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, and Honer present.

**Motion by Gregory, which was seconded by Flynn** to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting; 5 yeas; motion passed.

**Motion by Karpinski, which was seconded by Gregory** to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2023, Council meeting; 5 yeas; motion passed.

Jacob Pierse and John Mantifel were sworn in as police officers by Mayor Kincannon. Mayor Kincannon then swore in James McGowan as a sergeant.

***Audience Participation:***

N/A

***Mayor’s Report:***

Mayor Kincannon shared the following:

1. A power outage was caused by the company constructing the apartment complex. Administrator Gates will provide more information when she gives her report.
2. Solicitor Clark has requested an expedited meeting with Keystone concerning the Liberty Street access drive. Mayor Kincannon provided a list to Solicitor Clark. Clark is waiting to hear back from Keystone’s attorney.
3. Mayor Kincannon attended the township zoning meeting on April 10th. The township will rezone their portion of the land on North Center Street that is to be annexed to commercial.
4. Although we offered the township $2,500 for their old roller, they decided to donate it to us.
5. We met with Rich Beran about the annexation plans. Clark indicated that there was a 60-day delay from the township. Until the annexation has been completed, we have no jurisdiction for a zoning change.
6. The weather forecast resulted in tomorrow’s Prebis games being cancelled.
7. Keystone cancelled the meeting with the mayor and the historical society due to state testing.
8. Kincannon and Chief Laubenthal interviewed the 2 new part-time officers who were sworn in this evening.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Chief Laubenthal reported on the following:

1. We were approved for a $3,500 LMRE People Fund grant for safety town. Chief Laubenthal thanked Kim Ruhl, Christie Homer-Miller, Dozier Hendershot, and LMRE for making it happen.
2. Chief Laubenthal shared more information with Mayor Kincannon about new radios for the county, which we talked about at the last meeting. The chief still feels we should not take sides on this matter at this point.
3. There were 113 non-criminal requests for assistance.
4. There were 20 criminal complaints / investigations - 0 felonies; 4 misdemeanors; 0 juvenile charges. They include 1 criminal damaging, 5 thefts, 4 identity frauds, 3 animal complaints, 3 false alarms, 1 domestic violence, 1 telecommunications harassment, 1 intimidation, and 1 criminal trespass.
5. There were 27 traffic-related incidents including 6 crash investigations, 4 operating and equipment charges, 17 warnings, 0 parking violations, and 0 warnings.

Flynn asked about a recent incident at the school concession stand. Laubenthal indicated that the husband of a school board member was disorderly. The incident occurred before the chief arrived on scene. Fortunately, no threats of violence were made. However, a warning was issued.

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Clark mentioned that he is drafting council rules and an updated credit card policy.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. Overtime hours worked for the first 7 weeks in 2023 has been provided to council.
2. Neighborhood Alliance received additional funding for their mobile senior services and are expanding their services to twice a month at the Village Municipal Building.
3. Notices went out to 25 properties owners giving then 30 days to remediate their retention ponds. Responses were received from 5 property owners with questions or concerns.
4. Dumpster days will be on Saturday, May 6, from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the township’s Biggs Road complex.
5. Administrator Gates met with Joe Waldecker from Rural Water on Tuesday. He informed Gates that Rural Water is raising their tap-in fees from $4,000 per tap to $4,700 per tap and will be renegotiating our current contract with them to allow us to serve the North Center Street property that is being annexed in. With our current contract, we pay them 62.5% of the contracted $2,000 tap fees for any land annexed in from Rural Water territory. Gates asked council if they want to increase our tap-in fees to match Rural Water fees instead of the $3,000 we are currently proposed. We will get the study from Rural Water.
6. A contractor severed the main electrical and telecommunications feeds to Durham Ridge last night. First Energy was able to restore power to the affected residents within a couple hours. The telephone and internet service should be restored by tomorrow morning. We had an issue with the lift station at U S Grant Street and Granger Drive that was running a generator until 2 a.m., but the pumps were not running correctly. We scrambled to find a portable rental pump as the level rose in the wet well; nothing was available until late morning today. We were able to get an electrician to come in and resolve the pump problem. A mobile bypass pump was on the 5-year plan for the WWTP; Gates asked Council to approve up to $50,000 to purchase one.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller was not in attendance.

***Old Business:***

Ordinance 2023-2495 --- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 715.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE --- This concerns the permit fee for rummage sales and was the second reading.

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 second reading. **Motion by Gregory to postpone,** **which was seconded by Price;** 5 yeas; motion passed.

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 second 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 second reading.

***New Business:***

Resolution 2023-990 --- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO A CONTRACT WITH KLEINFELDER INC TO ADD FINAL ENGINEERING AND BIDDING FOR THE RAILROAD STREET PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- **Motion by Karpinski to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Price;** 5 yeas; motion passed. **Motion by Karpinski to adopt and declare an emergency, which was seconded by Flynn;** 5 yeas; motion passed.

***Committee Reports*:**

1. Park Board – Mayor Kincannon attended Tuesday’s meeting. As mentioned previously, they are operating on a minimal budget. We have encouraged the park board to increase their fees. The park board needs to amend their by-laws concerning payment to members.
2. Planning Commission – No meeting; no report.
3. LCIC – No meeting; no report.

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and electronic payments issued between April 14 and 27, 2023, totaling $400,274.64 per the payment listing provided. **Gregory motioned to accept, which was seconded by Karpinski;** 5 yeas; motion passed.The total payment amount was larger than normal. This is due to the payment for the roof on the maintenance building and payment to Lorain County for our first quarter employee insurance.

There being no further business, **Honer motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Gregory** 5 yeas; motion passed. The meeting adjourned.

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

Gary Kincannon, Mayor Christie Homer-Miller, Fiscal Officer