Before the meeting began Gates led a tour of the municipal building for the council members.

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, Gregory, Karpinski, Honer, and Smith present.

**Karpinski moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting as written, which was seconded by Gregory;** 5 yeas; motion passed.

**Karpinski moved** to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2024, Council meeting as written**, which was seconded by Gregory;** 5 yeas; motion passed.

***Public Participation:***

Township resident Janice King of 40796 Webster Road of the LaGrange Historical Society shared information about the Lorain County bicentennial traveling. She asked for it to be exhibited in the lobby of the municipal building August 26th through 30th. The mayor and council members supported this. The historical society will advertise about it and would like the Village to promote if on their website and Facebook page. The township can post it on their digital sign. Janice will follow up with the Lorain County Historical Society.

***Mayor’s Report:***

Mayor Kincannon shared the following:

1. We recently met with the Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) about funding for water meters. The initial step is a water audit. Our utility department will provide data to GLCAP to help us identify water loss.
2. The recent mayors’ association meeting focused on Lorain transit and lakefront development.
3. The Prebis tournament starts on the 26th.

Flynn asked about the mayor’s call with the apartment developer. Kincannon, Clark, and Gates spoke with Jason Scott. Phase 2 cannot start until phase 1 is fully leased. Scott feels he can do what he wants without coming to council. Clark suggested that Scott speak with his attorney. If the project is not completed within the timeline / deadline of May 15th, then the bond will become available to the Village. Flynn asked about the lack of sidewalks because kids are walking through the sidewalk area making a mess. They are also walking in the street. Gates talked with Scott Doane, who is the project manager. They paid us most of what they owed us.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Last Saturday Lorain County Community College hosted a public safety job fair. Although it was well represented, it was not well attended. Of the 20 attendees, 15 were current academy cadets who were required to attend. We distributed 5 packets. Ironically, the day before, there was a second chance for felons’ job fair, which had a record turnout. Currently, we need 1 full-time officer.

Chief Laubenthal reported on the following statistics for March 28 through April 24, 2024:

1. There were 81 non-criminal requests for assistance.
2. There were 17 criminal complaints / investigations - 0 felonies; 3 misdemeanors; 0 juvenile charges. They included 6 animal complaints, 2 disturbances, 2 assaults, 2 unruly juveniles, 2 thefts, 1 fraud, 2 protection order violations, and 2 arrests on warrants.
3. There were 135 traffic-related incidents including 3 crash investigations, 35 operating and equipment charges, and 87 warnings.
4. There were 3 parking violations issued and 4 warnings issued. The parking violations were for folks parking on the grass at the community park. There were plenty of parking spaces available in the parking lot. Violators were disorderly as were others.

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Clark reported that the recent handbook meeting with Kincannon, Gates, Homer-Miller, Flynn, and Honer was productive. It should be submitted to council soon.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. We sent 600 letters to property owners requesting information on their water service lines that are unknown to the Village. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) deadline for our service line inventory is October 16, 2024.
2. On April 1, 2024, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) notified us that one of the March 12, 2024, samples taken from our source supplier exceeded the maximum contamination limit (MCL). We resampled on April 1, 2024; those results were within the OEPA water quality MCL. All water accounts must be notified that we will be in violation until we have 4 quarters within the MCL. Because we took the sample, it is on us to work through with the OEPA. However, we will follow up with Rural Lorain County Water Authority (RLCWA) as the test was taken before entering our lines. We will meet with Eastwood Environmental on the 26th. We would like to do the communication electronically. The report is due to the OEPA on May 8th.
3. Wiring Unlimited has installed a new panel at the wastewater treatment plant and will start integrating the new pumps and variable frequency drives (VFDs) next week.
4. Concrete repair is needed on East Commerce by ECI. The estimated cost is $25,000 for 4 squares of concrete. Gates would like council to look at it. Base and mesh will be needed. The issue appears to be the result of the weight of ECI’s vehicles and water undermining the road. ECI has been asked for their improvement plans to hold back storm water. A May 1st deadline was given to ECI.

Flynn asked for a status update on Railroad Street. The project will go out to bid before the end of May. Flynn also asked if Burnett was notified about council’s decision at the April 11th meeting. Burnett marked the drives where he wants them.

Smith contacted Gates and Kincannon about the grade on Railroad Street. It appears to be more than 10 percent. If the grade is not addressed, Smith feels the issues will recur. Water runoff is undermining the road. The curbs and tree lawns will be a buffer that slows down the water.

Smith asked about the apartment developer doing what he should. Occupancy should not be approved by council until he has done what he needs to do. The apartment landscape plan has trees. The developer plans to swap tree money for fence money. The retention area seems to be too close to the property line. Riprap was not in the original plan.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller reported on the following:

1. The annual ARPA reporting for 2023 has been completed.
2. Since our last meeting Homer-Miller shared with council and the mayor an Ohio Municipal League (OML) member alert about OML launching a statehouse leaders’ academy
3. The interfund transfers discussed at the March 28th and April 11th council meetings were completed earlier this week.
4. We have 1 quote so far for refreshing, redesigning, and managing our website. A meeting is scheduled with another vendor next week.
5. Compliance Officer Kim Ruhl provided the quarterly credit card compliance report. No issues were noted.

***Old Business:***

N/A

***New Business:***

**Ordinance 2024-2539** --- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S ANNUAL WINTER ROAD SALT CONTRACT AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE --- **Karpinski moved to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Honer**; 5 yeas; motion passed.**Karpinski moved to adopt the ordinance and declare an emergency, which was seconded by Gregory**; 5 yeas; motion passed.

**Resolution 2024-1014** --- A RESOLUTION TO INITIATE AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 103 OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE ZONING ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OR OPERATION OF ADULT USE DISPENSARIES IN ALL USE DISTRICTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- This was the first reading.

***Miscellaneous Business:***

Smith asked about the Planning Commission’s review of substantial completion. Price was not in attendance. We need to determine if there will be a May meeting as there may not be a quorum.

***Committee Reports*:**

1. Park Board – Kincannon reported that cameras were discussed, but no action was taken, and that Saturday markets will begin on May 4th.

Smith checked with the library about paving the story-time trail. The library does not have the money for this project. However, the health department might be interested in funding this type of project.

1. Planning Commission – No report.
2. LCIC – No meeting; no report.

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and electronic payments issued between April 12 and 25, 2024, totaling $200,185.05 per the payment listing provided. **Karpinski moved to accept, which was seconded by Gregory**; 5 yeas; motion passed.

Honer asked for an update on the maintenance building. We received the packet from Garland and provided them with the requested information. The project should begin in July.

There being no further business, **Smith moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Gregory**; 5 yeas; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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

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