

Village of Hanover
Council Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2025

Mayor Brandon Hale called the Village of Hanover council meeting to order at 6:30PM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Minutes:

- The minutes of the August 27th, 2025 meeting were reviewed and discussed. With no further corrections or additions, a motion to accept the minutes was issued by Councilor Vogel and seconded by Councilor Renicker. All Ayes.

Visitors/Citizens:

- None

Fire Dept. Report:

- Total of 54 runs in August. Hanover Twp. 22, Hanover Village 15, Perry Twp. 6. 11 mutual aid.
- Mayor Hale informed Council that Hanover Village Fire Dept. paid to have the hot water heater repaired. Mayor Hale also spoke with Brian Spellman regarding generator being in service mode. Councilor Spaulding confirmed she spoke with Brian and schedule the service appointment for Monday, Hanover Village Fire will cover the cost.

Letters and Correspondence:

- None

Planning & Development:

- President Molnar stated a great meeting was held tonight. Updated zoning code has been received by Planning & Development.

Village Planner: Neighborhood Strategies

- Design Guidelines:
 - A meeting was held on September 8, 2025 to finish review of landscaping standards. Draft lighting standards was given to the group for review at our next meeting on September 22, 2025 at 6pm.
 - Considering changing document name to Development Standards as it covers more than just aesthetic design.
- Rural & Tribal Assistance (RTA) Grant:
 - A grant application for \$2,002,500 was submitted within 4 minutes of the application window opening on September 8, 2025. No match money is needed for this program. Clarifying an earlier comment by Jim, the funds are NOT available for capital costs such

as construction or right of way purchase. The full application text has been delivered to the Village.

- ODNR 2025 Urban Forestry Grant:
 - A grant application for \$99,120 was submitted to Ohio DNR Urban Tree Grant's program. The application included in-kind time from the village in the amount of \$22,100. The full application text has been delivered to the Village.
- Zoning Code:
 - A draft revision to Section 1002 Private Swimming Pools has been presented to the Village. This draft removes ponds and lakes from the definition of pools. The draft does not remove fencing requirements for pools.
 - Map #3 (Page 218) was inadvertently placed in the zoning code. A replacement page has been printed, and the digital zoning code has been updated.
- SS4A:
 - A committee meeting was held on August 27, 2025, where initial survey data was reviewed and preliminary countermeasures were discussed.
 - The SS4A Safety Action Plan open house is scheduled for Sept 17: 6-8pm in Village Office which will include self-guided reading and giving input facilitated by NS and Jacobs staff.
 - Steph and Jim are also working on finalizing key stakeholder groups/participants to start scheduling those discussions for input.
- High Street Concept:
 - Our internal kickoff with Structurepoint is scheduled for September 12th, at 11AM.
- Subdivision Regulations:
 - Our team is reviewing to determine the best course of action to update the Village's subdivision regulations given the new zoning code and draft design guidelines/development standards.

Zoning Inspectors Report:

- None

Fiscal Officer Report:

- The August 2025 bank statement has been reconciled and all money is accounted for.
- We have received our first SS4A reimbursement for project cost that is beyond the \$30K match which was approx. \$51K.
- Councilor Renicker made a motion to send the bills to finance, second by Councilor Wright, all ayes.
- Councilor Spaulding made a motion to pay the bills, second by Councilor Vogel, all ayes.

Finance Report:

- First SIB loan payment was paid. Every year until the end of term two payments will be made. We may want to consider paying additional money to reduce the amount of interest that is paid out over the term of the loan.
- Fiscal Officer Gieseler exploring potential options to earn higher rates at other financial institutions and also less fee charges.

BPA:

- 56 customers behind for a total of \$12,447.14.
- Plant is running well

- Had to pull #1 pump from the S Main St. lift station two different days due to having a mop head in the pump causing it to lock up.
- Diverter gate is to be delivered Friday. Hope to get it installed and running early next week.

Grounds Report:

- Councilor Spaulding asked who would cover the cost of annual A/C checkup. Mayor Hale stated due to small fee, Village of Hanover will cover. Councilor Spaulding confirmed she would schedule the appointment for the A/C.
- Mayor Hale received complaint regarding down trees behind Subway. Trees are not on Village property or Village right of way. There was a call to Rex to see if there were any zoning violations. The responsibility with tree removal lies with the property owner. (maybe)

PW Report: Tyler Flowers

- None

Engineers Report: Verdantas

- None

Street Committee:

- E. High St. complaint of high weeds blocking the view of road. Rex has been in contact with owner, no update as of today.
- Mayor Hale reached out to Structurepoint requesting an update on water project. Receiving resident concerns with plates and gravel section. Miller Pipeline was being sent to add additional gravel. Licking Valley concerned with equipment being left and in way of after school activities. Additional concern of when seeding will be done.

Stormwater Report:

- Eric Dr. tree removed. Several others that are needed but would like to know if we are getting tree grant.
- No major update on Hains Hill. Different employee from Layton will be taking over project and should be starting tomorrow.
- River Round Up took place over the weekend. Did not have as many people as hoped for.
- 621 S. Main resident call regarding drainage issue from neighbor property. Explained to resident that Village does not get involved with property owner to property owner unless there is some type of stormwater easement or right of way in the area. Sam Eppley confirming if Village should have involvement or not.

Grievance:

- None

BZA:

- None

Legislation

Ordinance: 33-2025 An ordinance providing for additional estimated revenue for the Village of Hanover for the calendar year 2025 and declaring an emergency. Councilor Vogel made a motion to waive the second and third reading, second by Councilor Cost. 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.

New/Old Business:

- Councilor Vogel invited anyone on Councilor to join her and Shannon Walker with Walker Promotions to a meeting being held at Licking Valley High School with Beth Adkins and her students regarding Hometown Heroes. Looking to create a collaboration with the Village.

Mayor's Minute:

- None

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Wright, second by Councilor Spaulding at 7:04PM. All Ayes.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Mayor Brandon Hale

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Fiscal Officer Nicole D. Gieseler