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, which was seconded by Flynn,** to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2022, Committee of the Whole meeting; 6 yeas; motion passed.

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

James Cooley was sworn in by Mayor Strauss as a part-time police officer. Cooley comes to us with 29 years of experience.

***Audience Participation:***

Moriah Slavec and Paige Wallace, owners of The Dye Hive located at 105 South Center Street, are unhappy with the new standing/loading zone near their salon and Subway. Although 2-hour parking is available, some of their services take longer than 2 hours. A member of the masonic lodge indicated that there are 8 to 10 parking spots in the rear parking lot and that lines will be painted soon. Chief Laubenthal indicated that the standing zone was long overdue due to safety issues. Others indicated that the public parking area generally has spaces available. Members of the masonic lodge would like to see a handicap parking space. Chief Laubenthal recommended designating a space in front of Subway as a handicap space. Brenda Meador of 107 South Center Street is thrilled with the new loading zone. In the past vehicles have parked in front of Meador’s driveway. Meador feels that the new standing/loading zone has improved visibility. Council will discuss this matter further at the next committee of the whole meeting.

***Mayor’s Report:***

Denny Smith is interested in joining the park board. LaGrange Township also has a new member to appoint. **Motion by Gregory, which was seconded by Karpinski,** to appoint Denny Smith to the park board; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Chief Laubenthal reported on the following for the period of June 23rd through July 27th:

1. There were 49 non-criminal requests for assistance.
2. There were 28 criminal complains/investigations. None were felonies or juvenile charges; 4 were misdemeanors. They included 2 arrests on warrants, 3 thefts, 3 fraud, 2 menacing, 2 damage to property, 1 noise, 7 disturbances, 3 domestic disputes, and 5 animals at large.
3. There were 25 traffic-related incidents including 2 crash investigations, 5 operating and equipment charges (13 warnings), and 5 parking violations (4 warnings).

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Clark did not have anything to report.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. The Garland Company received the stamped engineered drawings for 313 East Main Street and will have a pre-bid meeting on Wednesday, August 4th, at 9:00 a.m. Bids will close on Wednesday, August 17th.
2. Denes Concrete poured just over 900 feet of the south side of Parklane and will pour again tomorrow. 2.5 days were lost due to rain.
3. Theodore Patouhas resigned from the waste water treatment plant. His last day will be August 4th. We will advertise for a replacement.

Flynn asked if we could give the buildings and grounds building to KATS and use the small gym for buildings and grounds. The mayor responded that the gym and the bus garage stayed with Keystone.

Kincannon reported that there is a huge hole on Pleasant Street that needs to be filled. Gates will have the street crew hot patch it.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller reported on the following:

1. Employee Insurance Coverage
2. Our representative from Wichert Insurance provided an overview of our coverage. We provided him with some insight to challenges employees have with our current coverage.
3. Homer-Miller also met with Lorain County’s human resources director to get information on their employee medical coverage. Mayor Strauss was not in favor of exploring this option due to prior issues when the village was on the county plan.
4. She recommends a committee start reviewing options in October.
5. Expense Reduction Efforts
6. Homer-Miller asked our Verizon representative to review our cell phone and tablet plans as she believes some should cost us less.
7. She spoke with representatives from World Kinect Energy Services (manages energy programs for COSE members) and NOPEC concerning better rates for our electricity and natural gas. We currently are locked in with Energy Harbor for electricity. She will follow up with Energy Harbor as one of our Ohio Edison accounts references NOPEC instead of Energy Harbor. That is due to a property having been annexed some time ago.
8. We received a follow-up letter from the IRS concerning the third quarter of 2020 indicating they need more time to send a complete response.
9. This week's packets included information on in-person certified public records training opportunities.
10. PEP
11. At the last meeting we discussed using our $1,000 PEP safety grant to purchase an AED. The AED recommended by Chief Rader costs $1,350. There was no objection to purchasing 1 this year using $1,000 PEP grant and the balance from another fund.
12. The 2021 annual report is available.
13. No additional progress has been made on the monthly reconciliations since our last meeting.

***Old Business:***

Following up with North Coast Wireless is on Kincannon’s radar.

Kincannon asked council members and the mayor if they would like to sponsor a sign at the August 28th

KATS golf outing as they have done in the past.

National Night Out activities will be held on August 2nd. The goal is to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

Voting is scheduled for August 2nd.

***New Business:***

N/A

***Committee Reports*:**

1. Park Board – We have not heard back from the county yet concerning the park drive. The park board is looking into tournament costs. The Prebis tournament cost $700, but only $400 was billed to Keystone.
2. Planning Commission – N/A
3. LCIC – N/A

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and electronic payments issued between July 15 and 28, 2022, totaling $149,936.73 per the payment listing provided. **Dill motioned to accept, which was seconded by Flynn**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

There being no further business, **Karpinski motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Gregory;** 6 yeas; motion passed. Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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

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

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