

Village of Hanover
Council Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2026

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

Appointment of Council Members: Brett Wright, Stephen Cost, Carolyn Sue Spaulding, and Justin Galigher sworn in.

Appointment of Board of Public Affairs: William Michael Spaulding sworn in.

Roll Call:

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

Councilor Wright made a motion to excuse the absence of Councilor Renicker, second by Councilor Spaulding.

Minutes:

- The minutes of the December 10th, 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 Cost. All Ayes.

Visitors/Citizens:

- Josh Stewart, LV graduate presented the idea to Council of adopting a Village Flag. Mr. Stewart presented several designs he created each with idea of the Village past culture and heritage. Council encouraged Mr. Stewart to meet with locals and visit the Heritage Society before Council moves forward.

Fire Dept. Report:

- 14 Village of Hanover, 2 Hanover Twp., 11 Perry Twp., and 7 mutual aide totaling 53.
- Fire Dept. recently signed to purchase a new squad from Braun. They are able to get the squad completed by end of year vs. 2-3 year wait times. Squad is built for 15-year use time. Current squads have high miles and hours.

Letters and Correspondence:

- None

Planning & Development:

- President Molnar attending LCATS meeting on January 13, 2026 where Neighborhood Strategies presented on the current planning and transportation plans in the Village.
- Alexander Schuler with Strand Associates presented to Planning & Development the potential for future funding opportunities with the help of Strand Associates. They primarily work with

small communities to go out and find funding that may be available. Strand Associates is located in Columbus with offices across the mid-west.

Village Planner: Neighborhood Strategies

- Development Standards: Final draft delivered on January 5th, 2026. Draft resolution of adoption has been provided. Any comments should be addressed to Stephanie as soon as possible.
- Rural & Tribal Grant (RTA): A grant application for \$2,002,500 was submitted. Anticipated award notification is January 2026.
- ODNR Urban Forestry Grant: A kickoff meeting with ODNR representatives is scheduled for January 20th, 2026 at 11AM.
- SS4A: Final draft has been reviewed and approved by FHWA as of December 19th, 2025. Open house at Village Hall is January 27th, 2026, 6PM.
- High Street Concept: A summary map of the charrette has been produced and sent to the steering committee. Two meetings with Structure point have occurred to begin the visualization process. The first public meeting is scheduled for March 16th, 2026, 6PM.
- Zoning: Working with Rex Adkins to update the fee schedule and build needed applications for iWorq program.
- LCATS Presentation: Neighborhood Strategies presented to LCATS Policy Committee on January 13th about the planning and transportation plans completed and underway in the Village.
- Regional Cooperation: Hanover Township Zoning Commission has set a public meeting for February 23rd at 7PM for their zoning resolution. Madison Township approved their revised zoning code on January 13th, 2026.

Zoning Inspectors Report:

- Iworq progress is continuing and the current goal is to have it go live for residents by end of February.
- 2025 Year End Report:
 - Total zoning permit applications received, 43
 - Zoning/property code complaints, 20. 15 of the 20 closed, 5 still pending
 - Storm water issues in Hainsview Phase 5 are nearly all resolved after notifying property owners. 7 properties still have pending culvert pipe size issues.
 - Updated zoning code drafted, presented to Planning & Development and passed by Council in July.
 - New software program, Iworq's approved by Council and implementation started. Should be live in February.
 - Updated and created several zoning permit applications to follow the new zoning code and comply with the Iworq software.
 - Worked with Neighborhood Strategies, Jim Lenner to update the Village Fee Schedule. Completed and passed by Council.
 - Completed State EPA audit on MS\$ permit with only minor issue noted but did not result in any fees.

Fiscal Officer Report:

- Councilor Spaulding made a motion to send the bills to finance, second by Councilor Vogel, all ayes.

- Councilor Wright made a motion to pay the bills, second by Councilor Cost, all ayes.
- All funds for the month of December have been accounted for, and the bank statement has been successfully reconciled.
- 2025 financial books have been closed.
- The 2025 Financial Statement has been submitted to the Auditor of State
- The ORC required public notice stating the annual financial reports for 2025 have been completed and submitted to the Auditor of State has been requested to be published in the Newark Advocate at earliest convenience
- LCATS membership dues have been paid.
- RITA will be sending out notification post cards in January letting residents know that the village has instituted the 1% across the board, credit has been removed.
- Licking County Recycling has reported that they have collected over 4.5 million pounds of material for the county. Hanover alone collected 202,120 lbs. In comparison Granville Twp. collected 78,951 while Etna Twp. collected 178,080.

Finance Report:

- January Finance meeting canceled. Next meeting February 4th, 2026 at 6PM.

BPA:

- 51 customers behind for a total of \$8,179.20.
- Plant running well, all levels are good. No update on vacant BPA opening.

Grounds Report:

- None

PW Report:

- Busy keeping up with winter weather. City of Newark brought more salt to replace what has been used so far.

Engineers Report: Verdantas

- High Street (Intersection) LIC-CR668-10.75
 - Verdantas has prepared an alternative for the village review. Upon our own internal review, we are proposing to shift the current north by 8'-10'. The next step is to have a stakeholders meeting with the school district over the preferred option. A subsequent public meeting will be held. Public notice will need sent out one month in advance.
- Water Main Installation (Structurepoint)
 - Verdantas has verified that storz fittings are not currently planned, but Structure point is willing to work through having them added to village hydrants.
- S. Main Storm Improvements
 - Plans are stamped by ADR. Tyler Flowers to complete work this year.
- OEPA Audit
 - Violation letter was sent on 01/05/26 from OEPA to the Village as well as a suggestion letter.
 - Verdantas is working through identifying parties responsible for ensuring items are addressed from OEPA's letter.
- OPWC Grant - (paving and storm) were submitted by Verdantas

- OPWC grant scoring has been delayed due to the new District 17 liaison. The Delaware County Regional Planning Commission is the new liaison and the scoring process is just beginning. The anticipated scoring process should be completed by mid-February.
- Updates
 - Engineering assessment is ongoing for the Hainsview Ph5 Sanitary Sewer camera work. Initial draft report is complete and is under review.
 - 808 Mandy Lane, 810 Mandy Lane, 823 Mandy Lane,
 - 907 Audrey Lane culverts needs reviewed by Rex Adkins.
- Action Items
 - Event Center – Meeting needs to take place with owner, Sam Eppley, Justin, & Tyler Flowers
 - Lower Village Paving Ph1 – Cracks on Darla and New Home still have section of cracks. This has been communicated to Shelly, but due to weather not addressed.
 - Work with Jim Lenner to develop tree standards in January or February.

Street Committee:

- None

Stormwater Report:

- S. Main repair will be put off until Spring

Grievance:

- None

BZA:

- None

Legislation

- Resolution 1-2026: A resolution transferring funds within the 100 General Fund to pay the outstanding debt payments for the 2026 fiscal year ending December 31, 2026 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 reading, second by Councilor Wright. Councilor Cost made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Spaulding. Vote by roll call: Wright-Yes, Galigher-Yes, Vogel-Yes, Cost-Yes, Renicker-Absent, Spaulding-Yes.
- Resolution 2-2026: A resolution of the Council of the Village of Hanover, Licking County, Ohio, determining to proceed with submitting the question of a 3.0 mills additional tax levy for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, and constructing streets to the ballot for the May 5, 2026 election; and declaring an emergency. Councilor Vogel made a motion to waive the second and third reading, second by Councilor Galigher. Councilor Spaulding made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Cost. Vote by roll call: Wright-Yes, Galigher-Yes, Vogel-Yes, Cost-Yes, Renicker-Absent, Spaulding-Yes.
- Resolution 3-2026: A resolution of the Council of the Village of Hanover, Licking County, Ohio, determining to proceed with submitting the question of a 1.0 mill renewal tax levy for fire protection and emergency medical services purposes to the ballot for the May 5, 2026 election; and declaring an emergency. Councilor Spaulding made a motion to waive the second and third

reading, second by Councilor Cost. Councilor Vogel made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Wright. Vote by roll call: Wright-Yes, Galigher-Yes, Vogel-Yes, Cost-Yes, Renicker-Absent, Spaulding-Yes.

- Ordinance 52-2025: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute a contract with JD Johnson Sales & Service for warning siren service for the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio. -Second Reading
- Ordinance 1-2026: 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, 2026.-First Reading
- Ordinance 2-2026: An Ordinance amending Ordinance 50-2025 to include the monthly retainer fee for web hosting services provided by The Cherubini Company 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 reading, second by Councilor Cost. Councilor Wright made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Galigher. Vote by roll call: Wright-Yes, Galigher-Yes, Vogel-Yes, Cost-Yes, Renicker-Absent, Spaulding-Yes.
- Ordinance 3-2026: 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. -First Reading
- Ordinance 4-2026: An Ordinance amending Ordinance 53-2025 and authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute a contract with Mike Spaulding for mowing services 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 reading, second by Councilor Cost. Councilor Vogel made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Galigher. Vote by roll call: Wright-Yes, Galigher-Yes, Vogel-Yes, Cost-Yes, Renicker-Absent, Spaulding-Abstain.
- Ordinance 5-2026: An ordinance of the Village of Hanover, Licking County, Ohio, adopting the Village of Hanover safe streets and roads for all (SS4A) safety action plan. -First Reading
- Ordinance 6-2026: An Ordinance of the Village of Hanover, Licking County, Ohio, adopting Vision Zero as a community safety goal and affirming commitment to The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan. –First Reading
- Ordinance 7-2026: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter an agreement with City of Newark for wastewater sludge disposal processing services for the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio, an declaring an emergency. Councilor Cost made a motion to waive the second and third reading, second by Councilor Galigher. Councilor Wright made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Vogel. Vote by roll call: Wright-Yes, Galigher-Yes, Vogel-Yes, Cost-Yes, Renicker-Absent, Spaulding-Yes

New/Old Business:

- None

Mayor's Minute:

- Carl Haines reached out to Mayor Hale to request a meeting regarding future housing development within the Village. Development drawing was shared with Planning & Development and Council showing an estimated 147 new builds near Legacy Park. Mayor Hale reminded Mr. Haines that it does not go with the current development standards and

zoning codes. Developer MI Homes have also been in contact with Village Officials and are aware of restrictions to this area. Plans are prelim and present several concerns such as traffic, roads being added in, parcel size, sewer infrastructure and water. Mayor, President Molnar, Jim Lenner, Sam Epply, Rex Adkins will schedule a meeting to review what is and is not allowed for a development.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Wright, second by Councilor Vogel at 8:23PM. All Ayes.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Mayor Brandon Hale

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Fiscal Officer Nicole D. Gieseler