**Village of LaGrange Committee of the Whole Minutes**

**Record of Proceedings**

**January 11, 2024**

The Committee of the Whole meeting started at approximately 6:30 p.m. with a tour of the maintenance building. The following council members were present: Price, Gregory, Karpinski, Honer, and Smith.

Before meeting in council chambers, Administrator Gates pointed out the improvements that were made in 2023 and early January 2024 the maintenance building.

Because a 2024 council president pro tempore had not been appointed yet, Mayor Kincannon opened the meeting. Below are the topics discussed following the maintenance building tour:

1. Karpinski presented an idea to assign a council member as a point person to various functional areas and/or projects. While council agreed that the employee handbook should be a priority and that Smith should be the liaison with the school district, the majority of council members felt it was unnecessary to assign a point person to the other functional areas / projects listed on the agenda.
2. Due to time constraints, an explanation of the financial reports was tabled and will be covered at a later date.
3. The April 8th solar eclipse was discussed. Keystone School District will be closed on Monday, April 8th. A large influx of visitors to the area is expected for viewing. Hotels between Toledo and the east side are booked. Kincannon indicated that the park board is working on this. They plan to have a band, food trucks, etc. They are talking with the school district about shuttles to and from the park. Lorain County Emergency Management team should be meeting with area police and fire personnel. Chief Laubenthal will coordinate with the Ohio State Highway Patrol for additional coverage.
4. Smith asked about the gang / cluster mailboxes on Taylorwood. She was told that they are failing. The post office told a resident that it was not their job. Taylorwood does not have a homeowners’ association. The developer is deceased. Typically, developers purchase cluster boxes from the post office. There is a post office rule to have cluster boxes in new developments. Gates suggested they contact the post office and ask where they can purchase a new cluster box.

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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Curt Karpinski, Christie Homer-Miller, Fiscal Officer

Council President Pro Tempore