

**Village of Hanover
Council Meeting Minutes
February 12, 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 January 22, 2025 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 Renicker. All Ayes.

VISITORS:

- Nothing.

CITIZENS:

- Hainsview Phase 5 Ditch/Culvert: Residents from 700, 703, 705, 711, 714, 724, 720, 730 Colby Way, and 807 Mandy Lane were present to share their concerns with the process and the advised repairs asked of them. Solicitor Yaz Ashrawi was present to help navigate the discussion. Residents on Colby Way shared their concern with the rock removal, the cost encumbered, the developer initially approving, the developer selling the rock to them, and the developer removing the topsoil on the land to resale which caused issues with seeding and stabilization. Residents informed the rock was to help the ditches that the village owns. To remove the rock will revert back to poor ditches completed by developer. They also asked if they could have assistance or use rock to aid in maintaining the creek bank that runs along the back of their property. The creek flow is eating away land, it floods, and limits use of backyard. Residents were advised to reach out to LCSW and the ACOE for a list of what can and cannot be done with the stream. Council can assist with stressing concerns to those organizations, but Council requested that the residents contact the entities as well. Residents were advised that armoring around headwall to protect driveway culvert installation and to prevent wash out is okay. The solicitor advised upon being questioned, that within the Village Zoning Code there is a provision regarding what happens if there is violation of approved plans and what the penalty is. To violate is a misdemeanor criminal penalty. Residents asked if the builder or developer will be held accountable, and would the village support this? It was advised that the village wants the issues remedied. Going back to the EPA approved plans is the goal. Also mentioned in regards to some of the culverts in question, pertaining to houses built and positioned with driveways coming out onto streets not designed to the approved plans. Original complaint that caused the village assessment of culvert/ditches was standing water attracting mosquitos. Residents asked if this complaint is sufficient enough to follow the protocol the village is providing and requesting from specific residents as it is costing thousands of dollars. Will the village discuss the issues or have they with the developer? Is there any accountability for the developer and builders? Ditch system is laid out as intended. Stormwater run-off, the builder is accountable for. There are existing grading issues, these are minor issues. Who approved the ditches and grading was asked? The village did not have the oversight of ditching and grading. The builders and property owners were accountable for this. The village did have an evaluation list/punch list with the engineer (ADR) requesting their advisory before accepting. The acceptance of this development was not completed until late fall of 2023, soon after the village took action to mediate mosquito and flooding complaints in 2024. The village accepted the problem and are dealing with it accordingly. The additional survey completed by Smart Services had discrepancies. The developer being made accountable for grading was discussed. Developer has been contacted by a resident and developer would not remove the rock for residents however they would take the rock back, residents are aware that developer would just resale the rock to make an additional profit. Timeframe deadline for corrections has been pushed out by the village to October 1, 2025. The residents

asked if they get stamped engineering plans that their modifications work with village plans would this be ok? The village would have to review and accept, acceptance would be questionable, plans would need to be licensed stamped engineered plans with EPA approval. Individual meetings continue to be requested by residents. Zoning inspector advised that he and Sam can meet with individuals to discuss. NS pulled together a process workflow for addressing the issues. Sam Eppley with Verdantas will be working with village to verify culverts have been replaced correctly. Zoning Inspector and village engineer have worked through preparing a database to track all culvert replacement work. Hainsview Ph5 Survey & Analysis (ADR) distributed to residents as needed.

FIRE DEPT REPORT:

- 10 Runs in January.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- Form Base Code/ Update: Neighborhood Strategies provided a status update. Expected implementation date is 6-14-25. Architectural standards are being created. Two committee meetings need set.
- SS4A: Kickoff Meeting held Wed, Jan 22. Jacob's engineering has started preliminary analysis. Next meeting scheduled for March 26th.
- High/Hainsview TIP: timeline update provided. Traffic data collected during peak hours. Scenic and Hill Top Road traffic data has been considered in the data however not directly assessed due to outside the project boundary area. Growth rate of 31% has been approved. Current traffic issues are secondary to school pick up and drop off time. Discussion is needed between village and school in regards to modifying pick up and drop off. Next step is stakeholder meetings.

ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

- 1 Permit received for 2025. Sign permit from Family Dollar.
- Complaint received regarding semi-trucks being parked in the Family Dollar parking lot over night and on weekends. Parking lot ownership needs identified and owner needs notified.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- DAC notification. Solicitation to village mayors, township trustees, and commissioners to participate in their voting rights for local health dept board approval.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

- The bank statement for January 2025 has been reconciled and all money is accounted for.
- Year end 2024 is complete.
- Pickleball Courts: NS and Gieseler met with 3 LV seniors to listen to info regarding their Passion Projects which includes the installation of pickleball courts in the valley. Students discussed location, process, funding, and student surveys. Next step is to share information with Council for permission to investigate. If permitted, NS will reach out to the TJ Evans foundation to see if they have interest in purchasing Old Hanover Park ACOE property. They could then lease it to the village for \$1. Students will be asked to provide sustainability outline for project and to assist with obtaining funding. Village could administer the grant. Councilor Spaulding made a motion to move forward with investigating the opportunity to implement pickleball courts, second by Councilor Vogel, all ayes.
- Apparel sale is coming soon.
- W. High St Concept Design- RLOI will be posted 2/14/25. Submissions by mid March. Scoring committee needed.
- OPWC LVPP Phase 1 final project cost came in 80K under budget. Loan has been reduced to \$23K.
- Councilor Renicker made a motion to send the bills to finance, second by Councilor Wright, all ayes.
- Councilor Pierce made a motion to pay the bills, second by Councilor Renicker, all ayes.

FINANCE/CIP REPORT:

- Together We Grow Gardens: pending approval by school before presenting funding legislation to council.
- Public Works Superintendent position has been posted. Two people have shown interest. Deadline to submit is 2/14/25 by 4:00pm.

BPA REPORT:

- 51 customers in arrears, total of \$9,242.80.
- Gear box is under repair.
- Permit was not made in January due to weather, Joe Hickman is sending a letter to the EPA.

GROUND DIRECTOR REPORT:

- Trash contract: 6 bid solicitations sent out. Shackelford picked up package. Bid openings will take place March 12 @ council meeting.

ENGINEERING REPORT, VERDANTAS:

- OPWC Paving project LVPP Phase 1 closed out. Project photos requested. Budget for OPWC loan was \$104,660. Actual loan is \$23,744.96 (\$80,915 in loan savings).
- OPWC LVPP Phase 2- the district will submit the recommended projects to OPWC by Feb 21st. Distribution to those awarded by July 1.
- High/Hainsview TIP LIC-CR688-10.75: Traffic growth rate penciled in after meeting with LCATS and ODOT 2/11. Updated schedule will be released. Stakeholder involvement and Layout Exhibits are next step. Traffic study limits confirmed, Scenic Drive and Hilltop Drive not included.
- Safety Equipment grant opportunity available. Grant will restart July 1, 2025.
- Hanover Drainage Study Area 3 & 4: Submitted by ADR 2/6/25. ADR recommends creating two large storm sewers following the proposed Drainage Plan to assist in relieving the drainage issues in Areas 3 & 4. ADR also recommends implementing alternative V on Darla Dr. and the miscellaneous improvements in Phase 4. Total cost \$2.5M.
- North Main St- Manholes were investigated. They would benefit from adjustments and new concrete collars. Verdantas will reach out to contractors for pricing.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT:

- ODOT has plans to elongate the left turn lane at the 16/Licking Valley Rd intersection in 2026-27.
- LCSO: advised round bails in intersection of High St and Main St., needed removed.

STORM WATER REPORT:

- S. Main Drainage Repair: ADR-design have been completed and submitted to village. Contractors can be solicited.
- Hains Hill Drainage Repair: Layton has placed this as a priority project this spring.
- Councilor Wright will meet Ron Burnett with ADR to discuss stormwater history of village.
- MS4 Annual report complete.

LAW SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Nothing.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Nothing.

APPEALS BOARD:

- Nothing.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 5-2025 A resolution requesting the Licking County Commissioners lower the speed limit, in the northbound lane of South Main Street/Marne Road between Seven Hills Road and the Village speed limit sign to match the southbound lane speed limit (35mph) and declaring an emergency. Councilor Wright made a motion to waive the second and third readings, second by Councilor Spaulding. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- Yes, Wright – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Cost- Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes. 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 1-2025 An Ordinance making sewer-service charges a lien upon the corresponding realty and authorizing the village Wastewater Billing Administrator and the village Fiscal Officer to certify delinquent charges to the Licking County Auditor. 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 2-2025 An Ordinance to make the Permanent 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 Pierce 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 3-2025 The following Ordinance enacted by the Village of Hanover of Licking County, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the Local Public Agency (LPA). Being in the public interest, the LPA gives consent to the Director of Transportation to complete a feasibility study to identify preferred alternative(s) along High Street in the Village of Hanover, and declare an emergency.

Councilor Spaulding 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 Spaulding. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- Yes, Wright – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Cost- Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes.

Ordinance 4-2025 An Ordinance authorizing and directing Neighborhood Strategies to submit an application for the detail and design phase of the W. High Street Concept Design Project to the Rural and Tribal Grant Program offered through the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and Build America Bureau (Bureau) on behalf of the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Councilor Pierce 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 Spaulding 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.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Hale presented an opportunity for all to speak:

- Councilor Cost advised that Hainsview was driven for street light outages. Millie Lane cul-de-sac does not have a light, this is the reason for the darkness. A resident inquired about purchasing a water tap and plugging it until needed, Councilor Wright advised that once tapped they must connect and pay.
- Licking County Recycling Bins are being moved to Marne Church. Resident Don Flowers shared his disappointment in the move and noted how convenient the bins have been over the years in the centralized location of the village.

MAYOR'S MINUTE:

- Councilor Spaulding made a motion at 8:50 PM to move into execute session ORC 121.22(G3) Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject or pending or imminent court actions, second by Councilor Vogel. All Ayes.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Pierce, 2nd Councilor Spaulding at 9:30 PM. All Ayes.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Mayor Brandon Hale

Fiscal Officer Nicole D. Gieseler