

**Village of Bailey Lakes
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2023**

Mayor John Benshoff called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and began roll call.

Roll call of those present:

Mayor: John Benshoff

Council members: Jeff Ling- Council President, Krissy Kauf, Randy Ramsthaler, Anne Ramsthaler; Dottie Scott, Tina Killion.

Fiscal officer: Leighanna Cawrse

Operators: David Pitsenbarger and Tim Hickey

Public present: ^{Joe} Joe Olecki, Tom Metzger
Meeting is also via Facebook live

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

1. Open nominations for Council President. Randy Ramsthaler nominated Jeff Ling for Council President. Seconded by Dottie Scott.
Roll Call Randy Ramsthaler yes, Anne Ramsthaler yes, Krissy Kauf yes, Dottie Scott yes, Tina Killion yes, Jeff Ling yes. All ayes; No one opposed. Council was in general agreement to not have a Vice-President.
2. Discussion of new Solicitor for the village. John Benshoff entertained a motion for ^{Joe} Joe Olecki to be the solicitor for the Village of Bailey Lakes for the next year at the same cost as David Stimpert at the \$1,000.00 retainer fee. ^{Joe} Joe will attend the village's first few meetings and will attend as needed by the council and/or the mayor when requested. Anne Ramsthaler motion for ^{Joe} Joe Olecki to be the solicitor for the Village of Bailey Lakes for the next year at the cost of a \$1,000.00 retainer fee. Seconded by Jeff Ling.
Roll Call Randy Ramsthaler yes, Anne Ramsthaler yes, Krissy Kauf yes, Dottie Scott yes, Tina Killion yes, Jeff Ling yes. All ayes; No one opposed.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Dottie Scott moved to approve the September 12, 2022 meeting minutes as read with corrections. Randy Ramsthaler seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

Corrections to September 12, 2022 Minutes: Randy Ramsthaler name on the last page at the end was spelled wrong.

Question to the Minutes: Jeff Ling questioned if the 1 inch tap at Neil Co. and does the village still need to have Walter Dribelbis install at the cost of \$1,500.00 for labor. Tim Hickey stated that Neil Co. was already tapped into Rural Lorain Water. Leighanna Cawrse questioned if the work will not be performed by Walter Dreibelbis then the total amount when invoiced should

be reduced by \$1,500.00 since the work will not be done. John Benshoff stated he would speak with Walter Dreibelbis about not billing for this amount since no labor to tap into this area will be performed. No motions were made.

Fiscal officer notes: It is unclear on the estimate where the 3/4" tap at existing houses, 6" tap, 3"-4" tap locations will be.

October 10, 2022, November 14, 2022, November 18, 2022, December 12, 2022, and December 26, 2022 meeting minutes approval-Tabled.

WATER- OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on 90+days past due accounts. As of January 9, 2023 the village hasn't received payment on the following accounts: Account #00590-vacant, #01420-living in residence, #01350-rental-vacant. John Benshoff stated he would email ~~Joe~~ Olecki to see what options are available to the village to collect on past due accounts. *Joe*

FISCAL – NEW BUSINESS

Fiscal Report M-T-D

The fiscal report month to date for December 1st to December 31, 2022 read by Leighanna Cawrse; motion to accept as read by Randy Ramsthaller; Seconded Krissy Kauf.

Roll Call Randy Ramsthaller yes, Anne Ramsthaller yes, Krissy Kauf yes, Dottie Scott yes, Tina Killion yes, Jeff Ling no.

Invoice Approvals (Expense/Check Detail Report) Anne Ramsthaller moved to approve the bills from December 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 as presented. Krissy Kauf seconded.

Roll Call Randy Ramsthaller yes, Anne Ramsthaller yes, Krissy Kauf yes, Dottie Scott yes, Tina Killion yes, Jeff Ling no.

PARKS/LAKE- NEW BUSINESS

Muskrats-update: Steve Burns checked the lakes and saw no sign of muskrats. He saw no reason to pursue the issue, but he would drive through the village to check to see if there was any increase in their activity.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

- Jeff Ling- None
- Anne Ramsthaller- Discussed change of Regular meeting time, which is held on the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:30pm to 6:00pm and fourth Monday reserved for Special Meetings at 6:00pm. Anne Ramsthaller motioned to approve the time change from 7:30pm to 6:00pm and for the fourth Monday of the month be reserved for Special Meetings. Seconded by Tina Killion. Roll Call Randy Ramsthaller yes, Anne Ramsthaller yes, Krissy Kauf No, Dottie Scott No, Tina Killion yes, Jeff Ling yes
- Randy Ramsthaller- None
- Dottie Scott- Discussed the future projects for the village.
 - The village needs to find a contractor or engineer to assist with figuring out what the cost of future project will be, what contractors to use and provide guidance

to council in order to make better decisions going forward since Tim Hickey and David Pitsenbarger are no longer performing any work with the village outside their current contract.

- Dottie Scott inquired with the solicitor about drawing up a standard contract to use with any contractor performing work within the village. This would help council have a better understanding of the project, details of the project, a start and end time, etc. Joel Olecki said he could help with the legal aspects of the contract however would need to have an engineer provide the specs/details of the project.
 - Fiscal officer notes: the village does not currently use any specs for projects performed by Tim Hickey and David Pitsenbarghers in the village and relies on their knowledge.
- Dottie asked if RCAP would help find grants to fund these projects? John Benshoff stated that we have a standard contract with RCAP but thinks for another fee they may help with grants.
- Dottie Scott suggested hiring engineers for sewer, water, roads, ect. projects.
 - Anne Ramsthaler questioned if the village has the money to hire an engineer and asked Tim Hickey if they knew of any contractors. Tim Hickey said when the village gets to that point he might know some contractors names he could provide.
 - Tom Metzger (public at the meeting) stated that Tim Hickey & David Pitsenbarger have done good for the village over the years. If council does hire a contractor they need to know what they are doing because in the past council has hired contractors that didn't know what they were doing.
- Dottie also asked when Walter Dreibelbis would be starting the water project down State Route 250. Tim Hickey said Walter Dreibelbis is finishing up a project by Beyond Measures and weather permitting should start on the village's project next sometime in January.

Fiscal officer note: As of January 9,2023 it is undetermined how long this project will take to complete and there is no contract with this contractor.
- Dottie mentioned that the ground is sinking in at the sewer project on the westside of State Route 250. Tim Hickey and John Benshoff said that it will be taken care of this spring by the contractor.

Krissy Kauf

- Would like to know if Tim Hickey and David Pitsenbarger would make recommendations of problems they know of and/or see in the village. Tim Hickey said they can.
 - Asked if the letter was sent to the resident with the trash dumpster. John Benshoff said he was looking for the ordinance before sending the letter. The ordinance has been found and will have the solicitor review the letter before sending it to the resident.
- Tina Killion- None

MAYOR REPORTS/COMMENTS

John Benshoff entertains a motion to have \$4,000.00 transfer back to general fund.

Anne Ramsthaler moved to have the paperwork prepared for next meeting to transfer funds back to general fund. Seconded by Randy Ramsthaler. Roll Call: Randy Ramsthaler yes, Anne Ramsthaler yes, Krissy Kauf yes, Dottie Scott yes, Tina Killion yes, Jeff Ling yes. All ayes; No one opposed.

- Would like to find where the million in a half gallons lost in 2021 that was reported to the E.P.A.

OPERATORS REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Wastewater

- Process .674 million gallons wastewater
- Filed monthly EPA Report
- Performed all required and operational testing
- Routine equipment maintenance

Water

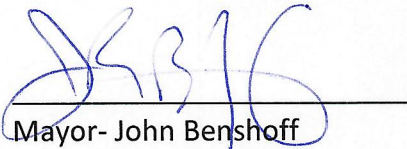
- Filed water monthly EPA reports
- Performed all required and operational testing
- Read water meters

Projects:


- Meet with engineers on wastewater treatment plant UV Disinfection Improvements
- Water shutoff per requests, currently three residents are off
- Clean Nida manhole #11 weekly

Council was in general agreement to reduced Tim Hickey contract amount for leaf pick up \$83.50 effective January 2023 and increase Dave Pitsenbarger contract amount for leaf pick up \$83.50 effective January 2023. Per the request of Tim Hickey and Dave Pisenbarger.

Since there was no further business Dotties Scott moved to adjourn regular meeting. Krissy Kauf seconded. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM



Mayor- John Benshoff



Fiscal Officer- Leighanna Cawrse
