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 July 25, 2024, Council meeting as written, which was seconded by Karpinski;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Public Participation:***

Chief Hornby updated the group on the township fire department. They recently went to Idaho to visit the new rescue vehicle they ordered. It will be longer and taller than the existing unit. The 1999 unit will be retired when the new unit arrives; it was used when the township got it. Fire department personnel recently visited area businesses. Common issues noted were exit lights being out and fire extinguishers that needed to be updated. He also stated that propane tank retailers should have bollard posts surrounding the propane tank areas; Gates will contact the building inspector about the 1 retailer in the village.

***Mayor’s Report:***

Mayor Kincannon shared the following:

1. Vexos will permanently close its facility on Commerce Drive by the end of the year. Homer-Miller reported that Vexos is our third largest account with the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) - $61,434 in 2023 and $35,796 so far in 2024.
2. An email was received from an architect about a new building on Commerce Drive.
3. A New York based company purchased the IGA complex.
4. Kincannon spoke with the new Keystone superintendent as they both attended the KEY meeting. They will schedule a meeting.
5. The next call with Todd Brandenburg concerning water meters will be next Wednesday.
6. The Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) submitted a $530 annual dues invoice. Council had no objection to it being paid.
7. Kincannon complimented Chief Laubenthal on National Night Out.

Gates stated that the artist who painted various scenes in the municipality building would like council to sign the old town hall painting.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Chief Laubenthal thanked Gates and her team for their contribution to National Night Out. Despite the weather, it was a success.

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Breunig reported on the following:

1. Legislation concerning permit fees is being drafted. Some permit fees are zero while others are $35. Kincannon in concerned about enforcement of permits, permit fees, and/or penalties. Stop work orders can be issued by the village, which then can be taken to court if needed.
2. Legislation will be presented tonight concerning another opioid settlement.

Karpinski asked for guidance on the swine policy, which is from the 1930s. There is a separate ordinance for noise/smell. Breunig will review the older ordinances to determine what needs to be repealed; it should be a holistic approach verses piece meal.

Homer-Miller asked Breunig to look at the sick time donation ordinance from 2009 as it was more general than the recent ordinance. She also would like to see opioid-related legislation to be more generic than specific.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. The next hearing for the Kelner Ditch cleaning will be on October 1st at 4:30 p.m. in the county commissioners’ hearing room.
2. We had 24 active alarms from our SCADA during the recent storms and power outages, which allowed us to monitor the pumps and generators both during and after the storms. We appreciate Council approving all the upgrades to our wastewater treatment plant. We would like Council to tour the plant for September’s Committee of the Whole meeting. Council will meet at the plant at 6:30 p.m.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller reported on the following:

1. She asked council if they objected to the renewal of retail liquor permits per the letter received from the Department of Commerce and the list she provided. Council does not have any objections.
2. Information was provided in council’s meeting packets on the Ohio Municipal League’s annual conference, which will be held October 23rd through 25th in Columbus.
3. Ordinance 2024-2547 concerning natural gas aggregation was provided to the Lorain County Board of Elections on August 2nd, which was a few days before the deadline for the November 2024 election.

***Old Business:***

**Ordinance 2024-2549** --- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 201.03, CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING MAP, TO REZONE REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE AND LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF LIBERTY STREET AND SCHOOL STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO, FROM A ID-1 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO A CB-1 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT --- This was the third reading. **Karpinski moved to adopt, which was seconded by Price;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Resolution 2024-1016** --- A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE BORROWER) TO REIMBURSE ITS SEWER FUND FOR THE WATER AND WASTEWATER PUMP REPLACEMENT OPWC PROJECT NUMBER CI52Z-CI53Z WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX-EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO --- This was the second reading. **Karpinski moved to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Honer;** 6 yeas; motion passed. **Karpinski moved to adopt, which was seconded by Honer;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

***New Business:***

**Resolution 2024-1017** --- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN SETTLEMENT OF NATIONAL OPIOID DISTRIBUTOR LITIGATION 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 Price;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Miscellaneous Business:***

Flynn asked if we are on track for Railroad Street. Gates responded that we are on track.

***Committee Reports*:**

1. Park Board – Kincannon stated that the next meeting will be on Tuesday.
2. Planning Commission – No meeting; no report. Honer asked if the minutes for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals could be added to the website. Gates will ask Legrand to email them to Kincannon for posting on the website.
3. LCIC – No meeting; no report. The next meeting will be scheduled for September 26th at 6:45 p.m. Homer-Miller will notify the LCIC board members.

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and electronic payments issued between July 26 and August 8, 2024, totaling $152,665.30 per the payment listing provided. **Karpinski moved to accept, which was seconded by Gregory**; 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 8:17 p.m.

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

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