Mayor 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, Karpinski, Dill, and Honer present.

**Motion by Gregory, which was seconded by Price,** to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2023, Council meeting; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Audience Participation:***

N/A

***Mayor’s Report:***

Mayor Kincannon shared the following:

1. The township is buying a new asphalt roller. Melissa Lilly would like us to buy their old one. This may come up at the next meeting.
2. High School Principal James Kohler would like to bring the administrative council here to tour the historical society on Wednesday, April 19th, at 9:30 a.m. It will provide Keystone principals and assistant principals with some LaGrange history.
3. The fines for the violations’ bureau have been set.
4. An executive session may be needed for pending and imminent litigation.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Chief Laubenthal mentioned the following:

1. Chief Rader of the LaGrange Township Fire Department contacted Chief Laubenthal about the county-wide radios (Marks and Harris). Local governments have been providing resolutions of support. We have new radios and are not having issues. The county commissioners are dealing with a breach of contract case concerning this matter. Chief Laubenthal doesn’t want us to take sides. Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller supports that approach.
2. Mayor Kincannon asked about the contract with Keystone for the school resource officer (SRO). The current contract goes through this school year. We need to ensure that insurance benefits are factored into the daily rate. Chief Laubenthal mentioned that our current SRO was contacted by the Ashland Sheriff’s Office about an opportunity with them. He is weighing his options.

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Clark discussed the open items assigned to him.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates was not in attendance.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller reported on the following:

1. The second AED was received and installed on this end of the building. We received $1,000 in PEP+ grant funds in late March, which were used to purchase the AED.
2. Forwarded via email and/or included in your meeting packets were the 2020 / 2021 audit data and copies of the public records training presentation that Homer-Miller attended on Tuesday, March 11, 2023.
3. The annual ARPA reporting is due before the end of the month.
4. Preparations for safety town are in process. We hope to receive an LMRE People Fund grant for safety town expenses including purchase of a tent for the police department.

Flynn asked for an update on billing Keystone for the school resource officer. Homer-Miller indicated that we should have payment in a week or 2.

***Old Business:***

Resolution 2023-985 --- A JOINT RESOLUTION BY THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE AND LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP TO AMEND JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 97-388, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF A STIPEND TO MEMBERS OF THE JOINT RECREATION PARK BOARD --- This was the third reading. **Motion by Karpinski, which was seconded by Flynn,** to adopt Resolution 2023-985 as presented; 6 yeas; motion passed. Honer asked who would pay the board. We would split the cost with the township. The township would pay the park board members then would bill the village for our half.

***New Business:***

**Motion by Flynn** to spend up to $45,000 for repairs to the park drive, **which was seconded by Karpinski**; 6 yeas; motion passed. The township needs to approve their half. They will work with the county engineer, get bids, etc.

Resolution 2023-988 --- A Resolution to Authorize the Village Administrator to Enter into AN AGREEMENT WITH SPAULDING MFG., INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 4-TON OIL JACKET ROAD SAVER ASPHALT TRAILER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- This is for the hotbox. --- **Motion by Karpinski, to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Dill;** 6 yeas; motion passed. **Motion by Karpinski, to adopt and declare an emergency, which was seconded by Dill**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

Resolution 2023-989 --- A RESOLUTION Urging Congress and the Ohio General Assembly to enact legislation to further protect the citizens of the VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE from the dangers of a train derailment and urging Congress to pass Senate Bill 576, The Railway Safety Act of 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- **Motion by Karpinski, to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Dill**; 6 yeas; motion passed. **Motion by Karpinski, to adopt and declare an emergency, which was seconded by Gregory**; 6 yeas; motion passed. This directs the fiscal officer to send copies to the senators and/or representatives.

Ordinance 2023-2495 --- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 715.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- This concerns the permit fee for rummage sales. Solicitor Clark indicated that this should be the first reading, not an emergency.

Ordinance 2023-2496 --- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 921.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE --- This concerns tap-in fees and was the first reading.

Ordinance 2023-2497 --- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 929.12 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE --- This concerns sewage flow schedules and was the first reading.

Ordinance 2023-2498 --- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 929.15 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE --- This concerns storm drain fees and was the first reading.

Ordinance 2023-2499 --- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S ANNUAL WINTER ROAD SALT CONTRACT AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE --- **Motion by Karpinski, to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Honer**; 5 yeas; Dill abstained; motion passed. **Motion by Karpinski, to adopt and declare an emergency, which was seconded by Gregory;** 5 yeas; Dill abstained; motion passed.

***Committee Reports*:**

1. Park Board – The budget was shared with council. Jeffrey Voitech (sp?) is a village resident who works at NASA who asked the park board to have a viewing of the 2023 solar eclipse at the community park. Jeff Hozauler (sp?) of Keystone indicated that school may be canceled that day.
2. Planning Commission – No meeting; no report.
3. LCIC – No meeting. However, Flynn reported that Ken Keifer wants to continue as the realtor. Keifer asked if zoning might be changed. Flynn asked Homer-Miller if the $8,000 CD had been opened; Homer-Miller needs approved minutes before she can do so.

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and electronic payments issued between March 24 and April 13, 2023, totaling $161,463.20 per the payment listing provided. **Dill motioned to accept, which was seconded by Price**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

Karpinski motioned to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending and imminent litigation with Solicitor Clark, which was seconded by Gregory. Homer-Miller conducted a roll call vote with yeas received from Karpinski, Gregory, Flynn, Price, Dill, and Honer. Council returned to regular session at 8:56 p.m.

There being no further business, **Honer motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Dill;** 6 yeas; motion passed. Adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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

Gary Kincannon, Mayor Christie Homer-Miller, Fiscal Officer