Mayor Kincannon called the Council Meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with Flynn, Price, Gregory, Karpinski, Honer, and Smith present.

**Smith moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2025, Council meeting as written, which was seconded by Gregory;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Public Participation:***

N/A

***Mayor’s Report:***

Mayor Kincannon shared the following:

1. Homer-Miller will update us during the fiscal officer’s report on updates to our website.
2. Kincannon attended the Lorain County Community Block Grant meeting last week. 51% of families must be in the low to medium income level for the communities to qualify for community block grants. The Village median income is too high for us to qualify. A targeted survey could be done, but residents typically are not responsive to such surveys. However, there may be an option for us to get a grant for the Neighborhood Alliance mobile senior services. Kincannon will look into that.
3. The local radio station invited Kincannon to share Village information on their radio station once a month for 15 minutes. However, it involves a monthly cost of $260. Kincannon will decline the offer.
4. A $35 camera was installed on the mayor’s computer so he can attend webinars from his office without bringing his tablet from home. Council members are welcome to use the mayor’s computer for webinars.
5. For the month of March 54 tickets were written with $3,036 coming to the Village.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Chief Laubenthal reported on the following:

1. There have not been any issues with the federal firearms licensed dealer on Loperwood.
2. Following a snow ban ticket that was taken to court, Laubenthal asked that codified ordinance 123.01 be updated. A copy of 123.01 was provided to the group. Breunig will work on it.

Karpinski asked about the cameras that Sheriff Hall mentioned when he was running for sheriff. Laubenthal will follow up with Hall.

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Breunig reported on the following:

1. New legislation will be presented for Loperwood. Because it was not ready before going out to bid, it is an emergency so that the bid can be awarded.
2. Legislation for increasing rental fees was not prepared as an emergency as the proposed change would become effective in July.

Kincannon asked about the memorandum of understanding with Keystone. Breunig spoke with their attorney today who did not see any major concerns. He should get back with Breunig next week.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. After reviewing the bids for the Loperwood Lane resurfacing project, our engineer recommended we award the bid to Fabrizi Trucking and Paving.
2. Ohio Means Jobs will be hosting a job fair here on Wednesday, April 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
3. Following the 3.25 inches of rain we received last week, no reports of flooding were received. Additionally, the wastewater treatment plant had no issues; improvements made (e.g., SCADA, etc.) have made a difference.
4. Council was asked to consider passing legislation to deter unlicensed or unpermitted construction activity by doubling the permit fees for contractors and individuals who start construction work prior to registering and/or obtaining the proper permits. Breunig will work on this.

Honer asked about the timeline for Loperwood. That will be determined after the contract is signed.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller reported on the following:

1. The annual reporting of 2024 ARPA fund expenditures was completed on the 3rd.
2. Homer-Miller spoke with one of the potential website vendors, ipanda designs, on Tuesday, April 1st. ipanda designs and Iler Networking provided updated proposals, which need to be reviewed by Homer-Miller and Kincannon.
3. Homer-Miller gathered information from Huntington Bank about transitioning our credit cards from the First Merit legacy structure to Huntington’s commercial card structure, which involves rebates, online access, etc. Breunig was asked to review Huntington’s credit card agreement before an application is submitted. If we move forward with transitioning to Huntington’s commercial card structure, we will close our First Merit legacy account.
4. Homer-Miller contacted Friendship about their fleet program. She will review our 2024 fuel usage data to see if switching from Wex to Friendship is beneficial.
5. Scenarios adjusting the 100% income tax credit currently provided to Village residents who work in other communities were shared with council. With the higher costs we have incurred over the years and will continue incurring (e.g., electricity, natural gas, supplies, repairs and maintenance, personnel, etc.), we should consider reducing the credit provided to residents who work in other communities. Further discussion is needed.

***Old Business:***

N/A

***New Business:***

**ORDINANCE 2025 – 2570** --- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S ANNUAL WINTER ROAD SALT CONTRACT AN 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.

ORDINANCE 2025 – 2571 --- AN ORDINANCE SETTING RENTAL FEES FOR USAGE OF THE GYMNASIUM IN THE LAGRANGE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING --- This was the first reading.

**ORDINANCE 2025 – 2572** --- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FABRIZI TRUCKING & PAVING CO., INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE LOPERWOOD LANE IMPROVMEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- **Karpinski moved to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Honer; 6 yeas; motion passed. Karpinski moved to adopt and declare an emergency, which was seconded by Price**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Miscellaneous Business:***

Smith updated the group on the hero banners. 87 applications were received. Payments were turned over to Homer-Miller before the meeting. The Ohio Edison agreement was provided to Breunig for review. Kincannon contacted Windstream.

***Committee Reports*:**

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

1. They are working on activities for the Memorial Day weekend Founding Celebration.
2. They are asking the sport groups to donate based on their respective use.

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

They met last week. Rich Beran from Builders and Developers is the developer of the former Tipple property at Biggs and State Route 301. Ryan Homes will build 76 homes. The layout is essentially the same as previously presented with the addition of another retention area and 1 lot exceeding the width-to-depth ratio. It passed conceptual and preliminary plan approval. This development will enlarge the area that the police department patrols.

Smith asked about the approaching deadline for the North Star apartments. She had not seen recent activity. They do not have occupancy yet. Landscaping is in process. 4 of 11 have been built. They had problems with the management company.

**LaGrange Community Improvement Corp**. – Flynn reported the following:

The next meeting will be on April 24th at 6:00 p.m. with the area businesses. SpaceBound recently asked Kincannon about the available lots on either side of them. Kincannon told them that the lots were available for $35,000 per acre. They originally sold for $30,000 per acre.

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and electronic payments issued between March 28 and April 10, 2025, totaling $155,715.69 per the payment listing provided. **Karpinski moved to accept, which was seconded by Gregory**; 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 8:20 p.m.

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

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