

**Village of Hanover  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 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:**

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

**MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the November 13, 2024 meeting were reviewed and discussed. Being no further corrections or additions, a motion to accept the minutes was issued by Councilor Spaulding, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Vogel. All Ayes.

**VISITORS:**

- Nothing.

**CITIZENS:**

- Nothing.

**FIRE DEPT REPORT:**

- Total runs for the month of November -42. Village -11, Hanover Twp. - 15, Perry Twp. - 8, Mutual Aid - 8.
- Chief Brian Spellman was present to share fire department update:
  - 129 Calls 1-1-24 to 12-1-24. 2024 has been a successful year. Two guys out testing to be Professional Fire Fighters. One new hire starting today that comes with years of experience. Seven on staff today. Training completed every third day. Three promoted to Engineer. Approx. 40 members with the department. One goal for 2025 would be to order a new medic, even though finances are tight. Another goal would be to have 3 manning a truck. Purchase price on engine receiving in 2025 is approx. \$700K, current day pricing over \$1M. Medic cost \$300-380K. New engine will be stored in Hanover, 802 will go to Perry Township. Toboso building is not large enough to hold engine. Public water will change things for the better, hydrant availability as well as reduce insurance rates and iso. Four employees were present to share their service and personal firefighting/medic history.

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

- Final meeting for the year, discussed each project. President Molnar thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.
- Licking County Building Codes – Commercial will begin January 1, 2025. Village procedure will need to be uploaded on website. Code enforcement officer Rex Adkins shared protocol document, Application for Certificate of Compliance and Certificate of Compliance that will help streamline the process with LCBC-Commercial. Councilor Pierce made a motion to move forward with the Certificate of Compliance protocol, second by Councilor Renicker, All Ayes.

**ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:**

- 41 Permits received to date.
- Properties in violation reviewed. Blue Line Motors: Registered business on Chamber of Commerce, Saturday public hours listed. Property is not zoned for car lot sales. Property owner has been contacted, Business owner will need to be notified. 2891 E. High Street property maintenance complaint received. Property owner sent Zoning Regulation Notice to seek compliance, also spoke to property owners.
- 915 Audrey will be submitting a variance application for patio being in setback. House being in setback will also be addressed at BZA hearing.
- Hainsview Estates Phase 5: letters will be sent to property owners and builders whose lots were identified in the survey evaluation as needing modifications to stormwater system (culvert, ditches). Letter is pending approval from village solicitor.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- All Star Septic has solicited for sludge haul work.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

- All money for the month of November 2024 is accounted for and the bank statement has been reconciled.
- All projects completed by The Shelly Company in 2024 have been paid. Several projects came in under estimate: Sunset Drive culvert \$2,960, Marne Rd Paving \$2,234, and 4 Way Stop \$11K. Legislation on the table tonight for approval of an OPWC reduction in total project cost of \$31,288.88.
- Village insurance premium increase just under \$900 for 2025. Insurance is with the Ohio Plan.
- The village Street and Sidewalk Levy failed at the November election. Final count came in December 3, levy was voted down by 3 votes. Street Fund will be in the red starting in 2027-2028. Renewal and replacement options available for May 2025 election ballot. Discussion took place as to the pros and cons of replacement verses renewal. Public education has to be fact based. Council majority agrees with moving forward with the same millage at replacement rate. Each .25 mill brings in approx. \$11K. Revenue generated would be approx. \$132K annually.

FINANCE/CIP REPORT:

- Monthly finance committee meeting was canceled for December as budget was set. Outstanding PO's were discussed and final payments are being requested.

BPA REPORT:

- 23 behind for total of \$3488.
- Plant running well, made permit.
- Riser replacement needs evaluated in the spring.

GROUND DIRECTOR REPORT:

- Recycle bins behind Family Dollar discussed with Licking County Recycling. Hanover Park does not meet the requirements for a bin location. Discussion took place regarding the current location. Many complaints received from overflow of trash and time of truck collection. Property owner communication is difficult. Village zoning requires fence around three sides. Bins have been in current location since 2002. They are very well used. Village Mayor, FO, Council, Commissioner has all tried to assist with trash issue and relocation. Marne Church will take 3, school might take 1, the remaining would stay behind Family Dollar. This could reduce the amount of overflow trash and pick up behind Family Dollar. Meadows at Hanover Condo Association member was present to participate in the discussion.

ENGINEERING REPORT, ADR:

- Stormwater Study: System fully modeled. More effort than originally anticipated. Considerable amount of "backyard storage". Majority of system can carry a 1-Year storm, but 2-Year storms result in considerable flooding. ADR is currently developing recommended improvements and rough cost estimates. ADR recommended to meet with village to identify areas of priorities and also areas can detain excess water.
- S. Main Storm Improvements: drawings 80% complete. Placement of catch basins were discussed. Village will complete repair in area applicable to village, property owner will have to address any other adjustments needed.
- Hains Hill Drive Drainage Repair: postponed until Spring due to weather. Project needs completed by June 1, 2025.
- ADR, Nick Mill, thanked the village for 20 years of service as the village engineer.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Traffic Study S. Main/Marne Rd: County Street Super indicated that their side of the road will remain 55mph even though village is 35mph. It was suggested for township, village and resident to contact Licking County Engineers office to request a traffic study for speed limit reduction or to find a solution to mitigate the danger.
- Street berming complete.

STORM WATER REPORT:

- Councilor Wright made a recommendation to put a grate cover on Fleming Dr, second by Councilor Pierce, All Ayes.

LAW SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Nothing.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Nothing.

APPEALS BOARD:

- Nothing.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

**Ordinance 32-2024** An Ordinance to make the Temporary Appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures for the Village of Hanover, Licking County State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025. Councilor Wright made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Vogel. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- Yes, Wright – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Cost- Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes.

**Ordinance 33-2024** An Ordinance fixing the salaries for the Mayor, Council Members, Board of Public Affairs, and Fiscal Officer for the calendar year ending December 31, 2025 for the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio. Councilor Renicker made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Cost. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- Yes, Wright – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Cost- Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes.

**Ordinance 34-2024** An Ordinance appointing and setting a stipend for a Zoning Inspector for the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio. Councilor Spaulding made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Renicker. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- Yes, Wright – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Cost- Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes.

**Ordinance 35-2024** An Ordinance appointing and setting a stipend for a Wastewater Billing Clerk on behalf of the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio. Councilor Vogel made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Pierce. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- Yes, Wright – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Cost- Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes.

**Ordinance 36-2024** An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Neighborhood Strategies, LLC for professional services on behalf of the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio. Councilor Vogel made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Cost. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- Yes, Wright – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Cost- Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes.

**Ordinance 37-2024** An Ordinance appointing a Solicitor for legal services for the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio. Councilor Vogel made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Renicker. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- Yes, Wright – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Cost- Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes.

**Ordinance 38-2024** An Ordinance appointing a Municipal Court Prosecutor for the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio. Councilor Wright made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Cost. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- Yes, Wright – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Cost- Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes.

**Ordinance 39-2024** An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute a contract with The Cherubini Company, for annual website hosting services for the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio. Councilor Renicker made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Pierce. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- Yes, Wright – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Cost- Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes.

**Ordinance 41-2024** An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Verdantas for engineering and consulting services on behalf of the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Councilor Vogel made a motion to waive the second and third readings, second by Councilor Wright. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- Yes, Wright – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Cost- Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes. Councilor Wright made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Pierce. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- Yes, Wright – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Cost- Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes.

**Ordinance 42-2024** An Ordinance adopting the Village of Hanover Active Transportation Plan - first reading

**Ordinance 43-2024** An Ordinance authorizing the obligation of ARPA Funds to the Hanover Waterline Project, Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement to utilize such funds, and authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Licking County to construct waterlines in the village. Councilor Renicker made a motion to waive the second and third readings, second by Councilor Cost. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- Yes, Wright – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Cost- Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes. Councilor Vogel made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Wright. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- Yes, Wright – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Cost- Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes.

**Ordinance 44-2024** A resolution of the council of the Village of Hanover requesting the Licking County Auditor to certify to the Village the total current tax valuation of the Village and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the renewal of a three (3.0) mill tax levied for street and walkway purposes. Councilor Pierce made a motion to waive the second and third readings, second by Councilor Vogel. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- Yes, Wright – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Cost- Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes. Councilor Pierce made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Wright. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- No, Wright – No, Vogel – No, Cost- No, Renicker – No, Spaulding – No.

**Ordinance 45-2024** A resolution of the council of the Village of Hanover requesting the Licking County Auditor to certify to the Village the total current tax valuation of the Village and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the replacement of the

current three (3) mill tax levied for street and walkway purposes with a three and one-half (3.5) mill tax levied for street and walkway purposes. Councilor Wright made a motion to waive the second and third readings, second by Councilor Pierce. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- Yes, Wright – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Cost- Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes. Councilor Pierce made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Wright. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- No, Wright – No, Vogel – No, Cost- No, Renicker – No, Spaulding – No.

**Ordinance 46-2024** An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute a change in contract with The Shelly Company for the completion of the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Lower Village Paving Project Phase 1 (LVPP1) on behalf of the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Councilor Wright made a motion to waive the second and third readings, second by Councilor Pierce. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- Yes, Wright – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Cost- Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes. Councilor Pierce made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Vogel. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- Yes, Wright – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Cost- Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Hale presented an opportunity for all to speak:

- Councilor Cost asked if the village was a side by side friendly village and was advised that the village is. The village is under the township’s legislative authority and does not need to pass additional legislation per solicitor. Township has passed legislation.
- Councilor Renicker advised that she does have street light outages to turn in.

**MAYOR’S MINUTE:**

- Mayor Hale thanked all of the people who participate in village government. 2024 has been a year of tough calls, tough situations, and many projects. He is looking forward toward what we’ll accomplish together in 2025.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Vogel 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Pierce. All Ayes.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Mayor Brandon Hale

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Fiscal Officer Nicole D. Gieseler