

Village of Hanover
Council Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2026

Mayor Brandon Hale called the Village of Hanover council meeting to order at 6:35PM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Cost.

Minutes:

- The minutes of the January 28th, 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.

Visitors/Citizens:

- Licking Valley Schools Director of Transportation, Mickie Archer expressed concern to Council that the cul-de-sac parking in Hainsview, specially Eric Dr. is preventing the school buses from being able to pick students up. There are normally 5-7 cars parked around which does not allow for the bus to turn around. LV Schools would like to prevent having students walk to a pick up spot down the street but if the bus is not able to safely enter and leave the cul-de-sac that may be the only option. Mayor Hale let Mickie know this has been a concern with the snow plow truck drivers as well and the Village is actively looking for options such as no parking or limited parking during certain hours. Mayor Hale also going to speak with Chief Spellman regarding concern of emergency personnel being able to access the area too.

Fire Dept. Report:

- Hanover Twp. 27, Hanover 14, Perry Twp. 20, mutual aide 8 totaling 69 for the month of January.

Letters and Correspondence:

- Mayor Hale received email regarding who is responsible for sidewalk clearing. Resident was concerned with students walking on road to school because sidewalks are not passable. Per Ohio duty, landowner is not responsible for natural snow fall removal, but they would be responsible when clearing driveways and creating large piles of snow that make the sidewalk impassable.

Planning & Development:

- President Dave Molnar updated Council on Planning & Development meeting, nothing major on the agenda tonight. Members did have general discussion at end of meeting that time will

be allotted on the agenda to review day to day operations, maintenance and current projects in addition to future planning.

Village Planner: Neighborhood Strategies

- Development Standards: We held a meeting with Rex to discuss cross references and editing of the document on February 10th. 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 Assistance (RTA) Grant: A grant application for \$2,002,500 was submitted. Original anticipated award notification was January 2026. No word yet on this application.
- ODNR Urban Forestry Grant: A kickoff meeting with ODNR representatives is scheduled January 20th, 2026 at 11am. The meeting did not go as planned due to ODNR's staff not agreeing to what was approved in the grant application.
- SS4A: The final draft has been reviewed and approved by FHWA as of December 19th, 2025. The open house was held on January 27th, 2026 at 6:00pm with approximately 20 people attending. Final report is being drafted and will be submitted to the Village and Federal Highway.
- High Street Concept Plan: We continue to work with Structurepoint to refine road alignments and typical sections as well as visualizations for the open house. The 2nd committee meeting is scheduled for March 2nd, 2026. The first public meeting is scheduled for March 16th, 2026 at 6:00pm.
- Zoning: Provided Rex with a zoning application for the Village Center District.

Zoning Inspectors Report:

- Two permits in the last few days. Those will be processed and enter into iWorq's.
- iWorq's set up is complete, working to get links on Village website for residents to use. Requesting to have time during the next Planning & Development meeting to review with Planning & Development and any Council members the iWorq's links, process and guide on how to.

Fiscal Officer Report:

- Councilor Wright made a motion to send the bills to finance, second by Councilor Spaulding, all ayes.
- Councilor Vogel made a motion to pay the bills, second by Councilor Cost, all ayes.
- All funds for the month of January have been accounted for, and the bank statement has been successfully reconciled.
- The development of a Wastewater Proforma was discussed with the Finance Committee and BPA at the February 3 finance meeting. The proforma is a financial planning tool that uses operations, maintenance, and repair projections to support rate setting and ensure the fiscal integrity of the Enterprise Fund. RCAP is planning a group session in June that will allow representatives from local Ohio communities to work with RCAP experts to develop a proforma tailored to their community. FO Gieseler asked BPA officials to participate in the exercise together in a collaborative effort to ensure a thorough proforma is developed.
- A new printer is needed for the village office and will be ordered.

- Hanover Township will transition to one meeting per month, held on the second Monday. As a result, FO Gieseler will have greater flexibility in her schedule and plan to attend more village meetings in 2026.
- The Future Forecast has been updated to reflect revenue changes beginning in 2027 due to the removal of the municipal income tax credit. Several projects previously removed due to the loss of the levy have been added back into the forecast, including:
 - Stormwater studies
 - A potential bond for future road resurfacing and/or stormwater repairs
 - Setting aside funds for the purchase of property for a future municipal building
 - Completion of the side parking lot at the fire station/village hall
- The project section of the forecast is intended for long-term planning and serves as a living document. Projects may be adjusted, replaced, or rescheduled as needs arise and funding becomes available.
- RITA has indicated that village residents will be notified of the municipal tax credit removal when filing their 2025 taxes. Additional details will be requested regarding the specific type of notification so Council has a clear understanding of the communication process.
- The Licking County Comprehensive Plan Leadership Committee will meet over the next 16 months to discuss a countywide planning initiative. FO Gieseler will attend along with Hanover Township Trustee Pat Simpson.

Finance Report:

- Councilor Vogel gave update that majority of the street fund revenue is gas tax but roughly \$11,000.00 is motor vehicle registration tax. The permissive fund is Licking County license tax totaling \$5,800.00 per year. Also state distributed permissive tax brings in estimated \$20,000.00 per year.

BPA:

- There were 52 customers in arrears for a total of \$ 8917.40.
- The plant is running well.
- Tyler and Jeff are to be commended for doing an outstanding job on snow removal at the sewer plant to allow the sludge haulers to get in to pump the pit.
- We will give All Star Septic an opportunity to haul sludge to compare them with our current hauler.

Grounds Report:

- None

PW Report:

- Continuing with snow clean up. Working to open up drains to prevent back up as snow melts. Village of Hanover sign coming into Hanover was knocked down during snow storm. Will be repaired once weather turns.

Engineers Report: Verdantas

- High Street (Intersection) LIC-CR668-10.75: Verdantas has prepared an alternative for the village review. We have shifted the design north to minimize earthwork, while also minimizing right of way acquisition. 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 to be sent out one month in advance.

- S Main Storm Improvements; Plans are stamped by ADR and ready to be constructed. Tyler Flowers to complete work.
- OEPA Audit: Violation letter was sent on 01/05 from OEPA to the village as well as a suggestion letter. 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.
- OPWC Grant - (paving and storm) were submitted by Verdantas. OPWC grant has been awarded by district 17 for Lower Village Paving Phase 2. The storm sewer application did not score high enough to pass onto the state for funding.
- Updates: Engineering assessment is ongoing for the Hainsview Ph5 Sanitary Sewer camera work. Report has been delivered to village for review.
- 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 subdivision regulations & tree standards.
 - Work with Jim Lenner to prepare TIF and JEDD education material.

Street Committee:

- Councilor Wright met with Justin Galigher on February 10th to catch him up on current and future stormwater projects. Likely going to have a lot of focus on that this year.

Stormwater Report:

- Councilor Galigher working through plan on Event Center plan and future meeting once the weather clears up. Future stormwater projects should help anything in the future but also have not receive any complaints since July 2025 rain storm.

Grievance:

- None

BZA:

- None

Legislation

Ordinance:

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

- 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. –Third Reading. Councilor Wright made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Cost. Vote by roll call: Wright-Yes, Vogel-Yes, Cost-Yes, Galigher-Yes, Renicker-Absent, Spaulding-Yes.
- 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. –Third Reading. Councilor Vogel made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Cost. Vote by roll call: Wright-Yes, Vogel-Yes, Cost-Yes, Galigher-Yes, Renicker-Absent, Spaulding-Yes.
- Ordinance 8-2026: 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. -Second Reading

New/Old Business:

- Councilor Wright received call from New Home Lodge regarding property lines. Reminded the Lodge that is property owner to property owner and a survey would need to be done to determine the lines.
- Councilor Vogel met with Beth Adkins at LVHS regarding Hometown Heroes. Working out details on if Village has viable poles to hang banners from or if need to find an alternative.
- Zoning Director, Rex Adkins reminded Council to review the Hanover Village Center Development Standards as the final reading will be on February 25th.

Mayor’s Minute:

- MS4 submitted today, February 11th, 2026.
- Due to the health conditions, Councilor, Donna Renicker has not been able to attend many of the Council meetings. Because of the abandonment of the position, a letter was sent that required a response by February 11th, 2026 to contest it. A response was not received so now Council will have 30 days to fill the position. After day 30, it will be up to the Mayor to appoint.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Vogel, second by Councilor Cost at 8:57PM. All Ayes.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Mayor Brandon Hale

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Fiscal Officer Nicole D. Gieseler