Mayor Strauss called the Council Meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with Flynn, Price, Gregory, Kincannon, Dill, and Karpinski present.

**Motion by Kincannon, seconded by Gregory,** to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2022, Council Meeting; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Audience Participation:***

Gerald Augustine of Forest Street advised the group of drivers going excessive speeds on Forest. It is dangerous and occurs all day. Chief Laubenthal indicated that a mobile radar unit would be put up now that winter is over. Additionally, patrols will be increased – mainly in the mornings when the speeding seems to be worse.

Grace McCormick and Sophia Anderson of Keystone’s Environmental Club were in attendance. They would like to make recycling bins available in the community. Unfortunately, Allied/Republic is looking to get away from recycling. However, Gates will ask Allied/Republic to contact them. Gates will provide them with recycling posters.

***Mayors’ Report:***

Mayor Strauss asked Law Director Clark if the unpaid billing to North Coast Design Group (NCDG) could be taken to small claims court. NCDG erroneously connected to our utilities on Opportunity Way for their two group homes. They tied into the force main instead of the gravity line, which is deeper. Clark will look into this.

***Police Report:***

Chief Laubenthal reported on the following:

1. The chief recently attended Grey Hawk’s home owners’ association meeting. He talked to them about golf carts and yard waste in the street.
2. A call box is needed outside the entrance to the police department. The security system company we use for the village provided a $875 quote for an ADA height call box and to relocate the electronic door locks. Calls from the call box will go to the officer on duty.

**Dill motioned to spend up to $900 on a call box; seconded by Flynn**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Solicitor Jon Clark’s Report:***

Solicitor Clark reported on the following:

1. The complaint filed on 410 North Center Street will be revised because the issue is worse than expected.
2. He has not spoken with the Lorain County Prosecutor’s office yet on the ditch cleaning project with LaGrange Township.’
3. There could be an enforcement issue with international maintenance. Tom Horseman is licensed and can do it if needed. Gates will follow up to make sure he is willing to do so for us.
4. Discussion was had on Ohio’s new fireworks law that begins on July 1, 2022. We plan to mirror the state law but will revisit if/when needed.
5. Kincannon asked Clark if we could pass as amended the corrected ordinance for the police department pay. Clark indicated we could. A mix up occurred due to the 2.5% COLA coinciding with the elimination of the part-time pay scale.

**Kincannon motioned to suspend the rules** for Ordinance 2022-2468 --- An ordinance setting the salary ranges for members of the Village Police Department and amending Ordinance 2022-2457 and declaring an emergency; **Dill seconded**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Kincannon motioned to adopt** Ordinance 2022-2468 and declaring an emergency; **Gregory** **seconded**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Village Administrator Mary Kay Gates Report:***

Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. Erick Draine was hired for the part-time maintenance position.
2. Tree lawn repairs from snow plowing have been completed.
3. We received 3 bids to resurface the drive to the waste water treatment plant. The lowest bid was $20,000 to repair the 1,500-foot drive.
4. A leaking 4” water line in the atrium was repaired at a cost of $2,900.
5. The overtime hours for the first quarter were provided to council.

**Kincannon motioned** to spend $20,000 to repair the 1,500-foot drive to the waste water treatment plant; **seconded by Flynn**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Fiscal Officer Christie Homer-Miller’s Report:***

The following items were reported on:

1. After speaking with the UAN folks at the Auditor of States office, Homer-Miller opted to not convert distribution of employee payroll electronic notifications via email.
2. The 2021 LCIC tax return was completed by former Fiscal Officer Fallon. Homer-Miller will follow up on our response to the IRS for the 2020 tax return.
3. Our accounts at Northwest Bank were closed earlier today.
4. Although former Fiscal Officer Fallon closed 2021, the public notice had not been put in the paper. Homer-Miller sent a notice to the Chronicle last week.
5. Homer-Miller attended the first day of the online Local Government Officials Conference. At some point, Homer-Miller will listen to some of the recordings from the second day of the conference.

***Old Business:***

**Kincannon motioned to suspend the rules** for Ordinance 2022 – 2465 --- An ordinance authorizing the sale of real estate owned by the Village of LaGrange and to authorize the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement for said sale and declaring an emergency. --- SR 301 --- **Price seconded**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Kincannon motioned to adopt** Ordinance 2022-2465 and declaring an emergency; **Price** **seconded**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Kincannon motioned to suspend the rules** for Ordinance 2022 – 2466 --- An ordinance authorizing the sale of real estate owned by the Village of LaGrange and to authorize the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement for said sale and declaring an emergency. --- Quarry --- **Dill** **seconded**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Kincannon motioned to adopt** Ordinance 2022-2466 and declaring an emergency; **Flynn** **seconded**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

Three bids were received for the structural work at the maintenance building. Garling had the lowest bid at $13,900. Their bid includes a structural review of the whole building and the subsequent bid package. **Kincannon motioned to approve** spending up to $14,000; **seconded by Gregory**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***New Business:***

Clark will look into the driveway to the bus garage. The driveway recently was blocked by a bus during the quilters show.

**Kincannon motioned to suspend the rules** for Ordinance 2022 – 2464 --- An ordinance approving the appointment of Christie Homer-Miller as Village Fiscal Officer, providing for her compensation, and declaring an emergency; **Dill seconded**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Kincannon motioned to adopt** Ordinance 2022-2464 and declaring an emergency; **Dill** **seconded**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Kincannon motioned to suspend the rules** for Ordinance 2022 – 2467 --- An ordinance authorizing approval of the minutes from the Housing Council meeting based upon the recommendations of the Housing Council members and declaring this act an emergency; **Dill seconded**; 6 yeas; motion passed. This concerns The Child Garden and Pinto Slade.

**Kincannon motioned to adopt** Ordinance 2022-2467 and declaring an emergency; **Gregory** **seconded**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Gregory motioned** to appoint Christie Homer-Miller as RITA alternate (Mayor Strauss is delegate); **Price seconded**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Committee Reports*:**

1. Park Board – Mayor Strauss reported that we are struggling to have enough park board members. Strauss feels we should consider paying the park board members something. $40 per meeting was mentioned. There are approximately 20 meetings per year. The annual cost would be approximately $2,500 per entity. Clark will look into if we can pay them without issue.
2. Planning Commission – Price reported that Maverick Building wants to add 8 condominium units. The R4 zoning does not include condominiums. The zoning commission needs to look into this. Conceptual approval was granted for Maverick to go to the ZBA; other units have been built and have similar variances.
3. LCIC – N/A

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and electronic payments issued between March 25, 2022, and April 14, 2022, totaling $146,425.30 per the payment listing provided. **Dill motioned to accept; Price seconded**; 6 yeas, motion passed.

There being no further business, **Karpinski motioned to adjourn, Dill seconded**; 6 yeas; motion passed. Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Kim E. Strauss, Mayor Christie Homer-Miller, Fiscal Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_