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.

**Gregory moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2023, Council meeting as written, which was seconded by Karpinski**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Public Participation:***

Brenda Hammond shared information with the mayor and council members about Keystone being able to accommodate additional students. She met with Superintendent White the day after our last meeting. Price questioned her about her “special interest” comment. Kincannon reiterated that the data reflected that enrollment is going down. He also stated that there is no minimum class size in Ohio except for special education. She felt that she was dismissed at the last meeting. Solicitor Clark stated that our council meeting rules indicate that audience comments will be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes.

***Mayor’s Report:***

Mayor Kincannon shared the following:

1. He is working with Keystone Board Member Kim Sturgill, Lagrange Township Trustee Rita Canfield, and Village Administrator Mary Kay Gates on Christmas in the Village. The event will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 3rd.
2. He heard back from the Ohio Rail Commission concerning our application. They are interested and asked questions. He is coordinating getting answers from the school, police department, and fire department.
3. A volunteer is needed for Legislative Service Day at Second Harvest Food Bank. It will be held on Friday, December 8th, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Karpinski and Honer will attend.
4. Kincannon plans to attend the meet and greet for the new One Lorain County director on the 20th.
5. Additional information on the CSX agreement has been located. Solicitor Clark will update us during his report.
6. 139 tickets have gone through the violations’ bureau year to date through October. The uptick in enforcement is due to improved staffing. We issue more warnings than tickets. We are working to accept payments via credit card, which will not cost the Village anything; folks paying via credit card will pay transaction fees.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Chief Laubenthal cautioned the group about social media comments concerning police activity. Most comments are blatantly false. Most of the comments are from folks disgruntled about their own issues with the law. Any gossip heard about the police department should be shared promptly with the chief. He does not want our officers commenting on social media posts. Additionally, there is a state law about making false allegations concerning police officers; it is a first-degree misdemeanor.

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Clark reported that the negotiated agreement with CSX indicates that the funds paid to the Village were for use at Council’s discretion.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. The 2 new pumps at the booster station will be installed during Thanksgiving week. We have a contingency plan in place should both pumps be down at the same time.
2. First Energy connected the power to the maintenance building. Madden Electric will continue working on installation of lights and outlets.
3. We received 3 bids for insulation at the maintenance garage:
   1. West Roofing Systems $39,350.00
   2. Spray Foam Solutions $27,563.00
   3. **All Pro Insulation $27,270.00**
4. We received 3 quotes for replacing the 22’ x 14’ garage door, repairing 2 other doors, and installing 3 garage door openers:
   1. Action Door $18,900.00
   2. Homenik Door $16,900.00
   3. **Brown Overhead $14,500.00**
5. Gates asked Council to approve insulation and doors for the maintenance building. Up to $40,000.00 was approved at the October 26, 2023, meeting. Gates can move forward with All Pro Insulation at $27,270.00 **Karpinski moved to hire Brown Overhead at $14,500.00 for the garage door work, which was seconded by Dill**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller reported on the following:

1. Homer-Miller will work on the 2023 budget revisions and the 2024 budget before our next meeting.
2. Information provided recently to the mayor and council members included:
   1. The Bricker Graydon publication about contracting with architects and engineers;
   2. A draft letter concerning the CSX agreement, decision 30910 and meeting minutes concerning this matter;
   3. The purpose of the Senate Select Committee on Housing whose purpose is to make recommendations to the legislature to solve the housing shortage;
   4. The City of Amherst’s abstention information that Flynn received;
   5. Neighborhood Alliance’s report on services provided in September and October.

Kincannon asked about council pay, which is communicated by OPERS. Compensation for the mayor and council members will be updated before the first pay in 2024.

***Old Business:***

**Ordinance 2023-2510** --- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 505.08 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE PROHIBITING CERTAIN NUISANCE CONDITIONS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY --- This was the third reading. **Honer moved to adopt, which was seconded by Flynn;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Ordinance 2023-2513** --- An Ordinance REZONING 19.47 acres located ON BIGGS ROAD From R-1 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL District to R-4 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL District AND 12.97 ACRES located ON BIGGS ROAD FROM R-1 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL District to R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- This was the second reading. **Karpinski moved to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Price;** 6 yeas; motion passed. **Karpinski moved to adopt and declare an emergency, which was seconded by Dill;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Ordinance 2023-2515** --- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 182 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE WHICH PROVIDES FOR A MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX --- This was the second reading.

***New Business:***

**Ordinance 2023-2516** --- AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAGRANGE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND THE OHIO BUILDING CODE--- This was the first reading.

**Resolution 2023-1003** --- A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY AUDITOR, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03, CERTIFY TO THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE VILLAGE AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A 2.7 MILL REPLACEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- **Karpinski moved to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Price;** 6 yeas; motion passed. **Karpinski moved to adopt and declare an emergency, which was seconded by Gregory;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Resolution 2023-1004** --- A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY AUDITOR, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03, CERTIFY TO THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE VILLAGE AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A 2.7 MILL RENEWAL LEVY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY ---

**Karpinski moved to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Dill;** 6 yeas; motion passed. **Karpinski moved to adopt and declare an emergency, which was seconded by Gregory;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Miscellaneous Business:***

Flynn asked Clark for his thoughts on the City of Amherst’s abstention information. Clark liked it but said it was up to council.

***Committee Reports*:**

1. Park Board – Kincannon stated that new members are needed, and that someone he knows is interested and will attend the next meeting. The Halloween walk on the trail was a well-attended event. There was a ribbon cutting last Monday for the storybook trail.
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 October 27 and November 9, 2023, totaling $262,319.37 per the payment listing provided. **Dill moved to accept, which was seconded by Gregory**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

There being no further business, **Honer moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Karpinski**; 6 yeas; motion passed. Adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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

Gary R. Kincannon, Mayor Christie Homer-Miller, Fiscal Officer