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.

Mayor Kincannon swore in full-time police officer Jason Babal.

**Gregory moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2024, Council meeting as written, which was seconded by Karpinski;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Public Participation:***

N/A

***Mayor’s Report:***

Mayor Kincannon shared the following:

1. For the month of August, 41 of 55 tickets went through our violations’ bureau with $4,515 coming to the village.
2. The recent awards made by the Ohio Rail Commission were for 2024. We are a candidate for 2025.
3. Kincannon recently met with Patricia Miller of Space Bound concerning the available LCIC properties.
4. Gates, Karpinski, and Kincannon attended Buckeye Community Bank’s grand opening event on the 25th.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Chief Laubenthal provided the following statistics for the period of July 24th through September 25th:

1) There were 115 non-criminal requests for assistance.

2) There were 20 criminal complaints / investigations - 0 felonies; 10 misdemeanors; 6 juvenile charges. They included 1 attempted breaking and entering, 2 felony thefts, 1 aggravated menacing, 2 discharging of firearms, 2 disorderly conduct, 2 criminal trespassing, 1 underage consumption, 4 domestic violence, 4 assault, 1 PO violation, 2 noise, and 3 arrests on warrants.

3) There were 333 traffic-related incidents including 6 crash investigations, 112 operating and equipment charges, and 214 warnings.

4) There were 4 parking violations issued and 9 warnings issued.

Flynn asked if the statistics were from residents or nonresidents. Laubenthal responded that most involved residents.

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Breunig is working with Administrator Gates and Fredrickson from Rafter A on a performance agreement for use by the Planning Commission.

Flynn asked how many times a contractor can pull a building permit. That is up to the building official and Ohio building code.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. Brookpark Design started the maintenance building roof project.
2. Smith Paving will start the Railroad Street project on Monday, September 30, 2024.
3. Council was provided with a copy of the overtime hours worked so far in 2024.

Flynn asked how Railroad Street traffic will be handled. Gates responded that it will be open to local traffic only, and notices will be hand delivered to the Railroad Street properties. Price asked how long it would take to complete the Railroad Street project. Gates responded that it will take approximately 2 months to complete.

Honer asked about the letter that the county sent concerning Kelner Ditch. The letter was confusing. There will be a hearing on Tuesday, October 1st. If uncontested, the project will go out to bid.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller reported on the following:

1. Our Police Fund is funded by the municipal income tax, which is collected by the Regional Income Tax Agency. Funds are received at a slower pace that they are expended on payroll-related expenses. To address this shortfall, some payroll-related expenses are being transitioned to the General Fund. Under new business council will be presented with a resolution to transfer the $37,958.60 ARPA Fund balance to the Police Fund. Review of our municipal income tax is needed. Our credit factor is 100% and may need to be adjusted. More information will be shared at a future meeting.
2. We received another $55,000 in ARPA funds this month. The Ohio Department of Development was contacted for more information as the payment only noted “ARPA Construction Grant.” An additional receipt of ARPA funds was unexpected. More information will be provided at a future meeting.
3. Before paying Garland / DBS for the roof work on the maintenance building, a transfer will be needed from one of our investment accounts into our checking account.
4. The auditors will return next week to review requested information. If you have not already responded to their request for information, please do so as soon as possible.
5. On the 17th an email was forwarded to council and the mayor from Lorain County concerning the final summit of their strategic action plan. The summit will be held on Tuesday, October 22nd at the Spitzer Conference Center at Lorain County Community College.
6. 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.

***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 third reading. **Karpinski moved to adopt the ordinance, which was seconded by Price**; 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 third reading. **Karpinski moved to adopt the ordinance, which was seconded by Gregory**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***New Business:***

**Ordinance 2024 – 2552** --- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, DISPOSAL, AND RECYCLING SERVICES FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2025, 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 Flynn**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Resolution 2024-1020** --- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE A CERTAIN INTER-FUND TRANSFER 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 Smith**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Miscellaneous Business:***

**Smith moved to issue a $3,500 down payment to North Coast Sign for the building signs ($6,800**

**estimated cost), which was seconded by Gregory**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

Smith stated that the Eagle Scouts are excited about the landscaping project outside of the police department. They will prepare a plan that they will share with us. A landscaper will review their plan to ensure that the selections are compatible with the area. They plan to complete the project before Memorial Day. We will buy the materials; they will provide the labor. It will be necessary for the volunteers to sign a volunteer / hold harmless agreement.

Kokinda asked about the recent trash consortium presentation that made in LaGrange Township. He wanted to make sure that we were aware of the trash consortium. Homer-Miller’s home township is a member of the trash consortium. She shared information with Gates. Village residences are closer together than most township residences. That can impact rates.

Price asked Kincannon if he spoke with Trustee Canfield about the possibility of the Lorain County Metro Parks taking over the LaGrange Community Park. Canfield was not sure the Metro Parks would be interested in a league-related facility. However, they have some throughout the county. The village, township, and park need to discuss this.

Karpinski mentioned that the organizers of the Halloween walk are looking for donations and/or volunteers. The event will be held on the Friday and Saturday before Halloween. Council is not interested in participating.

***Committee Reports*:**

1. Park Board – Kincannon reported the following:
2. Repairs will be made to the gable ends of all 3 pavilions.
3. The engineer will build specifications for paving of the walkway.
4. Neither employees of the village nor township have spray permits.
5. A Cleveland Browns “Play Football Takeover” event will be held at the park on Saturday, October 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
6. Planning Commission – Price reported that the next meeting will be on Thursday, October 3rd.
7. LCIC – Flynn reported that before this evening’s council meeting, there was an LCIC meeting. Discussions were had on commercial realtors, zoning, and moving bank accounts to Buckeye. The next meeting will be scheduled for January 2025.

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and electronic payments issued between September 13 and 26, 2024, totaling $166,966.84 per the payment listing provided. **Karpinski 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 Gregory**; 6 yeas; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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

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