Mayor Kincannon called the Council Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with Flynn, Price, Gregory, Karpinski, Honer, and Smith present.

Gregory moved to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2024, Council meeting as written, which was seconded by Karpinski; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Public Participation:***

Sharon and Joe Maruskin of 598 Vicksburg Court voiced concerns about the apartments on Grant Street. The back of the apartments is next to their front property line. It looks bad and is messy. Kincannon contacted the developer last summer about the condition of the property. The Maruskin’s would like a barrier in place. Currently, people are cutting through their yard. They are also concerned about the retention area as erosion is starting. Clark will review the contract and bond. Clark and Gates will meet with the developer.

Interim LaGrange Township Fire Chief invited the mayor and council members to Monday’s training on the fire department’s new extrication equipment. Training will begin at 6:30 p.m.

***Mayor’s Report:***

Mayor Kincannon shared the following:

1. There was no issue county wide with the eclipse day traffic.
2. We will meet with Bud Mason of the Great Lakes Community Action Partnership next Wednesday concerning funding for water meters.
3. Buckeye Bank is scheduled to open on May 6th.
4. Kincannon appointed former Village councilman Gary Gray to the Planning Commission. Council supported that appointment.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Chief Laubenthal did not have a report. Honer asked about citations related to hand-held cell phone use while driving. Laubenthal indicated that there have not been any so far. Additionally, it is a secondary offense (i.e., you cannot pull someone over specifically for it).

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Clark asked for clarification concerning recreational use marijuana. Our zoning code reflects that it cannot be sold in the Village. Therefore, the state would not grant a license to someone wanting to sell in the Village. Our zoning code ordinance should be amended to include recreational with medicinal. Clark will prepare an ordinance for a future meeting, which then will be submitted to the Planning Commission.

Smith asked about the employee handbook. The handbook committee will meet with Kincannon and Gates before presenting it to council.

Following the Local Government Officials Conference Homer-Miller asked Clark about requirements associated with posting ordinances and resolutions. Kincannon asked Clark for an update on this. Our ordinances and resolutions are summarized in our meeting minutes, which are posted on our website. Clark will look into this.

Smith asked about our website. Currently, Kincannon updates our website. Kincannon and council are interested in finding someone to help us with our website. Homer-Miller will contact the website company who handles the websites for many local governments in Lorain County.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. We met with Bob Desmond from Kleinfelder and went over the Railroad Street resurfacing project. Once Council decides on what to do with the north side of Railroad by South Center Street (Burnett property), the project can be finalized and put out for bid. The Burnett property should have a hard surface for parking semitrucks. Burnett needs to request a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Semitrucks should not be backing in or out of properties onto our streets like is currently happening with the Burnett property. The minutes of the April 11th Committee of the Whole meeting contain more information on this matter. Bids will be due in mid-May with the award made in June. It is up to property owners to put in sidewalks. **Karpinski moved to accept the plans as presented by Gates for the Burnett property to have two driveways with curbs, which was seconded by Flynn**; 6 yeas; motion passed.
2. We had power outages today due to a down wire at Church and Forest Street. Our Scada alerted us to an issue with the generator on Manassas. Council was asked to consider approving the $49,000 quote to replace the generator and automatic transfer switch (ATS), which includes installation. There is a lead time of 52 weeks from order date for that generator.  **Karpinski moved to approve the purchase of the replacement generator up to $50,000, which was seconded by Honer**; 6 yeas; motion passed. Payment is due 10 days after delivery.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller reported on the following:

1. The shred event is scheduled for Saturday, September 28th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or until the truck is full (whichever happens first).
2. Emergency Management’s final eclipse planning presentation was shared with the group following the update webinar on the 4th.

Flynn stated that he signed up for public records training on May 14th.

***Old Business:***

Ordinance 2024-2534 --- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 929.16 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- This was the third reading. **Karpinski moved to adopt, which was seconded by** **Price;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

***New Business:***

**Ordinance 2024-2538** --- AN ORDINANCE MADE PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 125.04 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GARLAND/DBS INC., OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, THROUGH THE MASTER COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH COOPERATIVE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND EQUALIS GROUP FOR ROOFING MATERIAL AND SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- **Karpinski moved to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Price**; 6 yeas; motion passed.  **Karpinski moved to adopt the ordinance as amended (dollar amount inserted) and declare an emergency, which was seconded by Price**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Resolution 2024-1013** --- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE CERTAIN INTER-FUND TRANSFERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- **Karpinski moved to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Price**; 6 yeas; motion passed.  **Karpinski moved to adopt the resolution and declare an emergency, which was seconded by Smith**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Miscellaneous Business:***

Flynn asked about the permissive motor vehicle tax. A summary was provided. This will be a topic for a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Flynn asked about the open items list. Unfortunately, Homer-Miller has been unable to update it recently. It is one of many items in her to-do pile.

***Committee Reports*:**

1. Park Board – The new program for advertising signs on the fences has raised $1,350 so far.

When two school maintenance employees were out of town, Melissa Lilly was called by a Keystone coach on a Saturday to prepare the ball fields for a last-minute make-up softball game. Kincannon contacted Keystone about this. Keystone was invoiced for Lilly’s time. Smith requested a copy of the invoice. Keystone needs to understand that Lilly is our employee and that Keystone cannot assign tasks to our employees.

Busses recently blocked our vehicles from getting through. There is no base on the driveway along the gym. Busses cannot park there. Gates emailed the superintendent and athletic director about this. Unfortunately, it happened again. Chief Laubenthal spoke with the bus driver and instructed them to move the bus.

The park board chairman opened the park to vehicles the morning of the eclipse so that the softball team could practice. However, the board agreed that the park would be closed to vehicles until after the eclipse. The mayor spoke to the chairman about this when he realized the park driveway was open to vehicles. The park board members spoke to the chairman about this at the last meeting.

1. Planning Commission – There was a meeting on the 4th. The hardware store wanted to combine their three lots, which was OKed by the Planning Commission. Their back lot was land locked. Honer asked if they would pave the parking area that they added several years ago. Gates stated that the hardware store needs to address that.

A Loperwood resident applied for a firearms pickup dealer license. The firearms pickup dealer license allows transactions to be brokered. There is no inventory. A resident on Forest Street has been doing similar work since 2016. Residents are not in favor of it. The Planning Commission tabled the matter to defer to the solicitor. The license has not been approved yet. An Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) officer called Gates about this. The ATF will not approve this until the Village Planning Commission approves it. The ATF returned the application to the applicant. If they receive Planning Commission approval, they can reapply.

1. LCIC – No meeting; no report.

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and electronic payments issued between March 29 and April 11, 2024, totaling $222,528.89 per the payment listing provided. **Gregory moved to accept, which was seconded by Karpinski**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

Smith asked for the signs in the lobby to be removed.

There being no further business, **Smith moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Gregory**; 6 yeas; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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

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