund 75% of one Deputy Sherriff entry level salary package for three years of the five years within the grant cycle. There is a minimum 25% local cost share (matching funds) requirement, unless a waiver is approved. Council will have until about October/November this year to decide on joining and even if decide to not participate the Sherriff department will still protect and serve the village.

Sandy Bally, present at the meeting, is running for County Commissioner in this year's election and wanted to know what problems there are and what our village needs. Also attending other village and township meetings to get to know what everyone does. Worked for the Board of Elections for 10 years and now retired. This is the first candidate running for County Commissioner to attend a meeting.

Ken Weber, super administrator and owner of Reach Alert, presented to council via phone call about their services for mass notification. Residents can receive text messages, emails, or voice phone calls and have the option to choose one or all if desired. The cost is based on the number of households which is approximately 155 for our village and each household is \$3.00 each and the only additional charge is the FCC mandated that every network has its own unique caller ID number and is \$3.00 per month or \$36.00 per year. There is no per message fee or hidden charges. Other companies standard text message is 160 characters and with Reach Alert it is 600-700 characters. Reach Alert able to schedule messages and send single messages to residents or to multiple residents. Contract period is 12 months and guarantees the price for three years; Reach Alert has a 98% retention rate and would prorate a refund if the village decides to cancel, for example in 6 months. Cost for the village would be approximately \$336 yearly fee.

The village solicitor reviewed the contract sent by Reach Alert. Leighanna Cawrse said the only concern from the solicitor was to change the wording where it says "Kentucky Law" to "Ohio Law". Ken Weber response is that would not be a problem.

The village does have the Network and FCC approval already established and council does have time to decide. This would be an extra tool for the residents and not removing or replacing what is currently used.

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This service would be to notify residents of emergencies such as water breaks or for simple messages such as leaf pick up start and ending dates. Dottie Scott would like to table this until next meeting; No one opposed.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Krissy Kauf moved to approve June 22, 2026 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Betty Brown seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

TextMyGov- Not discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Cyber Security Training

- Leighanna Cawrse met with Eric Adonteng on July 2nd for an onsite Cyber Risk Assessment and policy review.
- Eric Adonteng recommendations on the ordinance and policy were:
 - 1) Add to the ordinance under notifications “notify PEP within 7 days or ASAP”.
 - 2) To add a resolution shall be passed before a ransom is paid by council.
 - 3) Attach inventory list to disaster plan.
- Training will be at the next meeting at 6:00pm; Leighanna will confirm this date, and time still works for Eric Adonteng.

James Lake Report

7/2/26 lake report and video provided to council.

2027 Tax Budget

- Leighanna Cawrse updated the 2027 budget from June 22nd meeting. Krissy Kauf moved to approve the 2027 budget. Dottie Scott seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

Pest Control Service- Tabled. Betty Brown and Tina Killion will get quotes for next meeting.

REPORTS

Village Administrator

- June report read by Leighanna Cawrse. No questions from council.

Water/Sewer Operator

June Report not received. Tabled.

Fiscal Officer

- Dottie Scott moved to approve the bank reconciliation for June. Krissy Kauf seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.
- Month to Date fund report for March read by Leighanna Cawrse.

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- Krissy Kauf moved to approve the bills for June. Betty Brown seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

Events Committee

- July 21 at 6:00p.m. for the 250 Celebration to tie up loose ends. Friendly Express will donate cookies for the town hall event on the July 25th. Decoration for inside and outside still needs to be done. Tina Killion ask if anyone would have items to bring to display to let her know. Richard Brown said he will have the old tornado siren for display in it's original condition.
- Each field will have different games, Wiffleball for the older individual for 50+, softball, baseball, and kickball.

Mayor

- Will contact Valleyview Spraying soon to get another mosquito spray scheduled.
- There will be 6 benches at Ringler Park and 3 benches at Lake Park. Council decided on the playground bench placement from the design provided at the meeting and will be submitted to the contractor.
- Should put a directional sign on SR250, one on Wesley Road and one on Lake Drive to indicate the direction of the parks.
- Screen still not fixed at the sewer plan and parts are on order. The estimate will be completed in the next couple of weeks.
- Power surges tripped at the sewer plant and there is also a huge infiltration problem.
- The water meter reader probe went out for service and the bills were estimated. The second probe would not hold memory and should be sent for service when the other one is repaired.

Council

Tom Dilgard

- Spoke with Alan Bauckman regarding Alan stepping down from council due to lack of attendance at meetings. Alan would like to continue being a council member however wants to do his part for the community. Alan will be at the next meeting.

Betty Brown

- Plunk-Its pest control service does the Ashland Fire Department for \$90 per month and can get a quote for the village and present at next meeting.

Dottie Scott

- The last rain event raked a bunch of stones out of the grass back into the driveway and took a bucket of pea gravel stones from the sewer plant to fill in the washout in her driveway.

Krissy Kauf

- Donated a bunch of books to Ariel Isaacs to refill the Little Library and wondered if anyone received these books before Ariel moved out of the village. No one received books. Krissy inquired about who will maintain the books on Lake Drive. Betty Brown said she will maintain it.

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Since there was no further business Tom Dilgard moved to adjourn regular meeting. Tina Killion seconded. No one opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM

Council President, Tina Killion

Fiscal Officer- Leighanna Cawrse