

**Village of Hanover
Council Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2024**

Mayor Brandon Hale called the Village of Hanover Council Meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Fiscal Officer Gieseler gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL:

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| Brandon Hale: Present | Brett Wright: Present |
| Sue Spaulding: Present | Justin Pierce: Absent |
| Donna Renicker: Present | Pam Vogel: Present |
| Steve Cost: Present | Rex Adkins: Present |

Councilor Wright made a motion to excuse absence of Councilor Pierce, second by Councilor Spaulding, all ayes.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the June 12, 2024 meeting were reviewed and discussed. Being no further corrections or additions, a motion to accept the minutes was issued by Councilor Spaulding, and 2nd by Councilor Vogel. All Ayes.

VISITORS:

- Verdantas Engineer Rep Sam Eppley was present to complete the bid opening process for the OPWC Lower Village Paving Project Phse 1. Bid submission deadline was 6:30 pm. Eppley opened each bid, confirmed bond was present and shared bid estimates. The following estimates were received:
 1. Shelly: Bond received, \$366,977.10, Alternative bid 45,364.70
 2. Capstone: Bond received, \$427878, Alternative bid 46,869.00
 3. Dreams: Bond received \$421,134, Alternative bid 49,832.00
 4. LAW: Bond received, \$369,947.35, Alternative bid 40,104.29
 5. Smalls: Bond received, \$375,929.95, Alternative bid 40,311.80Award will be released at the July 10, 2024 Council meeting at 6:30 pm.

CITIZENS:

- Resident and business owner Don Flowers was present to share his concern regarding the implementation of Licking County Commercial Building Codes. He questioned the cost difference between the state and the county codes and if the implementation would make it more difficult for existing businesses to do business here in Hanover. He suggested that the village notify existing businesses of this change prior to implementation. Flowers agrees with council's decision to put Licking County Residential Building Codes on the November 5, 2024 ballot for a citizen vote.

FIRE DEPT REPORT:

- Nothing.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- Nothing.

ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

- Nothing.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Nothing.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

- Nothing.

FINANCE/CIP REPORT:

- Nothing.

BPA REPORT:

- Nothing.

GROUND DIRECTOR REPORT:

- Counter top will be installed next week.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Brimming will be completed on Hainsview Dr in needed sections.
- Mowing completed for parade, street will be swept by the City of Newark.
- Additional signs for “mowing ahead” etc. have been ordered.
- Ditch mowing maintenance discussed along W. High St. Mowing will be completed three times a year: prior to Memorial Day, July 4th Parade and Labor Day.

STORM WATER REPORT:

- Residents were present from Hainsview Phase 5 to discuss ditch solutions provided by ADR & Associates. Ron Bonnet from ADR & Associates addressed the public with an explanation as to why the rock could not be in the ditch without the proper grade. Rock size impacts slope. Concerns noted from residents as follows: rocks were approved by past admin and developer, topsoil was removed from property prior to lots being sold and new land owners were unaware of additional expense this would cause, some residential lots do not have topsoil and are not finished with proper grading which impacts drainage, the expense to try to make lots functional has created unexpected financial hardship and the request to modify ditch will cause additional financial burden, if rocks are removed the sand/rock base will not permit grass growth, natural stream is full of construction trash (one resident reported spending \$10K to remove 14 truckloads of development construction debris), rocks were placed to correct an existing problem if removed the drainage problem will not be resolved, sump pumps are being directed into front ditches so there will always be water, ditches have not been altered on lots that have not been built and they hold water, were ditches inspected, development plans called for 16 inch culverts and permits called for 12 inch culverts and 12 inch were installed by contractors- who is responsible for this, Jon Green has a lot with a second driveway that has no culvert, retention pond placement questioned, are the ditches in question because of a residents concern with mosquitos.
- A council vote was taken to move forward with addressing a repair now or postponing until development is completely built out. Council members voted to move forward with repair now: Wright-Yes, Vogel-No, Spaulding-Yes, Renicker-Yes, Cost-Yes, Pierce – Absent.
- Mayor Hale advised that the ditches are required to meet the EPA plans that were approved. The Village Solicitor has advised that the village is responsible for paying for engineering cost to complete ditch inspections on the residential lots. The village will move forward with having each lot inspected and surveyed for modification recommendations.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

- Nothing.

LAW SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Nothing.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Nothing.

APPEALS BOARD:

- Nothing.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 10-2024 A resolution finding it necessary to levy a renewal of a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation. 1.5 Mill Fire and EMS renewal. - second reading.

Resolution 11-2024 A resolution finding it necessary to levy a renewal of a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation. 3.0 Mill Street and Sidewalk renewal. - second reading.

Resolution 12-2024 A resolution to provide for the submission to the electors of the Village of Hanover at the November 5, 2024 General election an advisory question regarding entering an agreement with Licking County for the Licking County Building Code Enforcement Department to handle enforcement of the Residential Code of Ohio within the Village of Hanover- second reading.

Ordinance 12-2024 An Ordinance authorizing a request to the Ohio Board of Building Standards to certify the Village of Hanover for enforcement of the Ohio Building Code with the condition that the Licking County Building Code Enforcement Department exercise enforcement authority, accept and approve plans and specifications, and make inspections, and authorizing an agreement for such enforcement between the Village of Hanover, and Licking County- second reading.

Ordinance 13-2024 An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute a contract with ADR & Associates, LTD for engineering services required to develop a Storm Water Analysis of Areas 3 and 4 within the village on behalf of the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio. -second Reading.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Hale presented an opportunity for all to speak:

- Councilor Cost: tree growing around light pole at 2294 W. High St. and Eric Drive. Village was reviewed for outages. List was created for AEP and Energy Co-op. Numbers on poles are becoming illegible, nearby address is not always applicable. Councilor Wright will request new pole tags from AEP.

MAYOR'S MINUTE:

- The switch from State Commercial Building Codes to Licking County Building Codes for commercial properties is to pull money back local government from the state. We have been informed that the inspections are the same and therefore there are no changes. The question was asked if the village hall fire station remodel was inspected by the state, answer was no. Once commercial is implemented in the village the turnaround for inspections should be quicker.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Wright, 2nd Councilor Renicker. All Ayes.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Mayor Brandon Hale

Fiscal Officer Nicole D. Gieseler