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.

**Karpinski moved to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2024, Council meeting as written, which was seconded by Smith;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Public Participation:***

Jack Hall of Columbia Township is running for Lorain County Sheriff. He shared his background and vision.

Rich Beran of North Pointe Apartments asked for final plan approval. He estimates that this project will have 5 phases. Phase 1 should start in 2024 and will address groundbreaking. Phase 2 should start in 2025 and will address underground work. Beran estimates that it will take 18 to 24 months for the build out. He projected 118 total units. Smith was concerned about having only 1 ingress/egress point. Beran responded that a future phase involves residential homes and will include another ingress/egress option. The Planning Commission approved contingent on a few items including the performance agreement. **Karpinski moved to accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation, which was seconded by Gregory**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Mayor’s Report:***

Mayor Kincannon shared the following:

1. Kincannon was contacted by a resident about the sidewalk on North Center Street going to IGA. IGA does not have sidewalks; IGA is private property.
2. The owner of Becca’s Choo Choo’s, located at 179 Railroad Street, contacted the Village about the letter she and others on Railroad Street received regarding the need for ADA-compliant sidewalks. She was unhappy because the parking lot was done recently.
3. Kincannon shared that there is another rooster in town. Laubenthal contacted the folks at 105 Factory Way. Honer asked if structures such as sheds or chicken coops can be put in retention areas. They cannot. It is a zoning issue. There is such an issue on Factory Way. Gates and Legrand will investigate.
4. Gates and Kincannon attended the Lorain County Commissioners’ Kelner Ditch hearing on Tuesday, October 1st. It will go out to bid on November 1st with a due date of December 31st. Their American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds must be designated by December 31st. The commissioners agreed to cap our share ($610,000) at $305,000. The commissioners will pay for the project in full and then will bill us for our portion.
5. Kincannon and Gates met with Liller at the transmission ship about Kelner Ditch. The commissioners stated that the county will maintain Kelner Ditch as long as they are commissioners.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Chief Laubenthal did not have a report.

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Breunig was not in attendance.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. The last brush pick-up for the year will be on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.
2. Brookpark Design removed the old roof and started on the interior gutters and the roof on the east side of the maintenance building.
3. Smith Paving has the 11 catch basins and the underdrains installed on the west end of Railroad Street. They will slip form the curb and gutters this Saturday. Gates invited Council to look at a 526-foot area on Railroad Street that we are concerned about only milling 2.5 inches. Gates provided a photo of what we found along with options of what can be done to improve the subgrade to reduce pavement deterioration. There are no underdrains there. Options include the following:
   1. Do it as originally bid.
   2. Mill it down 6 inches, add gravel and asphalt. This has a 5–10-year life expectancy and will cost an additional $68,874.
   3. Mill it down 8 inches, then concrete. This has a 50-year life expectancy and will cost an additional $103,011.

**Karpinski moved to spend up to $105,000 on concrete (option 3), which was seconded by Flynn**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller reported on the following:

1. The $55,000 we received last month from the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) that was coded as “ARPA Construction Grant” was not new ARPA funds for us. It was a reimbursement to us from the state’s ARPA funds for expenses associated with our ODOD pump replacement grant.
2. Village business cards were distributed.
3. We recently received invoices related to prior years. Expenses from prior years negatively impact our fund balances.
   1. In May 2024 we received a $5,451.98 past due invoice from Ohio Edison. It took months to get information. Homer-Miller was able to find out that, on or about October 22, 2022, an unknown vehicle damaged a streetlight near 516 Appomattox Court. The Regional External Affairs group was able to tell her, " This was for a hit skip for a car pole accident that damaged a streetlight. Since the Village is under the ESIP streetlight rate, the municipality would be responsible for repair costs if there was not a police report that was filled." It was broken off at the base by the Shaw residence. An insurance claim was filed yesterday. Smith asked if we have cameras on anything besides the municipal building. We do not. When incidents occur, Laubenthal stated that we use footage from residents and/or businesses.
   2. We recently received an $11,000 invoice related to the 2021 water tower expansion project.
4. We received the 2023 annual report from the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP) should anyone wish to review it.
5. We have a similar issue with our water fund like Homer-Miller mentioned at our last meeting about our police fund. Expenses are higher than revenues. This is due in large part to water loss, which is not always easy to locate.
6. The audit is ongoing. The auditor emailed approximately 20 questions to Homer-Miller earlier this week. She responded to a handful of questions.
7. Compliance Officer Kim Ruhl provided the quarterly credit card compliance report. Once again, no issues were noted.
8. The Public Entities Pool (PEP) of Ohio is seeking candidates from members in good standing, who possess a combination of the knowledge, skills, and personal characteristics necessary to provide direction, leadership, and effective governance for the long-term success of PEP. Council was asked to advise Homer-Miller if they want more information.

***Old Business:***

***New Business:***

**Resolution 2024-1021** --- RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR --- This was the first reading.

***Miscellaneous Business:***

1. Smith indicated that the sign particulars have been determined.
2. Flynn asked about the lead pipe letter. We are 4 short of what is due to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on October 16th.
3. Flynn asked about the dates for Christmas on the Square. It is a KEEP event. Kim Sturgill will talk with the new superintendent about it.
4. Flynn asked about trick or treating, which will be held on Halloween, October 31st, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

***Committee Reports*:**

**Park Board** – Kincannon reported the following:

1. The gable ends of the pavilions and the concrete approach to the concession stand should be completed by the end of the year.
2. They are looking for an interest-bearing account.
3. Their Halloween event will be held on October 25th and 26th.
4. Memorial Day festivities may include 5K and a car show in our parking lot.

Honer asked about the Browns event. Although Kincannon did not attend the event, there were a lot of attendees when he drove by.

**Planning Commission** – Price reported the following:

1. West Roofing wants to build a warehouse/office next to their existing facility on Commerce Drive East. West Roofing will rectify the issues the engineer had. Preliminary plan approval was granted.
2. North Pointe Apartments was granted preliminary approval with contingencies including the performance agreement.
3. Burnett, owner of the semi-truck parking area on Railroad Street, applied for a conditional-use permit. The Planning Commission worked through the requirements such as the surface needing to be dust free, needing ADA-compliant sidewalks, needing bollards to protect the fire hydrants, etc. The conditional use was granted based on restrictions.
4. The performance agreement was tabled to get input from council.

**LaGrange Community Improvement Corp.** – Flynn stated that there was no meeting; no report.

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and electronic payments issued between September 27 and October 10, 2024, totaling $187,095.14 per the payment listing provided. **Gregory moved to accept, which was seconded by Honer**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

Karpinski stated that over 1 ton of paper was collected during the shred event. The village employees who worked the township dumpster days said that it was slow.

There being no further business, **Smith moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Karpinski**; 6 yeas; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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

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