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, Price, Gregory, Kincannon, Dill, and Karpinski present.

**Motion by Karpinski, which was seconded by Dill,** to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2022, regular Council meeting; 5 yeas; 1 abstained; motion passed.

**Motion by Gregory, which was seconded by Karpinski,** to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2023, special Council meeting; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Old Business:***

**Motion by Karpinski to remove Noise Ordinance 2022-2477 from the table, which was seconded by Gregory**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***New Business:***

**Motion by Karpinski to approve Noise Ordinance 2022-2477 as amended, which was seconded by Dill;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

Property Maintenance Code Ordinance 2022-2481 was discussed. Kincannon asked about the last sentence under 1341.02 - blighting and unsightly. Solicitor Clark indicated that it was fine under the policy section.

***Audience Participation:***

Park board member Roger Kuhl asked about funding the park board again this year. Clark indicated that will be discussed during the solicitor and/or administrator reports.

***Mayor’s Report:***

Council President Kincannon shared information on Keystone’s long-range planning meeting on the 11th.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Chief Laubenthal did not have a report.

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Clark reported on the following:

1. The court will issue an order to clean up 410 Center Street. We will do the exterior cleanup. The associated costs – including court costs - will be put on the tax lien.
2. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) will be presented at the next meeting between North Point, LaGrange Township, and the Village of LaGrange about annexation of the former Forbush property. An associated ordinance will be presented at the next meeting.
3. Compensation of the park board members recently was brought up. It was suggested that park board members be paid $40 per meeting with the township paying the park board members then billing us for half. Clark indicated that the joint resolution passed in 1997 and the park bylaws need to be revised because those documents reflect that park board members are unpaid. Clark will talk with the prosecutor’s office. Gates will follow up with Trustee Canfield. While on the topic of the park board, park board member Kuhl asked for our support again this year. **Motion by Dill to donate $35,000 to the park board again this year; Karpinski seconded**; 6 yeas; motion passed.
4. A 2-page letter was received from Keystone School District’s (Keystone) attorney. Clark located 2019 documentation concerning the access road to Church Street; the access road does not go to Church Street. Keystone needs to repair Liberty Street as that is what they use for access. We can discuss joint maintenance after Keystone repairs Liberty Street.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. Buckeye Power did the quarterly maintenance on the generators. We need to replace the batteries on 3 generators. The cost is $1,500.
2. Our part-time zoning / utility clerk Beth Zacharias resigned. We are advertising for a replacement.
3. It’s the village’s turn to name/appoint the park board chairman/president. **Motion by Kincannon to appoint Roger Kuhl as park board chairman / president; Gregory seconded**; 5 yeas.
4. The Township is planning to submit a variance request to replace the sign at old fire station with an electronic message board. Gates asked council for their thoughts on how it will impact the traffic on the circle. This will be a topic for an upcoming for a board of zoning appeals meeting.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller reported on the following:

1. Set up of 2023 in the accounting and payroll system has been completed.
2. The 2022 year-end close will begin as soon as possible.
3. The auditors were back one day last week and this week. We fielded a lot of requests over the past 2 weeks. We have some clean up to do of the 2020 and 2021 year-end reports. When the audit report has been completed, it will be shared with you.
4. Homer-Miller will be at a conference January 25th, 26th, and 27th. She plans to take her laptop to stay on top of as much as possible while away.
5. The Local Government Officials conference will be held March 28th and 29th. Although the Auditor of State is offering a hybrid event, Homer-Miller would prefer to attend in person. That will involve travel expenses. She will get back to council on the registration fee.
6. Homer-Miller asked council if we could use our 2023 $1,000 PEP safety grant to purchase a second AED. Council was OK with that. When it arrives, it will be placed closer to council chambers and the senior center.
7. The IRS responded once again to the open Q3 2020 issue(s) indicating they need more time to respond.

Flynn asked about the open items list. Homer-Miller has not been able to update the open items list due to a heavy workload. She will update it as soon as possible. Flynn asked Chief Laubenthal if he had purchased the tent for police department events; the chief is looking for a local option.

***Committee Reports*:**

1. Park Board – Roger Kuhl asked if we need budget information, meeting minutes, etc. Kincannon asked about the park board website. Kuhl indicated that a new website will go live soon.
2. Planning Commission – No meeting; no report.
3. LCIC – No meeting; no report. However, an organizational meeting is needed.

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and electronic payments issued between December 23, 2022, and January 12, 2023, totaling $243,495.82 per the payment listing provided. **Gregory motioned to accept, which was seconded by Karpinski**; 5 yeas; motion passed.

There being no further business, **Karpinski motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Flynn;** 5 yeas; motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

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

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

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