

**Village of Bailey Lakes
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM and began roll call.

Roll call of those present:

Mayor: John Benschhoff

Council Members: Krissy Kauf, Tom Dilgard, Tina Killion, Betty Brown,
Absent: Ariel Isaacs and Dottie Scott.

Fiscal Officer: Leighanna Cawrse

Zoning Inspector: Richard Brown.

Water & Sewer Operator: Cody Pitsenbarger – absent.

Public: Scott Smurthwaite resident on 851 Ridge Bailey Lakes Road.

Meeting was held via Facebook live.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

Resolution/Ordinance under new business #1 and #2 tabled until next meeting.

ZONING

New Business

None.

WATER/SEWER OPERATOR

Cody Pitsenbarger was absent from meeting, council discussed requesting his presence at first meeting of the month going forward with monthly reports.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Krissy Kauf made a motion to approve the July 28, 2025 regular meeting minutes as submitted; Seconded by Tina Killion. Roll Call: All ayes, no one opposed.

FISCAL

New Business

M-T-D Check Register Report/Invoice Approvals

Krissy Kauf moved to approve the bills for July; seconded by Tom Dilgard. Roll Call: All ayes, no one opposed.

Fiscal Report- M-T-D

Ending balances for July 2025 read by Leighanna Cawrse.

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Tax Budget 2026

Leighanna Cawrse attended the budget hearing on August 5th with the Budget Commission regarding 2026 Tax Budget. There were no questions from the budget commission.

Leighanna advised council of the following:

- Special assessment at next meeting regarding a property on Wesley, September 8th is deadline to submit to Ashland County Auditor.
- State of Ohio – House Bill 96 requires all government entities to create a cyber security policy. Video and instructions are available for what they are looking for, the deadline is July 1, 2026 for political subdivisions.

TOWN HALL

New Business

Ethics commission and training

There is free online training through the Ethics Committee. All elected officials and employees should watch.

Town Hall Roof and gutters

Leighanna brought up the gutters need replaced, soffit repair has not been performed, and unsure when the last time the roof has been replaced. Roof does not need replacement according to Mayor Benshoff.

Flag lowering and raising

Someone should oversee the raising and lowering. Richard Brown volunteered.

Pending Business

Meeting/agenda procedure – tabled.

Village Administrator – still pending.

Social Media Policy resolution is still pending from the solicitor – tabled.

ROADS/STORM SEWER

New Business

First Street – tabled.

Pending Business

Catch Basin and culvert estimates – tabled.

Tree trimming – estimates – tabled.

PARKS/LAKE

New Business

- Weeds around edge of James Lake. John Benshoff will talk with Cody.

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MAYOR REPORTS/COMMENTS

- Spoke with contractor regarding an estimate for Friendly Express, McClain and 250, Indian, and Lake Drive. Will use camera at Lake Drive culvert to diagnose the issue.
- August 28th is the date RCAP will be in the village to install flow meters and sensors in manholes. Dave Pitsenbarger will be here to assist RCAP.
- Melway Paving missed motor paving Indian Drive and will return in to complete this within the next few weeks.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Dottie Scott: Absent.

Krissy Kauf: None.

Tina Killion: Spaghetti dinner yielded \$200 for the parks.

Ariel Isaacs: Absent.

Tom Dilgard: None.

Betty Brown: None.

PUBLIC INTERACTION

Scott Smurthwaite, resident on Ridge Bailey Lakes Road present to discuss the recent tar and chipping of Ridge Bailey Lakes Road. Mr. Smurthwaite provided photos pertaining to millings left on his property on Schultz and the gap between his mailbox and the road on Ridge; also voiced his complaint regarding the shoddy execution of said tar and chipping, as well as the amount of time spent by Melway only to receive substandard results. Mr. Smurthwaite relayed that other residents of Ridge Road have expressed dissatisfaction with tar and chip. Mayor Benshoff will talk with the contractor and assess the situation and steps will be taken to correct it.

No Facebook live-stream questions.

Since there was no further business, Tom Dilgard made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Tina Killion. Roll Call: All ayes; No one opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM

~~Council President, Ariel Isaacs~~
Mayor, John Benshoff

Fiscal Officer- Leighanna Cawrse