Mayor Kincannon called the Council Meeting to order at 7:34 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 April 24, 2025, Council meeting as written, which was seconded by Smith;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Public Participation:***

N/A

***Mayor’s Report:***

Mayor Kincannon shared the following:

1. There has not been a park board meeting since our last council meeting.
2. For the month of April 25 tickets were written with $2,664 coming to the Village. Laubenthal stated that the number of tickets written in April were fewer than normal due to absences, trainings, etc.
3. The founding celebration committee continues working on the Memorial Day weekend events.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Chief Laubenthal clarified that we send a lot of tickets directly to Elyria Municipal Court.

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Breunig reported that there are a few new ordinances tonight based on things that came up at prior meetings.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. We had the preconstruction meeting with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving. They are scheduled to start the Loperwood project as soon as the storm catch basins are made. Weather permitting, the project should take approximately 2 months to complete.
2. Last November, voters approved the Village's participation in a gas aggregation program. To ensure the program is in place for the November billing cycle, we must hold 2 public hearings, as required by law. To stay on schedule, both meetings need to be completed by early June and advertised for 2 consecutive weeks before the first meeting. The hearings will be held on Thursday, June 5th, at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
3. July 10, 2025, is the date for anyone interested in touring the wetlands on State Route 301. The tour will start at 9:00 a.m. and will take about 2 hours. Those attending should wear hiking or muck boots. The information was emailed to the mayor and council members.

Honer stated that 604 Hendrix still needs a sidewalk. A letter will be sent.

Price asked about the missing sidewalk on Railroad Street. Gates stated that Burnett recently sold the property; she will contact the new owner.

Honer asked about the school access drive paving project. Kincannon stated that we have not received an update yet. Breunig stated that he has left messages for Keystone’s attorney but has not received a response yet. Kincannon will follow up with Keystone’s superintendent.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller reported on the following:

1. We received quotes from 4 website companies. Iler Networking ($9,555 – does not include branding or ADA compliancy) and Olmsted Web Design ($8,300), were significantly higher than ipanda designs ($1,500 including branding and ADA compliancy) and Web Works ($2,000 includes ADA compliancy). She reviewed sample websites the providers have built and compared their offerings. She has had positive experiences with ipanda designs and recommend them for our project. Council had no objection.
2. We received a $1,500 donation from Achieve Credit Union for toward this year’s safety town program. Thank you, Achieve!
3. Our 2024 fuel data included a rebate from Wex of less than 1% of our fuel purchases. Homer-Miller is waiting to hear back from Friendship about their fleet program to see if switching from Wex to Friendship would be beneficial.
4. On April 16th we provided the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) with updates to the Village addresses. This will ensure that RITA has all valid village addresses in their tax system.
5. Homer-Miller requested and received a delinquent and unpaid property tax report from the county auditor’s office. The report shows $137,126 in delinquent property taxes for the prior year and $97,016 delinquent for the first half. That is over $234,000 in delinquent property taxes. Breunig stated that the county needs to work to collect the delinquent property taxes, not us. Homer-Miller will follow up with the county.
6. The preliminary budget for 2026 is due in July.
7. Council was asked to check their village email between meetings.

***Old Business:***

**ORDINANCE 2025 – 2571** --- AN ORDINANCE SETTING RENTAL FEES FOR USAGE OF THE GYMNASIUM IN THE LAGRANGE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING --- This was the third reading. **Karpinski moved to adopt, which was seconded by Gregory**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

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

***New Business:***

**ORDINANCE 2025 – 2573** --- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 123.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE --- This was the first reading.

**ORDINANCE 2025 – 2574** --- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LAGRANGE, OHIO CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1312, REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF CONTRACTORS, SECTION 1312.03, TIME AND FEE --- This was the first reading.

**ORDINANCE 2025 – 2575** --- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAGRANGE, OHIO ZONING BOOK, ADOPTED UNDER LAGRANGE CODIFIED ORDINANCES PART ELEVEN – PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, TITLE THREE – ZONING ORDINANCE, TO ADD SECTION 1107.04 – ZONING PERMIT PENALTY FEES --- This was the first reading.

***Miscellaneous Business:***

**Karpinski moved to spend up to $3,000 for the landscaping project proposed by 2 Eagle Scout candidates, which was seconded by Price**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Committee Reports*:**

**Park Board** – Kincannon reported that a representative of the park board has been attending the founding celebration committee meetings.

**Planning Commission** – Price reported that there was no meeting and, therefore, is no report. The next meeting will be held on June 5th.

**LaGrange Community Improvement Corp**. – Kincannon reported that the next meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on May 22nd and will include representatives from Keystone-Pointe, Mercy Health, and SpaceBound.

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and electronic payments issued between April 25 and May 8, 2025, totaling $297,185.58 per the payment listing provided. **Gregory moved to accept, which was seconded by Price**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

Smith stated that she will not be at the next council meeting.

There being no further business, **Smith moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Karpinski**; 6 yeas; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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

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