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 February 13, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting as written, which was seconded by Smith;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Gregory moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2025, regular Council meeting as written, which was seconded by Karpinski;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Karpinski moved to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2025, special Council meeting as written, which was seconded by Flynn;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Public Participation:***

LaGrange Township resident Kelly West of Parsons Road is the chair of the long-range planning committee. The land use plan was last updated in 2014. Area townships are in similar situations (i.e., needing to update their long-range plans). She asked if any of the Village council members wanted to join the committee; Rhonda Smith volunteered. Kincannon stated that this could be a good start to us developing a strategic plan.

***Mayor’s Report:***

Mayor Kincannon shared the following:

1. Kincannon attended last Monday’s township trustee meeting.
   1. He heard about their intention to update their long-range plan.
   2. The township is looking to hire someone soon to help at the community park.
   3. The township trustees are in favor of talking with the Metro Parks about the park.
2. Kincannon and Smith met with Keystone’s superintendent on the 14th. The memorandum of understanding now is the hands of legal counsel.
3. Gates will provide an update on Kelner Ditch. We asked the county to pay for all of it if we take care of a couple of the laterals that need to be cleaned.
4. The meetings for the founding celebration are progressing. Kincannon asked for a motion to donate $3,000 for fireworks. The township will do the same. **Karpinski moved to donate $3,000 to the LaGrange Founding group for fireworks, which was seconded by Honer;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Chief Laubenthal reported on the following:

1. Laubenthal contacted the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) about flashing stop signs for the traffic circle. Because maintenance of the state routes running through the Village is the responsibility of the Village, it is our responsibility to pay for the stop signs. ODOT will provide a list of vendors from which we can get pricing.
2. Laubenthal reported on the following statistics for the period of January 23rd through February 26th:
   1. There were 209 non-criminal requests for assistance.
   2. There were 19 criminal complaints / investigations - 0 felonies; 2 misdemeanors; 0 juvenile charges. They included 1 domestic violence, 4 unruly juveniles, 1 arrest on warrant, 4 animals at large, 1 noise complaint, 3 disturbances, 2 harassment, and 3 suspicious conditions.
   3. There were 285 traffic-related incidents including 7 crash investigations, 77 subjects charged with license, operating, and equipment charges, and 176 subjects who received warnings.
   4. Parking violations were issued to 8 subjects; warnings were issued to 11 subjects.

Smith asked about the junk vehicles. Laubenthal contacted the owner of 2 junk vehicles in the public lot. Laubenthal and Breunig need to discuss junk vehicles further before contacting others.

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Breunig did not have a report.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. The bid package is ready for the Loperwood Lane resurfacing project. We will advertise to bid March 5th and 12th. The bids will be opened on Thursday, March 27th, at 11:00 a.m. The engineer’s office projected the cost at $564,121.25.
2. Garza Construction will start clearing trees on the Kelner Ditch at the wastewater treatment plan on Monday, March 3rd.
3. Currently, Neighborhood Alliance provides senior services every Wednesday in our senior center. The village and township split the $400 cost of one day’s service, while the other 3 days were funded by a grant. Unfortunately, the grant was not renewed this year, and the daily cost has increased to $550, which will take effect in April. Gates asked if council would like to continue these services at least once per month if the township is interested. Gates can share with council the surveys from the seniors who attend the mobile senior services. Neighborhood Alliance is open to attending our next work session to answer any questions about the value these services provide to the seniors. This may be a topic for the next Committee of the Whole meeting.
4. January’s water loss report was provided to council. It was 44.21%. After the thaw, a leak was discovered between a curb box and a meter.

Smith asked if the Kelner Ditch had ever been cleaned. It has been maintained but not cleaned. Smith also asked about a storm water fund. We receive a $750 storm tap fee for new construction. Additionally, a $5 storm water fee is billed monthly to our utility customers. The county has an easement along the ditch. The Kelner Ditch project includes future annual inspections by the county.

Honer asked about the west side of Union. Approximately 250 feet of storm work is needed there. It is not just a road repair.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller reported on the following:

1. The 2024 financials have been submitted to the Auditor of State. The associated legal notice is scheduled to be published in the March 10th edition of the Rural-Urban Record.
2. The financials for the LaGrange Community Improvement Corp. (LCIC) still need to be completed.
3. The permanent appropriations for 2025 still need to be finalized before the April 1st deadline.
4. January 2025 was reconciled following the completion of the 2024 financial reporting. A copy of the associated bank reconciliation was provided to the mayor and council.
5. The Public Entities Pool (PEP) is looking for unique images displaying a variety of PEP member locations, people, and fun activities for their 2026 calendar. Photographs of the founding celebration might be good subject matter.
6. The new computer and printer are scheduled to arrive tomorrow. The Auditor of State will donate the old equipment to us. The police department needs a laptop to be used solely for cybercrime work. Once the data is transferred, the laptop will be turned over to the police department. We will move the printer to the police department too unless it is needed elsewhere.
7. Additional 2024 financial data was provided this evening that Homer-Miller would like to talk through with council at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting.

***Old Business:***

N/A

***New Business:***

**Resolution 2025-1025** --- A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE ISSUE 2, RENEWAL OF THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, ON THE MAY 6, 2025, STATEWIDE BALLOT --- This was the first reading.

***Miscellaneous Business:***

N/A

***Committee Reports*:**

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

1. The township appointed Jenna Liller.
2. Emma Morris was interviewed for the open clerk / treasurer position.
3. Village representatives include Denny Smith, Tina Pribulski, and Steve Pycraft.
4. They are working on items for the founding celebration weekend.

**Planning Commission** – Price reported that there was no meeting, and, therefore, was no report.

**LaGrange Community Improvement Corp**. – Flynn reported that there was no meeting, and, therefore, was no report.

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and electronic payments issued between February 14 and 27, 2025, totaling $165,417.71 per the payment listing provided. **Gregory moved to accept, which was seconded by Karpinski**; 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 8:08 p.m.

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

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