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, Honer, and Smith present.

**Price moved to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting as written, which was seconded by Karpinski;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Karpinski moved to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2024, regular Council meeting as written, which was seconded by Gregory;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Smith moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2024, special Council meeting as written, which was seconded by Price;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Public Participation:***

N/A

***Mayor’s Report:***

Mayor Kincannon shared the following:

1. Welcome Erik Breunig.
2. First Energy / Ohio Edison will ask the Public Utilities Commission PUCO for a rate increase effective January 1, 2025.
3. The Violations Bureau handled 49 tickets in April 2024. Two officers each wrote 23 tickets.
4. The Memorial Day parade will be on Monday, May 27th, starting at 11:00 a.m. from our parking lot and will go to the circle where a wreath will be placed, before going to the veterans’ memorial park.
5. We are getting a remote deposit capture machine. It will enable us to deposit checks from our office instead of making trips to area bank branches. The only cost to us is the charge for the machine, which is approximately $500.
6. The website has been updated to include publication of ordinance information, which Clark indicated met the requirements.
7. A committee for next year’s bicentennial and sesquicentennial is needed. Council would like the mayor to put something on the website to get public interest. Kincannon wanted it to be somewhat organized before posting anything. He will follow up with Trustee Canfield.
8. The Ohio Civil Rights Commission (OCRC) found that Officer McGowan’s civil rights were not violated by our police department. Clark indicated that the OCRC’s investigation found no probable cause. The OCRC dismissed the complaint. McGowan has the right to appeal.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Chief Laubenthal and Violations’ Bureau Clerk Ruhl met with Prosecutor Strait and Elyria Municipal Clerk of Court Rothgery to resolve some issues related to the Violations’ Bureau. We will go from 10 days for violators to pay tickets here to 5 days because there were some time-waiver issues. Approximately half of the violators were not appearing or waiving their tickets.

Chief Laubenthal shared the following statistics for April 25 through May 22, 2024:

1. There were 83 non-criminal requests for assistance.
2. There were 24 criminal complaints / investigations - 0 felonies; 0 misdemeanors; 0 juvenile charges. They included 8 unruly juveniles, 1 criminal mischief, 3 animal complaints, 3 noise complaints, 1 theft, 1 disturbance, 1 fraud complaint, 1 criminal trespass, and 5 debris in the right-of-way.
3. There were 150 traffic-related incidents including 2 crash investigations, 40 operating and equipment charges, and 94 warnings.
4. There were 3 parking violations issued and 6 warnings issued.

Honer asked about safety town. Laubenthal indicated that we are ready although some of the presenters have not committed yet. Approximately 50 children are registered.

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Clark reported on the following:

1. Clark will respond to Homer-Miller’s questions / comments about the employee manual before it is presented to council.
2. Clark also will work with Homer-Miller on some other items before Breunig takes over.
3. Yesterday Clark received a draft agreement from the City of Elyria to provide assistance with the provisions of Marcy’s Law. It is a constitutional amendment enacted in 2018 to address the rights of victims. The fee proposed by the City of Elyria is to offset the expenses associated with the victims’ advocate personnel. However, the $15,000 proposed annual fee is excessive for our village. Council would like Clark to negotiate the fee down to $2,400 per year.
4. Clark has appreciated working with the village for approximately 30 years. There is an ordinance for Erik Breunig to replace Clark as solicitor. Clark will work through the transition with Breunig.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. The 75-kilowatt transformer was installed at the wastewater treatment plant today. It cost $4,400.
2. U S Grant Street apartments updates:
   1. The sanitary mains were air tested, and the manholes were vacuum tested. Both passed. The deflection tests need to be done next.
   2. They started grading the apartments on Crandall Street.
3. The Railroad Street resurfacing project was advertised on May 22nd and 29th. The bids will be opened on June 13th.
4. The quote from Private Security to install 7 outdoor cameras at the maintenance building with a wireless bridge to the police network is $5,994. Flynn asked if there would be a monthly fee; there is no monthly fee. Flynn asked if we are experiencing theft or vandalism. We are not, but we should protect our equipment that is / will be stored in the maintenance building. Private Security has installed other cameras for us. **Karpinski moved to spend up to $6,000 for maintenance building cameras, which was seconded by Flynn**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

Honer asked about the timing of the maintenance building roof work. Gates said that it is tentatively scheduled for July.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller was not in attendance.

***Old Business:***

N/A

***Miscellaneous Business:***

Karpinski attended the recent Rural Lorain County Water Authority (RLCWA) meeting. He asked them to speak to the Environmental Protection Agency on our behalf because our test results had been good and consistent prior to the one bad test result. RLCWA agreed. Information will continue to be shared on the water bills.

Smith has a meeting set up on Friday, June 7th, at 10:00 a.m. with 2 sign companies - Bright Idea Shops and Cutler Signs. She asked if we should consult with a landscaper about ideas concerning the entrance to the police department.

Smith shared that the golf course lake by holes 7 and 9 is low and that nearby residents are concerned. The golf course has been unable to identify an issue. This is a private matter that does not involve the Village.

***New Business:***

**Ordinance 2024 – 2540** --- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO LEVY A $5.00 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PERMISSIVE TAX AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 4504.06 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE --- This was the first reading.

**Ordinance 2024 – 2541** --- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO LEVY A $5.00 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PERMISSIVE TAX AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 4504.171 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE --- This was the first reading.

**Ordinance 2024 – 2542** --- AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION OF ERIK BREUNIG AS THE VILLAGE SOLICITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- **Karpinski moved to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Gregory**; 6 yeas; motion passed. **Karpinski moved to adopt the ordinance and declare an emergency, which was seconded by** **Flynn**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Ordinance 2024 – 2543** --- AN ORDINANCE TO RE-ENACT ORDINANCE NO. 1980-483 ESTABLISHING A PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE, TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 1999-1013, TO CONFIRM AND RATIFY THE MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY --- **Karpinski moved to suspend the rules, which was seconded by** **Gregory**; 6 yeas; motion passed. **Karpinski moved to adopt the ordinance and declare an emergency, which was seconded by Gregory**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Committee Reports*:**

1. Park Board – Kincannon reported that the bicentennial trees have been planted along the walking path.

2. Planning Commission – Price reported that the next meeting will be on Thursday, June 6th.

3. LCIC – No meeting; no report. Flynn asked if a meeting should be scheduled for July. Kincannon responded that would be fine provided Homer-Miller could be in attendance. Flynn will follow up with Homer-Miller.

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and electronic payments issued between May 10 and 23, 2024, totaling $123,187.75 per the payment listing provided. **Gregory moved to accept, which was seconded by Price**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

There being no further business, **Smith moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Honer**; 6 yeas; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

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

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