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.

**Gregory moved to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting as written, which was seconded by Karpinski**;6 yeas; motion passed.

**Karpinski moved to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2025, Council meeting as written, which was seconded by Price;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Public Participation:***

N/A

***Mayor’s Report:***

Mayor Kincannon shared the following:

1. Gates and Kincannon will have another meeting with Todd Brandenburg of the Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) / Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) this coming Tuesday about a water rate study.
2. Homer-Miller and Kincannon are working to get website quotes.
3. The new flashing stop sign for the square came in last week but was damaged. It was repaired today and should be installed next week.
4. The county switched from WENS to CodeRed for emergency notifications. Current WENS subscribers are to be loaded into CodeRed. A notice will be added to the website.
5. The Memorial Day weekend activities seem to be coming together nicely.
6. There was an issue last week with the park board that we believe has been resolved. The grindings previously stored here were moved to the park for access to the sledding hill. A park board member stood in front of our equipment to stop the equipment. Someone then reported to the health department and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) about adding grindings to the sledding hill; the grindings are not on the sledding hill. Flynn stated that he received calls about it. The health department and EPA both visited the site and found no issue. Township Trustee Canfield was in attendance. She was concerned about the lack of communication between the Village, Township, and Park Board. Gates stated that there also has been a lack of communication from the Park Board and Township with the Village. Recently, water was shut off at the park without Village knowledge. Council appreciates the efforts of the Park Board members. Kincannon would like to see a council member start attending the Park Board meetings. Price would like us to pursue conversations with the Lorain County Metro Parks. While Kincannon would like to postpone payment of the $35,000 to the Park Board pending a potential EPA penalty, council would like the payment processed sooner rather than later.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

1. Chief Laubenthal stated there was an issue this week concerning campers, trailers, boats, junk vehicles, etc., for which legislation is needed.
2. Laubenthal reported on the following statistics for the period of March 27th through April 23rd:
   1. There were 101 non-criminal requests for assistance.
   2. There were 21 criminal complaints / investigations - 2 felonies; 5 misdemeanor; 5 juvenile charges. They included 1 failure to comply, 1 strangulation, 1 domestic violence, 1 assault, 1 arrest on warrant, 1 interference with custody, 5 unruly juveniles, 1 disorderly conduct, 1 aggravated menacing, 2 thefts, 2 protection order violations, 1 attempt to deposit garbage, 1 criminal trespassing, and 1 domestic dispute.
   3. There were 116 traffic-related incidents including 3 crash investigations, 36 subjects charged with license, operating, and equipment charges, and 74 subjects who received warnings.
   4. No parking violations were issued; warnings were issued to 2 subjects.

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Breunig reported that state law limits how junk vehicles can be handled. The international property maintenance code is our enforcement arm. However, having someone enforce it is another issue.

Kincannon asked for updates on a few items including Keystone’s memorandum of understanding (MOU), fireworks contract, and the Ohio Edison and Windstream agreements. Breunig does not have an update from Keystone’s attorney on the MOU. He has been working through the Ohio Edison and Windstream agreements. Breunig did not recall receiving the fireworks contract; Kincannon will resend it.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. A preconstruction meeting will be held with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving on the 25th for the Loperwood Lane resurfacing project.
2. Council was given a copy of the current yearly water loss report, which was 45.61% through March 2025.
3. Council was provided with a copy of the basic parameter specifications for meter replacement.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller was not in attendance.

***Old Business:***

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

***New Business:***

**Resolution 2025 – 1026** --- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE A CARD AGREEMENT WITH THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK --- This was the first reading.

***Miscellaneous Business:***

Karpinski has spoken with Homer-Miller about the municipal income tax credits. In Homer-Miller’s absence, Karpinski talked through the March 28th email from the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) about adjustments from a 100% tax credit for Village residents who work in another taxing community. Also provided was workplace income data for Village residents. The current 100% tax credit results in significant income tax revenue not finding its way to the Village to support Village projects (i.e., roads, police, etc.). Council will give this some thought and will discuss at a future meeting.

Karpinski then presented scenarios for establishing water administration fees based on meter sizes and their respective costs. Honer conducted a similar exercise and came up with slightly higher results. Council agreed that we needed to put the water meter project out to bid.

***Committee Reports*:**

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

1. We talked about last week’s incident
2. Folks attended training last week in Orville on the vent track machine.
3. They are still working on the car show and 5K for the Memorial Day weekend Founding Celebration.

Karpinski mentioned that they are entertaining an idea to share sporting goods with those in need.

**Planning Commission** – Price reported that there was no meeting.

**LaGrange Community Improvement Corp**. – Flynn reported there was no meeting.

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and electronic payments issued between April 11 and 24, 2025, totaling $127,609.38 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 Karpinski**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

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

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