

Village of Hanover
Council Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2025

Mayor Brandon Hale called the Village of Hanover Council Meeting to order at 6:45 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 March 26, 2025 meeting were reviewed and discussed. Being no further corrections or additions, a motion to accept the minutes was issued by Councilor Pierce, and 2nd by Councilor Spaulding. All Ayes.

VISITORS:

- Nothing.

CITIZENS:

- Nothing.

FIRE DEPT REPORT:

- 73 runs total. 10 Village, 20 mutual aid, 186 total runs for the year to date. Do not burn trash. Smokey fires irritate your neighbors and hinder people with health problems. 100K is needed for a new heart monitor. Current equipment has lived its shelf life.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- Public Hearing for zoning amendment took place this evening. NS were present to assist with discussion. Draft will be placed on website for public review and for comment.
- Reps from the village met with LCATS to discuss future plans as it pertains to roadways. NS will be presenting at LCATS in May.

ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:

- 8 Permit received for 2025.
- 2 violation cases. 180 Edith Dr- fence install without permit. 2861 E. High- sanitation complaint.
- Application received for an athletic court on Colby Way.

VILLAGE PLANNER REPORT: Neighborhood Strategies

- SS4A: Committee Meeting held 3/19. Progress is being made. LV Student Sam Busic assisted with data mapping. It was identified that weather has not a factor in crash records. Sam also assisted with new community youth engagement ideas, including but not limited to the school's podcast. Jacobs Engineering firm is analyzing historical traffic data and putting counter measures in place as the village grows so that we can maintain low crash rates. Next meeting is scheduled for April 23rd.

LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Nothing

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

- All money is accounted for the month of March and the bank statement has been reconciled.
- FO training Updates: NCA (new community authority), FO Labor & Employment Law, and Preparing for the Future. May 7th Fiscal Officer utility bootcamp training (for wastewater administration).
- Planning Next meeting @ county April 21st. More info to come.
- Village audit is scheduled for May 13 & 14th.
- Ryan Brown- Licking County Water and Wastewater will be at our next council meeting to give us a water project update.
- Together We Grow Gardens- garden meeting scheduled for those participating. Participants have their choice of two meeting time options, April 26th or April 30th.
- Future Meeting List and Project Timelines Updated. Our next finance meeting is scheduled for Wed May 7th. FO asked to move to 5/8 due to trainings and May election. Finance Committee agreed to move next monthly meeting to 5/8/25 at 12:00 noon.
- Councilor Wright made a motion to send the bills to finance, second by Councilor Renicker, all ayes.
- Councilor Spaulding made a motion to pay the bills, second by Councilor Wright, all ayes.

FINANCE/CIP REPORT:

- Finance committee met April 2nd. Many items have been postponed pending the street levy approval or denial on May 6th. Hickman road paving for FY26 is pending street levy approval.
- Permanent Budget for 2025 has been sent to the county auditor.
- Legislation available tonight for adoption: Together We Grow Gardens, Charles Brothers- Patch Paving.
- Software update: iWorQs will be further discussed pending street levy.

BPA REPORT:

- 45 customers behind for a total of \$9,426.
- Plant running well, permit made.
- Kruger company will be coming to do a plant evaluation. Estimated cost is \$4800.00
- Meadow Court sanitary sewer manhole cover needs looked at for repair since new asphalt was placed.

GROUND DIRECTOR REPORT:

- Yard sale day is set for Saturday June 7th.
- Currently scheduling a community rummage day, date TBD. Tentatively scheduled for the weekend following the yard sales.

ENGINEERING REPORT, VERDANTAS:

- High Street (Intersection) LIC-CR668-10.75: Field work for the topographic survey and boundary survey has been finalized along with processing of the topographic survey in the office. We will be wrapping up the processing of the boundary survey to finalize existing property information an existing right of way in the next few days. Our team is currently in the process of completing the feasibility layout of the roundabout over the existing survey information and will be sharing in the near future as we progress in having the stakeholder meeting. Stakeholder meetings to be scheduled. The traffic study is still progressing, and we have had additional conversations with LCATS. The modelers are working on the traffic projects as it relates to the growth pattern and your zoning update. Traffic study limits are to be confirmed with 143 Engineers, and what roads were reviewed by Verdantas "Scenic Drive is included since it is across from Panther Drive. Hilltop Drive is not."
- Hanover Drainage Study Area 3 & 4 Report (ADR): Meeting with ADR scheduled for April 30th. The total estimated cost of this alternative is \$2,599,670 for Phase 1 through Phase 4.
- Safety Intervention Grant: Safety Equipment 3-to-1 matching grant, up to a maximum grant award of \$40,000 for each three-year eligibility cycle. This means BWC gives \$3 for every \$1 the employer contributes. The grant will restart on July 1, 2025. Possible items: Temporary (portable) traffic signals, snow plowing, scissor lifts, Lift gates for trucks.
- Hains Hill Drive Storm Improvements: West side will be finished up end of this week. Eric Hains driveway culvert is the last piece. This Friday the catch basin on Eric Hill Dr. will be set, and Layton expects to be 80% done with the east side by end of next week. They are actively seeding down the west side now, and will continue working completing that as well as adding straw bale ditch checks as needed.
- Hainsview Ph 5 – Ditch Drainage: Rex is working to coordinate times with residents for a walkthrough.
- High St. Settling – LAW provided an estimate to perform asphalt infrared heat repairs on ditch line settlement areas (Approximately 18 heats in total) including necessary traffic control = \$7,500.00
- 2024 Paving review: 242 Sunset Drive asphalt edge and firehouse asphalt edge for crumbling. Both locations appeared to happen at the transition from asphalt to gravel, which often results in break offs due to the differing types of material. Ponding observed at Meadow Drive but appeared to have dried up in a couple hours
- Reviewed County repair work on Ramp Creek bridge and work appeared to be done well. The location on the opposite of the street should early signs of the same issue occurring, and this will need monitored if erosion begins.
- High St. Catch Basin needs mortared around pipe entering catch basin near the Jennings & Meister property.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

- 10 -55 gal bags of trash and 14 tires removed from road side.
- Storm drains cleaned prior to storm. Met with Trenton Miller and replaced storm grate.
- Removed pine tree on Hains Hill Drive, asked if tree on opposite side of road needs removed, Council agreed to remove it as it is in the ROW. Councilor Pierce will let homeowner know.
- Started the process of removing matting from W. High St Sidewalk Project. Dumpster needed. Councilor Wright agreed to get dumpster.
- Hains Hill Drainage Repair Project: asked Council to consider repairing stormwater easement near Kronkokos property.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Retention area in Phase 5 is being played in. Needs addressed.
- Paving estimate received for patch paving. Would like Council to consider moving forward.

STORM WATER REPORT:

- Stormwater Analysis Areas 3 & 4: Meeting set for 4/30 for review.

LAW SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Nothing.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Nothing.

APPEALS BOARD:

- Nothing.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance 8-2025 An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute a contract with Charles Brothers Asphalt for the purpose of road resurfacing for 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 Spaulding. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- Yes, Wright – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Cost- Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes. Councilor Renicker 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 9-2025 An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute a contract with LAW General Contracting for the purpose of manhole casting adjustments for the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Councilor Spaulding 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 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 10-2025 AN ORDINANCE TO CONTRIBUTE UP TO FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN FUNDING TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY GARDEN OPERATED BY TOGETHER WE GROW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 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 Renicker. Vote by Roll Call: Pierce- Yes, Wright – Yes, Vogel – Yes, Cost- Yes, Renicker – Yes, Spaulding – Yes.

Ordinance 11-2025 An Ordinance amending the method of distribution of the retainer fee for the services provided by the Public Works services (“Public Works Contract”) 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 Cost. 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 Renicker. 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 Wright received an inquiry from the fence installer of the Edith Drive. Individual was referred to Zoning Inspector.
- 2025 River Round Up is recommended to take place in the Rocky Fork Creek again between Wolford Road bridge and Hanover bridge. Cost advises ok to access the creek through their Darla Drive property.

MAYOR’S MINUTE:

- FO Gieseler forwarded the WID committee formation announcement. Mayor Hale asked Council to review the email for consideration.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Spaulding, 2nd Councilor Pierce at 8:36 PM. All Ayes.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Mayor Brandon Hale

Fiscal Officer Nicole D. Gieseler