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, and Dill present.

**Motion by Kincannon, seconded by Gregory,** to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2022, Council meeting; 5 yeas; motion passed.

Before proceeding, two new part-time officers were sworn in by Mayor Strauss. Both Christopher Priore and Michael Kehl are experienced officers with the RTA.

***Audience Participation:***

Elizabeth Masavage of East Main Street asked about a noise ordinance. Recently, her neighbor was mowing at 10:00 p.m. She was told that it is something we currently are working on.

***Mayor’s Report:***

Keystone’s superintendent has been emailing with Mayor Strauss about the bus garage drive (not street). Strauss sent a letter outlining the contract. A response has not been received yet. A bus driver asked for a copy of the contract as did a school board member.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Chief Laubenthal reported on the following:

1. Grafton Township’s noise ordinance was provided for reference. Time & distance are the chief’s preferences verses decibel level.
2. The LaGrange Tavern unplugged their outdoor speaker.
3. The call box has been installed and was finetuned today.
4. The trailer on Taylor and North Center Street is not occupied. It is being used for storage.

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Clark reported on the following:

1. The International Property Maintenance Code was purchased and will be given to Administrator Gates. The related ordinance will come up later this evening.
   1. The compliant for 410 North Center Street has been filed. We will follow up on it after Horseman is on board for enforcement.
   2. Two other properties will be added to the list after the International Property Maintenance Code goes into effect.
2. The real estate sales are set to close tomorrow. We will coordinate getting the funds to us.
3. A draft of the noise ordinance will be provided at the next meeting.
4. We are waiting on the prosecutor about the Kilner Ditch easements.
5. Solicitor Clark is looking into the North Coast Design case with Administrator Gates.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. It is with great sadness to report that part-time employee Barry Barnett passed away on May 6, 2022. He was with the village for 5 years.
2. With the current hiring crisis along with having a part-time employee retiring in October, Gates would like council to consider allowing us to combine 2 part-time positions into 1 full-time maintenance position.
3. We have been having a series of low and high voltage issues at the waste water treatment plant that has caused major damage to the electronics that control the pumps and screens. We are currently at $20,000 for replacement parts. The insurance company has been contacted. First Energy put monitors on the line and tweaked something. It was better this past weekend. A separate voltage meter was put on the substation.
4. Gates asked council to approve up to $30,000 to replace 180 feet of concrete on Loperwood Lane to the specifications of the original plan. Gary Kincannon made the motion, which was seconded by Dill; 5 yeas; motion passed.
5. LaGrange Township Trustee Rita Canfield is trying to organize an ethics training seminar and is inviting employees, council members, planning commission members, and zoning board of appeals members. Please let Gates know if you are interested in attending. It will be in person or a webinar depending on how many are interested. Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller indicated that Trustee Canfield also reached out to members of the Lorain County Township Association.
6. Buckeye Power did the quarterly preventative maintenance on the generators. Two need service work. The cost for parts and labor is $2,800.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller reported on the following:

1. January 2022 has been closed. Fund and appropriation summaries were provided to the mayor and council members. She will tackle February as soon as she is able to do so.
2. Our ARPA funds have been reallocated out the Coronavirus Relief fund.
3. Ordinances and resolutions from April 2021 through April 2022 were provided to Walter Drane Company.
4. Homer-Miller attended the “How to Manage Your Current Year Operating Budget” training on Tuesday, May 17th. She will attend the “Review of the UAN Budget Module” on Tuesday, May 17th.

***Old 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 is the second 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 is the second reading.

Flynn asked about the new officers who were sworn in this evening. Chief Laubenthal responded that both were joining the department as part-time officers and that other departmental changes would be occurring in the near future. A full-time officer will be transitioning to part time. We are looking to hire a new full-time officer this summer.

***New Business:***

Ordinance 2022-2471 --- AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 1343 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE AND ADOPTING THE 2021 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- This was the first reading.

***Committee Reports*:**

1. Park Board – The mayor was unable to attend the last meeting.
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 29, 2022, and May 12, 2022, totaling $142,419.11 per the payment listing provided. **Dill motioned to accept, Flynn seconded**; 5 yeas; motion passed.

There being no further business, **Dill motioned to adjourn, Gregory seconded**; 5 yeas; motion passed. Adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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

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

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