Council President Kincannon 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, Gregory, Kincannon, Dill, and Karpinski present.

**Motion by Karpinski, which was seconded by Flynn,** to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022, Committee of the Whole meeting; 5 yeas; motion passed.

**Motion by Gregory, which was seconded by Dill,** to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022, Council meeting; 5 yeas; motion passed.

Before going to Old Business, Anthony Miranda was sworn in as a police officer by Kincannon.

***Old Business:***

N/A

***New Business:***

**Ordinance 2022-2477** --- AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW SECTION 905.11 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE TO PROHIBIT UNNECESSARY NOISE DISTURBANCES --- This is the third reading but contains changes after Chief Laubenthal’s review and input. **Motion by Flynn to table this until January 2023; Karpinski seconded**; 5 yeas; motion passed.

**Ordinance 2022-2480** --- ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-2454 TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **Motion by Dill to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Karpinski**; 5 yeas; motion passed. **Motion by Karpinski to adopt and declare an emergency, which was seconded by Dill**; 5 yeas, motion passed.

**Ordinance 2022-2481** --- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1341 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE. --- This concerns updates to the property maintenance code. This will be discussed at our January 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Ordinance 2022-2482** --- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND THE VILLAGE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LORAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH INSURANCE AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE. --- **Motion by Karpinski to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Dill**; 5 yeas; motion passed. **Motion by Karpinski to adopt and declare an emergency, which was seconded by Gregory**; 5 yeas, motion passed.

**Ordinance 2022-2483** --- AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **Motion by Karpinski to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Dill**; 5 yeas; motion passed. **Motion by Karpinski to adopt and declare an emergency, which was seconded by Dill**; 5 yeas, motion passed.

***Audience Participation:***

N/A

***Mayor’s Report:***

Council President Kincannon shared the following:

1. Kincannon attended LaGrange Township’s meeting on biosolids and shared information with the group from the meeting.
2. Our Kinetic/Windstream representative met with us as our telephone system now is out of date and no longer will be serviced. Their new system costs less than our current system. However, we also will get pricing from Iler.
3. Employee benefits are split between the employees paying 15 percent and the village paying 85 percent. This is a correction to what was mentioned at a prior meeting.
4. LaGrange Township passed a motion last summer to pay park board members. Kincannon asked Clark to look into this and provide an update at the next meeting.
5. Guy Page, former head of the park board, passed away today. We should do something in his memory with the township. Karpinski mentioned naming the park after him.
6. The mayor took the online mayor’s court training today. If we continue having mayor’s court in 2023, our fee structure needs to change. Elyria Municipal Court’s fees and fines are a lot more. This topic will be discussed further at our January 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

N/A

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Clark reported on the following:

1. Preliminary discussions have begun with the county prosecutor and the property owner on Biggs about annexation. The township should advise the county that they are OK with it.
2. The land that McConnell farmed was bought at auction by a wetland mitigation company. The future owner is willing to buy the land we planned to sell to McConnell (sale was not completed). Clark is looking into assigning the agreement to the buyer so that we do not have to put it out for bid again.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. Gates requested that 400 hours of overtime be approved for 2023. **A motion was made by Karpinski and seconded by Gregory**; 5 yeas; motion passed.
2. Council was given copies of the Employees End of the Year Hours Report and Overtime Hours worked report for 2022.
3. The Lorain County Commissioners are terminating the Community Incentive Grant program for recycling effective December 31, 2022.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller reported on the following:

1. The audit of our 2020 and 2021 financials is ongoing. No change from last meeting.
2. Statements were provided to the Auditor of State representative on Monday for reconciliation assistance.
3. Homer-Miller spent 30 minutes on the telephone Monday morning with the Auditor of State representative getting answers to several questions. She started her next list of questions.
4. Homer-Miller emailed the County Auditor's office before tonight's meeting to see if we can go with the temporary appropriations that were submitted in July 2022 for 2023 until she can dig into detail. Otherwise, we'll miss their December 29th deadline.
5. The new employee benefits coverage will go through 2024 (2 years, not 3) so that our contract expiration will coincide with all of the other outside entities participating in the county program.
6. Due to other things going on, Homer-Miller missed the December 20th Workers' Comp webinar about submitting our annual report of work-related injuries and illnesses.
7. Homer-Miller will try to get back to the open items list, but the first quarter will be incredibly busy with setting up 2023 and closing 2022.

***Committee Reports*:**

1. Park Board – mentioned under Mayor’s Report section.
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 December 9 and 22, 2022, totaling $153,990.04 per the payment listing provided. **Karpinski motioned to accept, which was seconded by Flynn;** 4 yeas; motion passed.

There being no further business, **Karpinski motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Gregory**; 4 yeas; motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

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

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

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