The Committee of the Whole meeting began at 6:30 p.m. at the wastewater treatment plant. Village personnel showed the mayor and council members the many improvements that have been made at the plant and overall sewer system.

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.

**Karpinski moved to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2024, Council meeting as written, which was seconded by Gregory;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

Mayor Kincannon swore in police officers Nathaniel Seward (full-time) and Dillon Crosier (part-time).

***Public Participation:***

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stevens asked about the apartments. After meeting building and zoning regulations, occupancy was granted for the south side of Crandall Drive.

***Mayor’s Report:***

Mayor Kincannon shared the following:

1. Gates and Kincannon attended the August 28th elected officials’ reception. They spoke with Commissioner Moore again about the county assisting the Village with the cleaning of Kelner Ditch. He is still supportive of this.
2. There has been movement on the Tipple property. The residential portion sold for $500,000 on August 30th to a builder / developer.
3. At last week’s KEY meeting, KEY asked if our gym could be used for pickleball. Kincannon asked council for their input; they were receptive. It was suggested that the gym be open for pickleball on the same days as indoor walking (Monday through Thursday).
4. Kincannon attended the celebration of life for former mayor Ken Sooy last Saturday.
5. Gates and Kincannon met with new Keystone Superintendent Zachary Weagley last Tuesday and showed him around the municipal building and gym.
6. On September 11th Homer-Miller and Kincannon met with the folks from Buckeye Community Bank. We discussed their services and moving some funds to Buckeye. Our 6-month, 4.75% interest (4.81% APY) certificate of deposit (CD) with Farmers Bank matured on September 2nd. The balance at maturity was $282,283. Farmers best CD rate was a 5-month CD at 4.75% interest (4.82% APY). Buckeye has a 6-month CD at 4.5%. However, Buckeye will match the Farmers rate and term. Homer-Miller asked council for their permission to close the Farmers CD then open a Buckeye CD with the funds. **Karpinski moved to close the Farmers CD then open a Buckeye CD with the funds, which was seconded by Smith**; 6 yeas; motion passed. Buckeye Bank will have an open house on the 25th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
7. Representatives Stein, Manning, and Latta will be at the next Lorain County mayors’ meeting.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Chief Laubenthal stated that Officer Seward came to us from Medina while Officer Crosier works full time for South Amherst. Two months’ worth of statistics will be provided at the next meeting.

Flynn stated that he received a compliment from a resident about how the police department handled a big accident north of town.

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Breunig reported on the following:

1. Swimming pool ordinance 2024-2550 was updated following discussion at the August 22nd meeting.
2. Breunig requested an executive session concerning pending or imminent legal action.

Smith asked about the substantial completion process / procedure. We now have performance agreements with developers. However, a comprehensive approach is needed in anticipation of future development. The Planning Commission has the authority to approve / grant extensions.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. Occupancy has been issued for the apartments on Crandall Drive. The Maruskin’s wish to thank all of Council and Village administration for standing behind their word with getting the fence installed on their property by the apartments.
2. Structur Roofing is repairing the roof leak in the north hallway of the municipal building.
3. We started repairing 39 catch basins. There are varying issues. The team is averaging 1 per day.

The work on the roof of the maintenance building should start at the end of the month.

Price asked about the work on Railroad Street. It should start after the catch basins arrive.

Honer asked about garage sales and if folks were limited to how many they could have. A garage sale permit costs $5. There is a limit of 2 per year not including the community garage sale.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller reported on the following:

1. The auditors were here on the 10th to start their audit of 2022 and 2023. Homer-Miller asked the group to respond timely to any requests received from the auditors.
2. Homer-Miller reminded the group that our shred event with the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District will take place on Saturday, September 28th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or until the truck is full. Information was published in a recent edition of the Rural-Urban Record. Information also was provided to the mayor for posting on our website and Facebook page and to LaGrange Township for posting on their digital sign.
3. There will be a dedication ceremony at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 29th, for the Lorain County Gold Star Families Memorial Monument.

***Old Business:***

**Ordinance 2024 – 2550** --- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LAGRANGE CODIFIED ORDINANCES PART THIRTEEN – BUILDING CODE, CHAPTER 1319, SWIMMING POOLS, SECTION 1319.02, APPLICATION FOR PERMIT --- This was the second reading. **Karpinski moved to amend the ordinance based on discussion at the August 22nd meeting, which was seconded by Flynn**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Ordinance 2024 – 2551** --- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LAGRANGE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TITLE FIVE - ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 149, PLANNING COMMISSION, SECTION 149.03, ADMINISTRATIVE FEE SCHEDULE FOR PLANNING AND ZONING FEES --- This was the second reading.

***New Business:***

**Resolution 2024-1018** --- A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RAFTER A, LTD, FOR TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK FOR THE LOPERWOOD LANE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS 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 Gregory**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Resolution 2024-1019** --- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CHURCH STREET AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. --- **Karpinski moved to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Flynn**; 6 yeas; motion passed. **Karpinski moved to adopt and declare an emergency, which was seconded by Honer**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Miscellaneous Business:***

Smith presented information from North Coast Sign and Lighting Services out of Medina who quoted $9,206 for 3 signs. Based on our sign ordinance, the letters would be 12”, not 15.” That should reduce the cost. We will provide our sign ordinance to North Coast. Flynn suggested placing signage on State Route 301 for the police department; signage already is there. However, Laubenthal mentioned adding a blue “P” sign. Instead of having an exterior tenant sign, Gates and Homer-Miller suggested having interior signage for the room numbers of our tenants. Council agrees that we should pursue building signage. Smith will follow up with the sign company.

Smith will meet with the Boy Scout troop next week to discuss them helping with a landscaping project outside the police department.

Price mentioned park challenges and suggested speaking with the folks at the metro parks. Kincannon will talk with Canfield about it.

Smith stated that the hardware store would like the Village to be more involved in the Halloween on the trail event.

***Committee Reports*:**

1. Park Board – Kincannon reported the following:

There was a meeting on Tuesday. They are considering a 5K and car show for Memorial Day weekend. The park board wants to pave the walkway. Kincannon told them that they need to repair the sewer line before they pave the walkway.

1. Planning Commission – Price reported the following:

They met last week. North Star came for an extension on the north side of Sherman Drive. It is to be completed by December 31, 2024. The Planning Commission members asked North Star several questions and shared their concerns with them. The entire site needs to be done by the end of July 2025 – including the area by Dollar General. The Planning Commission requested updates. Brigitte from Kleinfelder was present; she replaced Steve Lange and lives in Westlake.

1. LCIC – Flynn reported the following:

The next LCIC meeting will be held on September 26th at 6:45 p.m.

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and electronic payments issued between August 23 and September 12, 2024, totaling $235,450.54 per the payment listing provided. **Karpinski moved to accept, which was seconded by Gregory**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Karpinski moved to go into executive session concerning pending or imminent legal action, which was seconded by Smith.** Roll call was taken with Karpinski, Smith, Flynn, Price, Gregory, and Honer present. The regular meeting resumed at 9:02 p.m. with no action taken by council.

There being no further business, **Smith moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Flynn**; 6 yeas; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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

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