

**Village of Bailey Lakes
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2025**

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

Roll call of those present:

Mayor: John Benshoff

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

Fiscal Officer: Leighanna Cawrse

Zoning Inspector: Richard Brown

Water & Sewer Operator: Cody Pitsenbarger – absent.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

None.

PRESENTATION

Alex Boskovic, Aquatic Specialist with Aqua Doc®, answered council's questions regarding issues with James Lake and discussed treatment via zoom meeting. New lake manager this year, Josh, whereas Alex has personally managed the lake. Alex's recommendations are to upgrade the bottom aeration system and/or clean the current system. Also should do a test for high phosphorous. Alex, or Mitch, will personally treat the lake next season and do a follow-up with the previous phosphorous testing that the village has already paid for. Presentation ended at 6:13 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dottie Scott made a motion to enter into executive session ORC 121.22 G(1) to consider the appointment and/or employment of Village Administrator. Tom Dilgard seconded. Roll call: Ariel Isaacs abstain, Tom Dilgard yes, Betty Brown yes, Tina Killion yes, Dottie Scott yes, Krissy Kauf yes.

Note: Ariel and Betty did not go into executive session.

Council recessed their regular meeting at 6:17p.m.

Krissy Kauf made a motion to end executive session at 7:10p.m. and resume regular meeting. Dottie Scott seconded. Roll call: Ariel Isaacs abstain, Tom Dilgard yes, Betty Brown yes, Tina Killion yes, Dottie Scott yes, Krissy Kauf yes.

Regular meeting resumed at 7:12p.m.

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ZONING

New Business

A resident inquired if another resident on Lake Drive was preparing to build on Lake Drive and they are modifying their property for additional parking.

WATER/SEWER OPERATOR

New Business

September report not received. John will inquire with the operator about sending reports along with the July report from the previous operators. Ariel said there has been a smell by her house since this past week, which is near the sewer plant. John brought up that there was a sewage back up on Lake Drive and he called in Dave Pitsenbauger and Brian came out to jet the back-up which could have been the reason for the smell.

MINUTES APPROVAL

September 8, 2025 regular meeting addition to page 2 under Resolution/Ordinance Pending Business Social Media Policy-Resolution after Council wishes to keep said equipment and add "for emergency purposes". Tom Dilgard inquired about sending audio recordings prior to council approving meeting minutes. Betty Brown asked if there is a charge for audio recording. Leighanna Cawrse said no charge to send via email per the policy.

Ariel Isaacs moved to approve the September 8, 2025 regular meeting with correction to page 2. Dottie Scott seconded. Roll call: Ariel Isaac yes, Tom Dilgard yes, Betty Brown yes, Tina Killion yes, Dottie Scott yes, Krissy Kauf abstain.

Krissy Kauf made a moved to approve the September 22, 2025 regular meeting as submitted. Ariel Isaacs seconded. Roll call: Ariel Isaac yes, Tom Dilgard yes, Betty Brown abstain, Tina Killion yes, Dottie Scott yes, Krissy Kauf yes.

FISCAL

New Business

M-T-D Check Register Report (Invoice Approvals) September 2025

Ariel Isaacs moved to approve the bills for September. Krissy Kauf seconded. Roll call: All ayes, no one opposed.

Fiscal Report- M-T-D

Ending balances for September 2025 read by Leighanna Cawrse.

Pending Business

None.

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RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

New Business

Leighanna Cawrse provided council with information on two separate settlements Purdue Direct, deadline October 30th, and National Opioid Settlement Secondary Manufacturers, deadline November 5th. Council is in general agreement to proceed with entering into both settlements and two resolutions will be provided at the next meeting.

Pending Business

Meeting/Agenda Procedure – tabled.

TOWN HALL

New Business

Trick-Or-Treat

Ariel Isaacs will contact the Sherriff's office about assisting with crossing guard, if unable to get volunteers. John Benshoff will contact Savannah Volunteer Fire Company and let them know the hours for trick-or-treat. Flares will be needed. Council discussion on the time for trick-or-treating to be 6:00-7:00pm however notice went out for 6:00-7:30pm as this has been the time for the past 2 years.

Pending Business

John Benshoff appoints Richard Brown as Village Administrator, absorbing Zoning Inspector position, with a six-month probationary period at \$1,500.00 per month.

Dottie Scott moved to appoint Richard Brown as Village Administrator, to include Zoning Inspector responsibilities, with a six-month probationary period at \$1,500.00 per month effective immediately. Tom Dilgard seconded. Roll call Ariel Isaacs yes, Tom Dilgard yes, Betty Brown abstain, Tina Killion yes, Dottie Scott yes, Krissy Kauf yes.

WATER/SEWER/WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

New Business- None.

Pending Business- None.

ROADS/STORM SEWER

New Business

Melway Invoice Approval

Dottie Scott moved to approve the invoice for Melway Paving in the amount of \$135,487.50. Betty Brown seconded. Roll call Ariel Isaacs yes, Tom Dilgard yes, Betty Brown yes, Tina Killion yes, Dottie Scott yes, Krissy Kauf no.

John Benshoff will contact Melway Paving about removal of the gravel in the edges of the yard.

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Pending Business

First Street Vacate

Christina Barker present at the meeting presents two copies of her property timetable. Christina Barker and Deb Rising have a permanent ingress and egress rights that begin at Mr. & Mrs. Spoerr property/driveway. First Street and Nida Avenue both are dead end roads. Christina Barker would like to access her land locked (lot #43) that abuts First Street and Nida Avenue to in a driveway. Christina Barker would like for council to either vacate First Street or bring it up to standards and make it a road. If the village vacated the road Christina Barker would claim the 15'.

Council provided their concerns on cost to vacate First Street and does not feel this is the best interest of the village and has village utilities that go through First Street and Nida Avenue.

John Benshoff concern about the lot size to build a garage and would need a variance.

Leighanna Cawrse asked Christina Barker the question how are you land locked and do you have access to Nida Avenue? Christina Barker said "yes I do have access on Nida Avenue however there is a steep embankment which will cost more money to put in a culvert."

Christina Barker informed council that she will be putting in a driveway on First Street April 2026 whether the village vacates First Street or not.

Ariel Isaacs would like to see other homeowners' interest in vacating First Street before moving forward.

(1) Catch Basin and (2) Culverts estimates

Two companies came out to provide estimates on the catch basin in front of Friendly Express. Soupy Enterprises in the amount of \$510.00 and Dave Bartter & Sons, LLC in the amount of \$2,245.00.

Ariel Isaacs made a motion to approve Soupy Enterprises in the amount of \$510.00. Tina Killion seconded. Roll call: All ayes, no one opposed.

PARKS/LAKE

New Business - None.

Pending Business - None.

MAYOR REPORTS/COMMENTS

No data on the flow meters due to lack of rain events.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Dottie Scott:

- AquaDoc will send a link via text and will relay the same.

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- Residents (Mr. & Mrs. Killion) on Willow Lane are unable to find the main water shut off valve in order to replace the main valve on their hot water tank. They also would like to know if there would be a fee to turn off/on the main water line valve.

Krissy Kauf:

- Inquired about updates to the parks grant through the County. Ariel Isaacs provided the status of the grant and progress. The equipment will have to go out to bid and would have to be similar to what was submitted for the grant.

Tina Killion- None.

Ariel Isaacs:

- Would like to install a “sidewalk closed” sign for the sidewalk at James Lake with winter approaching and will provide a cost at the next meeting.

Tom Dilgard:

- What is the status of the letter from the solicitor to a resident(s) regarding the use of an air horn? Ariel Isaacs will follow up with the solicitor.

Betty Brown-None.

PUBLIC INTERACTION

Christina Barker was present to discuss vacate of First Street.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM

Council President, Ariel Isaacs

Fiscal Officer- Leighanna Cawrse