

Village of Hanover
Council Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2026

Mayor Brandon Hale called the Village of Hanover council meeting to order at 6:39PM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Minutes:

- The minutes of the February 25, 2026 meeting were reviewed and discussed. With no further corrections or additions, a motion to accept the minutes was issued by Councilor Spaulding and seconded by Councilor Vogel. All Ayes.

Visitors/Citizens:

- None

Fire Dept. Report:

- Hanover Twp. 18, Hanover 10, Perry Twp. 6, Mutual 2, totaling 36

Letters and Correspondence:

- None

Planning & Development:

- President Molnar gave update from Planning & Development meeting. LCATS presented drone footage from Licking Valley morning school drop off traffic. LCATS going to record afternoon traffic and present at a later meeting. Zoning Director, Rex Adkins gave walkthrough on resident side and Village for the new iWorq's system.

Village Planner: Neighborhood Strategies

- Open House, March 16th at 6PM, Licking Valley High School for the High St. study.
- Capital Request have been sent to Representative Miller and Senator Schaffer.
- No update on RTA grant
- Meeting held with Carl Hains, Mayor Hale, Rex Adkins, Brett Wright, Jim Lenner, and Sam Epply to review comprehensive plan and zoning regarding new builds. Mr. Hains invited M/I Homes to attend; they were unable to attend. Rex Adkins reached out to Steve Peck at M/I Homes, per Steve he did receive and review the comp plan & zoning regulations. Steven also confirmed they would meet with Village but not until a contract has been signed with Mr. Hains.

Zoning Inspectors Report:

- A few permits have been entered into iWorq's and expecting several others next week.

- Parking ordinance example was provided last meeting, and opened up discussion to Council for feedback. Councilor Vogel suggested only restricting parking within the cul-de-sacs. This will help with the primary issue. Majority of Council agreed. Rex will update the example and prepare legislation for the next meeting. Mayor Hale stated this will also help save money on the purchase of signs.
- Current update on mobile home park, after discussion with Village attorney a final warning was sent to the owners of the mobile home park. Warning addressed two issues including the trailer being renovated and removing the extra pad. Mayor Hale has only been able to get in contact with 1 of the owners, Bryan Wang. Village will continue to keep a close eye on progress to ensure nothing additional is added.

Fiscal Officer Report:

- February bank statement has been reconciled and all money is accounted for.
- Councilor Vogel 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 Cost, all ayes.

Finance Report:

- Finance meeting was held last night, March 10th. Primary conversation covered the future forecast. Property tax was removed to identify the impact of the revenue loss. By 2032 the carryover balance without the property tax starts to take significant impact.
- Street levy is set for the spring ballot.
- Also reviewed money to be set aside for sub division regulations if needed.

BPA:

- 22 customers in arrears for a total of \$5,752.00
- Plant running well
- Shaft in the gearbox for the auger is broken, parts have been ordered.
- All Star Septic hauled the sludge this month with no problems. We will have them haul next round to see how it goes.

Grounds Report:

- No dumping signs have been delivered and will be put up in the park.

PW Report:

- Spent 10-12 hours cleaning up trash from major ditches, estimated 5 front end loader buckets. Something that has to be done to ensure water flow will maintain and not back up. By Valley Blvd. large stick stuck in manhole, has been removed.
- Sink hole reported at 2838 E. High St as a sanitary manhole leak but determined it is not sanitary, there is a drain tile beside it and likely small hole in tile. River rock placed in there and is being monitored. No settling since rock has been added.
- Two tires and car hood removed from ditch on E. High St.
- Pothole in front of Hanover Pizza was filled.
- Trash cleaned up at retention pond near Phase 5, resident removed rocks from catch basin but front culvert was dammed with rocks and a storage container slide in. Water would not have been able to flow during heavy rain.

- A lot of trash building up in phase 5 ditches that is going to cause them to back up when heavy water attempts to flow. Would be beneficial to have resident help with trash clean up.
- Coming down Hainsview Dr., water is being backed up to the stop sign but due to no culvert in resident's driveway and causing water to flow through yard and around the house.
- Past Conn Dr. at next waterway spent nearly 3 hours clearing out rock from ditch that washed out from residents' property. 3ft of water backed up due to rock.
- Bushes trimmed at Village Office to clean up front entrance.

Engineers Report: Verdantas

- High St.: The meeting with the school district and village on 3/2 was held. It was beneficial in clarifying each party's preliminary schedules, and the school district has full buy-in on the proposed layout.
- Water Main Installation (Structurepoint): Shane Spencer the president of the LVLLB association (and Shane is also a water distribution engineer) was asked by Structurepoint about the proposed 3/4" water service to the 2522-2716 W High St. ballfields. Shane said no service was needed as they are in floodplain and have no plans to ever have a permanent structure to service. Non-performing this water service line needs approved by the village. Ryan Brown has stated that it is not in the County's budget to pay for Storz fittings. He is willing to work on determining pricing. Brian Spellman (Fire Chief) has stated it is not in their budget to pay for these fittings.
- OEPA Audit: In response to the violation letter, Verdantas has completed an initial draft of ordinances for illicit discharge, stormwater management, and erosion control for the village's review. FBT Gibbons is providing a legal review of the proposed ordinances, and their review is ongoing. Christina Wieg with FBT Gibbons would like to schedule a call with the village.
- OPWC Grant (Paving & Storm): OPWC has communicated that they made an error in their earlier statements. The village was not awarded the OPWC grant, but it is being recommended by district 17 for the Small Government funding. This development is quite unusual, and Verdantas is working through the potential appeal procedures that the village may have available. Proposal has been sent to the village for the engineering work on the project.
- Updates:
 - Engineering assessment is ongoing for the Hainsview Ph5 Sanitary Sewer camera work. Report has been delivered to village for review. FBT Gibbons is providing a legal review of the report and what options the village has available moving forward.
 - Work with Jim Lenner to develop subdivision regulations & tree standards. Initial fee estimate has been provided to the village, Verdantas is working on a formal proposal.
 - Review of front yard drainage at 2366 West High Street indicated that it drains to the rear of the owner's property.
 - Provided plats and exhibits to Tyler Flowers for drainage information for the front yard of 2838 E High Street
- 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 prepare TIF and JEDD education material.

Street Committee:

- Drew Gibson reached out with pricing on 13 tree replacements. Estimate of \$5,135.00 given. Jim Lenner confirmed those cost will be covered under the Tree Grant.
- Jeff Redman, owner of storage units called to see if Council would have interest in purchasing. At one point, it was discussion that potentially Village could use for a Village Hall. Building likely not ideal for office space.

Stormwater Report:

- Councilor Galigher will be attending MS4 meeting on Friday, 03/13 on behalf of the Village.

Grievance:

- None

BZA:

- None

Legislation

Ordinance:

- Ordinance 08-2026: An Ordinance adopting the Hanover Village Center Development Standards and establishing them as part of the regulatory framework for development within the Village Center District. Councilor Spaulding made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Vogel. Vote by roll call: Wright-Yes, Vogel-Yes, Cost-Yes, Galigher-Yes, Collins-Yes, Spaulding-Yes.

New/Old Business:

- Councilor Cost and Hanover Twp. Trustee Pat Simpson went through and located all lights that were out throughout the Village. Able to get all replaced except one located at S. Main & Marne Rd. 4 of 6 that needed repaired with Energy Coop are still out on Hainsview. Follow up with Energy Coop was sent.

Mayor's Minute:

- Mayor Hale would like to see 2nd meeting of the month be focused primarily on legislation unless something additional should be requested by committee members. Would still like to do a round table but keep the agenda short.
- Mayor Hale thanked all who were involved in the setup of iWorqs.
- Mayor Hale thanked resident Leigh Morgan for all her communication and information regarding mobile home park.
- Mayor Hale thanked Hanover Twp. Trustee, Pat Simpson for his continued meeting attendance and collaboration with the Village.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Collins, second by Councilor Cost at 8:19PM. All Ayes.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Mayor Brandon Hale

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Fiscal Officer Nicole D. Gieseler