Mayor Strauss called the Council Meeting to order at 7:30 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 Dill,** to approve the minutes of April 14, 2022, Committee of the Whole meeting; 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Motion by Kincannon, seconded by Gregory,** to approve the minutes of April 14, 2022, Council meeting; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Audience Participation:***

Dan Smith of 204 East Main Street was in attendance. He lives next to LaGrange Hardware and LaGrange Tavern. The tavern has a loud speaker outside that faces his home. It is on the northeast corner of the tavern. Music blares from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., 12:00 a.m., and/or 1:00 a.m. It is disruptive to the Smith family who need to get a good night’s sleep before work and/or school. Mr. Smith expects the noise level to increase when the weather warms up as more people will be there. The louder the music, the louder folks will talk. Chief Laubenthal indicated that complaints started coming in about 2 weeks ago. He provided the City of Cleveland’s noise ordinance to the mayor and council; it is comprehensive and enforceable. Time and distance are important factors with a noise ordinance. Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller indicated that Grafton Township’s noise ordinance may be another for them to review. Solicitor Jon Clark will look into options. In the meantime, Chief Laubenthal will talk with the tavern owner.

***Mayor’s Report:***

Mayor Strauss recently discussed the following roads with Administrator Gates:

1. Loperwood – The north side is OK while the south side is deteriorating. The mayor would like council to consider removing and replacing a section of the south side each year for the next 2 to 3 years. No engineering is needed for this. Gates will get bids on Loperwood being done in phases.
2. Railroad – This commercial and residential street with heavy truck traffic qualifies us for various infrastructure grant funds.
3. East Prospect – This is a good project to be paid for out of our ARPA funds.
4. Parklane – This will be discussed in the administrator’s report.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Chief Laubenthal reported on the March 24 through April 27, 2022, activity.

1. There were 42 requests for non-criminal assistance.
2. There were 23 criminal complaints / investigations none of which were felonies or misdemeanors. Two were juvenile charges.
3. There were 25 traffic-related incidents.
4. Of the 8 parking violation warnings, 7 were due to 1 residence on the General Lee cul-de-sac. Future incidents will result in citations as this is a safety issue.
5. Following the April 14th council meeting, officers patrolled Forest Street for 9.75 hours over the past 2 weeks. There were no violations. There was minimal activity (vehicle and pedestrian).

Price asked about the camper parked on the south side of Taylor; it is on the grass and may have someone living in it. Laubenthal will look into it.

The windows on 410 North Center Street are boarded up. Solicitor Clark will continue to work on this.

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Clark reported on the following:

1. Clark purchased the international property maintenance code. He will work on an ordinance for the village, which will be enforced by Tom Horseman.
2. The LaGrange TIF meeting is scheduled for next Thursday.
3. Clark spoke with the county prosecutor about the ditch cleaning project with the township; details need to be ironed out with the county (prosecutor, storm water district, etc.).

Flynn asked Clark about the property owners who have retention pond on their properties; specs are needed so they can be provided to the property owners.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. Rich Frederickson from Rafter A gave us a price of $5,500 to survey and engineer East Prospect Street. This will include a full set of prints with bid specs. He estimated the construction costs to be around $110,000 for the concrete street. **Karpinski motioned to spend $5,500 on the survey and engineering; seconded by** **Dill**; 6 yeas; motion passed.
2. We will advertise to bid the Parklane resurfacing project May 11th & 18th and will open bids on June 2nd. We will recommend to council to award the contract at the June 9th meeting with the project beginning on July 1st and completing by November 15th.
3. Council has been given the proposal from Windstream for upgrading fiber to all areas of the village. To provide high speed access throughout the village, Windstream is looking to partner with the village and county.

For the May 12th Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting, Council President Kincannon would like the group to discuss uses of our ARPA funds. Ideas include the roof on the building and grounds structure, upgrades to the waste water treatment plant, Windstream fiber upgrades, increasing the size of our retention area, cleaning Kilner ditch, along with road repairs to East Prospect, Loperwood, Railroad, etc. Kincannon asked council members to consider these and other ideas before the May 12th COW meeting. Kincannon will provide a list to Homer-Miller to distribute to the mayor and council members before the meeting.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller reported on the following:

1. The former fiscal officer responded to the IRS about the 2020 LCIC return.
2. Homer-Miller is still working through the January reconciliation and hopes to have it wrapped up soon. She then will move on to February, March, and April reconciliations.
3. The Auditor of State’s UAN training division is offering online budget training on May 10th & 17th. Homer-Miller plans to attend both 2-hour training sessions to expand her budget knowledge. Information was shared with the mayor and council members who were in support of this.

Kincannon asked Homer-Miller to contact OPERS about the mayor and council members receiving a full-year of credit as some only received 0.984 credit for 2021. Apparently, there was an increase in the minimum that did not get passed along. There is an ordinance for this. Homer-Miller will look into.

***Old Business:***

N/A

***New Business:***

Resolution 2022-973 ---­ A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ELECTION TO USE THE STANDARD ALLOWANCE AND ITS PRESUMPTION OF REVENUE LOSS DUE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, AS AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY FINAL RULE REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND AND THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT --- This was the first reading.

Ordinance 2022-2469 --- AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 1519.01 THROUGH 1519.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE AND INCORPORATING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 3743 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AS AMENDED BY H.B. 172 --- This was the first reading to repeal our fireworks ordinance. The state law will take over on July 1, 2022.

Ordinance 2022-2470 --- AN ORDINANCE SETTING SALARY RANGES FOR MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-2468 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- Ordinance 2022-2468 was passed at the April 14th meeting based on Chief Laubenthal’s notes. Additional updates were needed upon reviews by Solicitor Clark, Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller, and Chief Laubenthal.

**Karpinski motioned to adopt Ordinance 2022-2470 and declaring an emergency; Gregory** **seconded**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Karpinski motioned to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2022-2470; Price seconded**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Committee Reports*:**

1. Park Board – The mayor was unable to attend the last meeting. The soccer league donated $5,000.
2. Planning Commission – There was no meeting.
3. LCIC – N/A

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and Electronic Payments issued between April 15, 2022, and April 28, 2022, totaling $136,779.29 per the payment listing provided. **Dill motioned to accept, Flynn seconded**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

There being no further business, **Karpinski motioned to adjourn, Price seconded**; 6 yeas; motion passed. Adjourned at approximately 8:38 p.m.

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

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

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