

**Village of Hanover
Council Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2022**

Mayor Jeff Collins called the Village of Hanover Council Meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk/Treasurer Nicole Gieseler gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL:

Jeff Collins: Present	Brett Wright: Present
Brandon Hale: Present	Sue Spaulding: Present
Chester Flowers: Present	Donna Reniecker: Present
Chris Felumlee: Present	Kim Christian: Absent

Additional people present:

Jeff Hanger, Dave Molnar, Jim Braunbeck, Dale Jennings, Jim Brooks

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the February 9, 2022 meeting were reviewed and discussed. Being no further corrections or additions, a motion to accept the minutes was issued by Councilor Wright, second by Councilor Flowers, All Ayes.

CITIZENS:

- Jim Braunbeck was present to discuss the reasoning for the language within the fiscal officer legislation, the need for legislation to be approved as an emergency, salary increase, and need for public notice when moving from an elected to an appointed position. Stated the person is not of concern, only the procedure followed. Mayor Collins and Clerk Gieseler addressed the circumstances surrounding the situation and the growing responsibilities within the village. Per the ORC the fiscal officer position could meet the need. The village solicitor advised on the process. If the seat becomes vacant, it reverts back to the clerk-treasurer position, seat will go through the electoral process, and salary reduction can be made. Molar added that the emergency readings are necessary when critical government deadlines need met.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

President Dave Molnar reported:

- Clerk Gieseler and Molnar met with Jim Lenner from Neighborhood Strategies, LLC to discuss the kick off of the Comprehensive Plan update. It was suggested that we meet monthly, the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:45. In order to do this council would have to move their meeting to an earlier time. Comp Plan committee web link has been added to village website.
- Jim was asked to provide a proposal for possible grant finding assistance.
- Discussion took place regarding the flower patches between road ways in Newark. Councilor Wright informed that Buster Prince heads this up as the street superintendent of Newark, they had money allotted for the seeds and it does save about 50K in mowing cost annually. Molnar was going to investigate with LCSW regarding funding for this being available.

BPA REPORT:

- Councilor Spaulding clarified that Travis Hartshorn has been recommended and will be the appointed BPA member. The individual appointed will later have to be voted on in the general election to maintain the seat.

GROUND DIRECTOR REPORT:

Councilor Spaulding reported:

- White board has been purchased and installed as requested.
- Licking County Board of Development Disability Proclamation is completed and will be placed on the village website.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilor Felumlee reported:

- Cold patch is being purchased and roads will be patched.
- Dale Jennings asked for clarification regarding leveraging resources with the county when they pave Licking Valley road from the railroad tracks to school. Explanation provided detailing it as an opportunity to partner with the county to receive paving at their reduced cost for our portion of the road that meets up to theirs.
- Jeff Hanger noted tunnel signs continue to be stolen. Discussion took place regarding alternative options.
- Mayor Collins asked for crack sealing to be completed at the “T” of Hainsview and Mille.

STORM WATER REPORT:

Councilor Wright reported:

- Complaint was received regarding road dipping in certain locations on Sunset Drive where sewer lines come across. This was assessed by BPA and the road issue is caused from the settling of the sewer infrastructure. Infrastructure is sound.
- Flooding occurred on South Main St during recent storm due to ice and snow build up. The area causing the issue is owned by the railroad. The county assisted with the issue. Further fix may need to be addressed this summer.
- The commissioners have notified that the county passed emergency legislation to assist with the repair of the Rocky Fork Creek Bridge/Bank area.
- Dry Dam repair is needed, block is good, joints need addressed.

WATER TRANSMISSION LINE REPORT:

Clerk Gieseler reported:

- Meeting scheduled tomorrow at the commissioner’s office with RCAPS to discuss if additional funding is needed to cover the cost of the project and tap fees.
- Hanover Township Trustee Heath Smith volunteered to take part in the meetings and discussions.
- Councilor Felumlee asked who would be responsible for any damage to our infrastructure during the construction phase of the water transmission line? Answer will be found and provided.

LAW SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

- Mayor Collins discussed village liability with Solicitor Richter. He reported in order to mitigate risk, new signage may be needed such as a warning sign for potential flooding on South Main, ice in tunnel. These issues are an act of God therefore village negligent which would need proven. Additional signage will mitigate the issues on the village’s behalf.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Councilor Felemlee shared insight on the emergency legislation. Others were not prepared for the change. He questioned the \$12,000.00 salary increase. We have turned down other items. Things need addressed such as road, water, ditches need cleaned out. Councilor Felumlee wanted to state this prior to the vote.

Ordinance 5-2022 An ordinance creating the position of the village fiscal officer for the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Councilor Wright made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd reading, second by Councilor Hale, vote by roll call: Hale – Yes, Wright – Yes, Felumlee – No, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes, Flowers – Yes. Councilor Spaulding made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Hale, vote by roll call: Hale – Yes, Wright – Yes, Felumlee – No, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes, Flowers – Yes.

Ordinance 6 -2022 An ordinance fixing the salary for the fiscal officer of the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Councilor Hale made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd reading, second by Councilor Spaulding, vote by roll call: Hale – Yes, Wright – Yes, Felumlee – No, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes, Flowers – Yes. Councilor Wright made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Flowers, vote by roll call: Hale – Yes, Wright – Yes, Felumlee – No, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes, Flowers – Yes.

Ordinance 7-2022 An ordinance transferring monies within the General Fund for the payment of the fiscal officer salary and retirement benefits for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022 for the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Councilor Hale made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd reading, second by Councilor Wright, vote by roll call: Hale – Yes, Wright – Yes, Felumlee – No, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes, Flowers – Yes. Councilor Spaulding made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Renicker, vote by roll call: Hale – Yes, Wright – Yes, Felumlee – No, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes, Flowers – Yes.

Ordinance 8-2022 An ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute a contract with the Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District for annual reporting services for the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Councilor Spaulding made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd reading, second by Councilor Renicker, vote by roll call: Hale – Yes, Wright – Yes, Felumlee – Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes, Flowers – Yes. Councilor Wright made the motion to adopt, second by Councilor Hale, vote by roll call: Hale – Yes, Wright – Yes, Felumlee – Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes, Flowers – Yes.

Ordinance 9-2022 An ordinance authorizing and directing the clerk-treasurer to submit the annual MS4 report to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency on behalf of the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Councilor Wright made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd reading, second by Councilor Renicker, vote by roll call: Hale – Yes, Wright – Yes, Felumlee – Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes, Flowers – Yes. Councilor Hale made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Wright, vote by roll call: Hale – Yes, Wright – Yes, Felumlee – Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes, Flowers – Yes.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

- Councilor Spaulding made a motion to move the 2nd council meeting of the month to 6-6:30 PM to make room for the Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting, Councilor Flowers second the motion. Roll call vote: Hale – Yes, Wright – Yes, Felumlee – Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes, Flowers – Yes.

MAYOR'S MINUTE:

Mayor Collins reported:

- Thanked Councilor Spaulding for white board.
- Requested that council think about the 1% Municipal Income Tax credit for residents that work outside the village.
- Plans to attend and represent the village at the Ohio Municipal League Seminar in March.
- Councilor Wright shared an address needs clarified in Staggers Addition on Clearview Dr.
- Councilor Hale noted that BlueLine Motors has many cars outside the building.
- Clerk Gieseler informed that Jim Lenner asked if we would like to proceed with a press release for the Comp Plan update. This is being done by other entities. Cost is unknown, will request a cost and advise before a decision is made.
- Jim Braunbeck asked if 1% Municipal Income Tax credit be reduced if there would still be exemptions. Clerk Gieseler will research and follow up.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Wight, second Councilor Spaulding, All Ayes.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Mayor Jeff J. Collins.

Clerk/Treasurer Nicole D. Gieseler