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.

**Gregory moved to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2024, Council meeting as written, which was seconded by Flynn;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Public Participation:***

Trustees Canfield and Kuhl were in attendance with contractor Bill Carey. They provided an update on the statue and circle. Carey stated that the current plan is for the statue and flagpole to be in the same locations as before, elimination of trees, creation of a sitting area, better lighting on the statue, more landscaping, and paver sidewalks if the budget permits. Council members and Chief Laubenthal communicated concerns about pedestrians walking to the circle. Cleveland Quarry is rebuilding the statue. Trustees Canfield and Kuhl would like to have an event that coincides with the celebration of age to reintroduce the statue. They would like the event to include the township, village, historical society, school district, Lions Club, library, etc. Jan King from the historical society stated that the statue originally was set on Memorial Day in 1903. Carey asked for suggestions to be submitted as soon as possible.

***Mayor’s Report:***

Mayor Kincannon shared the following:

1. Tomorrow is the last day of safety town; 59 children were registered.
2. The Maruskins contacted the mayor again about weeds at the new apartment complex. Kincannon and Gates met with the developer this week.
3. 50 citations were handled through the violations’ bureau in May, which resulted in $3,594 coming to the Village.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Chief Laubenthal stated that most violations are from the square. Two officers are assigned to the square during rush hour. Smith asked if the presence of officers is helping. Laubenthal responded that the presence of officers has a deterrent effect to some.

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Breunig reported on the following:

1. He and Clark met earlier this week.
2. Breuning would like to set up a meeting with the mayor and police chief.
3. He also would like to set up a meeting with the administrator.
4. Breunig is working on natural gas aggregation legislation.

Gregory and Kincannon asked Breunig to work on legislation for zoning penalties. Breunig will get with Gates on this.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. The new panel was installed at the wastewater treatment plant. We are operating on the 3 new pumps. We should finish the emergency wet weather line and the portable pump bypass line in the next several weeks. If any of the council members would like to tour the plant, they should contact Gates.
2. We received 5 bids for the Railroad Street resurfacing project:

Smith Paving and Excavating $652,200.50

D. L. Smith Concrete $717,205.50

Fabrizi Trucking & Paving $758,067.10

Denes Concrete $822,897.20

Tri Mor $827,450.40

Kleinfelder has certified the bid and recommended Council award the bid to Smith Paving and Excavating.

1. Our disinfection byproducts test for May came back within range.
2. Goldsmith and Gates met with our engineer regarding our mercury variance. We will send a survey to all businesses to try to locate possible sources of mercury in our system.
3. Kincannon and Gates met with Scott Doane of North Star Builders and the Maruskins today. North Star will install a 4’ black aluminum fence along their property line instead of planting trees. Two-bedroom, 2-bath units with single-car garages will rent for $1,850 per month. Two-bedroom, 2-bath units with 2-car garages will rent for $1,950 per month.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller reported on the following:

1. We applied for $3,409 in eclipse-related relief funds from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA). Based on feedback received from the OEMA, she suspects that we will receive approximately $2,400.
2. Regional Income Tax Agency’s (RITA) May 2024 member update indicated that “Due to unprecedented interest income, which is applied to reduce Agency cost of operations, the 2023 Average Net Cost of Collections was 0.89% vs. 1.15% in the prior year for the administrative cost of collections, registration, auditing, compliance, records retention, etc. leaving the balance of collections for your fire, police, street repairs, recreational expenses and other community expenditures.” As a result, we received $22,561 back from RITA.
3. It seems to be seminar / webinar month.
   1. On the 11th Homer-Miller attended an unemployment webinar.
   2. On the 18th she plans to attend a workers’ competition webinar.
   3. On the 20th she is scheduled to attend RITA’s 2024 annual regional council of governments meeting in Independence.
4. She is working through a monthly reconciliation process change that involves mayor’s court / violations’ bureau. It is delaying the reconciliation of May.
5. Below are items shared with council and the mayor since our last meeting:
   1. The updated open items list was shared.
   2. The Lorain-Medina Rural Electric (LMRE) ballot information for district 2 was emailed.

Kincannon asked for an update on the remote deposit process with Huntington. We are in the process of setting it up.

***Old 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 second reading. **Karpinski moved to waive the 3-reading requirement, which was seconded by Flynn;** 6 yeas; motion passed. **Karpinski moved to adopt, which was seconded by Honer;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

**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 second reading. **Karpinski moved to waive the 3-reading requirement, which was seconded by Gregory;** 6 yeas; motion passed. **Karpinski moved to adopt, which was seconded by Gregory;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

***New Business:***

Ordinance 2024 – 2544 --- AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF SMITH PAVING AND EXCAVATING OF NORWALK OHIO IN THE AMOUNT OF $652,200.50 FOR THE RAILROAD STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 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 Smith**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Miscellaneous Business:***

N/A

***Committee Reports*:**

1. Park Board – Kincannon stated that there was discussion about a new mower. The township cleaned the ditch; Gregory stated that it looked good. It will help with water flow.
2. Planning Commission – Price reported the following:
   1. Someone is interested in the Calvin Smith property located at 612 North Center Street. He wants to use it as a bed and breakfast and event center. The Planning Commission cannot approve his request because he does not own the land. Additionally, the land use has expired.
   2. Final plan approval was given to Rich Beran of North Point apartments contingent on their storm maintenance and best practice maintenance agreements.
   3. Final construction plan approval was given to KATS for the ball fields at the school contingent on their storm water plan.
   4. The Planning Commission recommended approval to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Loperwood resident who wants to perform background checks and firearms transfers. It is contingent upon his customers parking in his driveway, not on Loperwood. There is a similar business on Forest Street.
   5. The combining of 6 lots associated with the maintenance building involves a potential zoning change to central business, CB1, for the parking lot. An ordinance is needed then a public hearing. The Planning Commission recommends approval by council. This is to run natural gas to our maintenance building. It will cost $16,000 to run it through separate lots but no cost to run it through 1 lot. The public hearing will be on July 18th at 7:00 p.m.
3. LCIC – Flynn stated that there was no meeting and no report. However, the next meeting will be scheduled for September. Kincannon and Roger Kuhl were good with that.

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and electronic payments issued between May 24 and June 13, 2024, totaling $317,923.19 per the payment listing provided. **Gregory moved to accept, which was seconded by Karpinski**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

Smith was asked if we could get military signs. She would like to look into this before the celebration of age in 2025. Council supported the idea.

There being no further business, **Smith moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Gregory**; 6 yeas; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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

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