

Village of Hanover
Council Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2026

Mayor Brandon Hale called the Village of Hanover council meeting to order at 6:38PM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Minutes:

- The minutes of the February 11, 2026 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 Spaulding. All Ayes.

Councilor Vogel made a recommendation to appoint Brandon Collins to Council. Vote by roll call: Wright-Yes, Vogel-Yes, Cost-Yes, Galigher-Yes, Spaulding-Yes.

Visitors/Citizens:

- Resident, Leigh Morgan expressed concern to Council regarding several situations of trespassing she has recently experienced on her property. Also concern of progress/work being done at trailer park that seems additional lots are being added. Two new gravel pads added and trailer moved. Rex Adkins, Zoning Director was made aware on February 14th, 2026 and visited the site on February 15th, 2026. Rex took pictures of the new pads and showed to Council. Rex sent an immediate cease-and-desist via email to four of the owners, hard copy was also mailed to address on file with the Licking County Auditor for the property and a hard copy was taken to the mobile home park office. Mayor Hale also called mobile home park owner, Dacar Chen on Sunday February 15th, voicemail was left that he was not permitted to continuing any work until the Village was contacted and plans submitted. Mayor received a call from Bryan Wang on Tuesday, February 17th, stating no additional pads were being added, but they were only prepping area for new trailer being brought in and cleaning up.

Fire Dept. Report:

- Mayor Hale requested that Brian Spellman take a fire truck to Eric Dr. and confirm if they are able to take a fire truck through with the cars parked on the road. Spellman confirmed all cul-de-sacs are tight with fire trucks but any additional cars parked make it impassable. Per Mayor Hale, this confirms concern with snow plow trucks, school buses, and emergency vehicles.
- Six members actively in EMT school, seven person waiting list get in part-time.

Letters and Correspondence:

- Resident at 2366 W. High St. reached out regarding flooding on property that is backing up into basement, looking for clarification on who is responsible for solving the problem. Councilor

Galigher stopped at resident's home but resident was not there. Responded via email, Sam Village Engineer is going to look into a solution for the resident.

Planning & Development:

- None

Village Planner: Neighborhood Strategies

- None

Zoning Inspectors Report:

- Zoning Director, Rex provided a draft parking ordinance to Council to review and discuss at next meeting.

Fiscal Officer Report:

- None

Finance Report:

- None

BPA:

- None

Grounds Report:

- Councilor Spaulding received call on logs being dumped in the park. Individual responsible for dumping did clean everything up.
- Signs ordered for park to state no dumping.

PW Report:

- One 8 ton of salt delivered last week, doing good on current salt supply but using carefully knowing the state is under a shortage.
- Call received on February 18th, from the Licking County Highway Garage stating they witnessed a dump trailer and truck dump logs in grass area. Witness was able to obtain license plate details to provide the Sheriff's dept. Sheriff department was called and report filed. Deputy was able to contact local tree care company responsible for the dumping and required they clean the logs up immediately.
- Call from Hanover Township Trustee, Pat Simpson regarding tree that had broken off on Hainsview Dr. near the school. LV FFA, had moved the tree out of the road.
- Resident at 2778 E. High St called about water during recent rain storm. New drainage around resident's home did work but had a video of the water coming down E. High St along the road and running to his property. Tyler informed Councilor Galigher and Village Engineer, Sam and will set up time to review.

Engineers Report: Verdantas

- None

Street Committee:

- Councilor Wright received two calls over the last two days regarding the 1% credit removal from upset residents.

Stormwater Report:

- None

Grievance:

- None

BZA:

- None

Legislation

Resolution:

- Resolution 04-2026: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO ESTABLISH AN ISC MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT WITH PARK NATIONAL BANK ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF HANOVER, LICKING COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Councilor Spaulding made a motion to waive the second and third reading, second by Councilor Galigher. Councilor Vogel made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Cost. Vote by roll call: Wright-Yes, Vogel-Yes, Cost-Yes, Galigher-Yes, Collins-Yes, Spaulding-Yes.

Ordinance:

- Ordinance 08-2026: Councilor Spaulding made a recommendation to table the third reading until the next meeting on March 11th, 2026. Second by Councilor Wright. Vote by roll call: Wright-Yes, Vogel-Yes, Cost-Yes, Galigher-Yes, Collins-Yes, Spaulding-Yes.

New/Old Business:

- Councilor Vogel gave an update on Hometown Heroes, looking to use telephone poles down High St. Working with LV teacher, Beth Adkins to work through details of banner size.
- Councilor Collins thanked the Mayor and Councilor for the opportunity.

Mayor’s Minute:

- Mayor attended Hanover Twp. Meeting on Monday, February 23rd. Representative Kevin Miller was there speaking to residents. House Bill 28 will eliminate the verbiage of renewal from the ballot when it comes to putting a levy on the ballot. Also discussed the removal of property tax. Mayor Hale strongly encourages everyone to educate themselves and do their own research on what that will entail for the future before making a decision.
- Village Engineer, Sam Eppley provided estimated numbers on creating updated sub division regulations. Roughly \$20K-\$30K, will be discussed at next finance meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Vogel, second by Councilor Cost at 8:15PM. All Ayes.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Mayor Brandon Hale

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Fiscal Officer Nicole D. Gieseler