

Village of Hanover
Council Meeting Minutes
April 8th, 2026

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	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 March 25th, 2026 meeting were reviewed and discussed. With no further corrections or additions, a motion to accept the minutes was issued by Councilor Galigher and seconded by Councilor Spaulding. All Ayes.

Visitors/Citizens:

- Mike Seifert & Lukas Phillips from Miller Pipeline were in attendance to give an update to Council regarding the water line construction. Both made a site visit from Columbus and expressed concerns of the current conditions and stated it was unacceptable and they would be back on the jobsite first thing in the morning to speak with crew. Project was originally proposed as directional boar which causes less destruction but due to the ground conditions that has not been an option. Miller Pipeline understands the frustration with the open road cuts with residents, school traffic, etc. Calendar commit date is December 2026 but hoping to be done in October 2026 to allow time for final inspections, customer complaints, walkthroughs, water-surface lines. Goal is to leave Village as it was prior to the construction.

Fire Dept. Report:

- Hanover Twp. 23, Hanover Village 26, Perry Twp. 12, mutual aide 13.

Letters and Correspondence:

- Councilor Galigher received an email from Jenna Dr. with concern about water in yard. After review and conversation with resident, seems to have wet spot in yard after hard rains. Deemed not a Village concern.
- Mayor received notice that ditch on Mandy Lane was filled with topsoil. Requested Councilor Galigher take pictures and ensure resident promptly cleans ditch out.
- Mayor received four calls from residents with concern on water line construction.

Planning & Development:

- Journey Company and Village Grounds Coffee were in attendance to request guidance on how the new business, Village Grounds Coffee can move forward with road signage and exterior menu board. Per the current zoning regulations, there is no language regarding menu board so Village Grounds Coffee were granted a temporary sign until the zoning committee could meet, review and make a decision on how they want to change the zoning language. As far as the

road signage, the zoning regulations state that each parcel is allowed to have one sign. If a parcel would like to have more than one, it would have to go before the Board of Zoning Appeals to determine if an exception would be made. Zoning committee is going to meet on Monday, April 13th to review. Mayor and Councilor President Brett Wright brought concerns of how can we maintain support or current and future business within the Village with the current zoning regulations. Zoning Director, Rex Adkins also reminded Council that although only one ground mounted sign is permitted per parcel, each business can have their own sign on the building to advertise.

Village Planner: Neighborhood Strategies

- SS4A application was submitted and received by the Federal Government.
- Rural Tribal Grant was not awarded to the Village.

Zoning Inspectors Report:

- 15 permits currently in iWorqs, majority have been approved. Waiting on payments for a few.
- Working to close out Hainsview Phase 5 storm water & ditch concerns. 12 letters sent out to residents that they are in compliance, remaining will be monitored.
- Mobile Home Park did remove extra pad as required. Village will continue to hold Mobile Home Park accountable to stay within compliance.

Fiscal Officer Report:

- Councilor Wright made a motion to send the bills to finance, second by Councilor Collins, all ayes.
- Councilor Vogel made a motion to pay the bills, second by Councilor Cost, all ayes.
- All funds for the month of March have been accounted for, and the bank statement has been successfully reconciled.
- 1st half property tax has been received from the Licking County Auditor. The net amounts are as follows: 51,445.04 General Fund, 52,704.63 Fire & EMS Fund, 8,886.60 Enterprise Fund (sewer delinquencies).
- \$74,532.66 has been disbursed to Hanover Vol Fire Dept. This includes the current settlement just received plus carry over from 2025.
- Records Management: Request has been sent to the Ohio Historical Connection as required for the disposal of documents that meet our RC-3 records retention. This primarily effects sewer receipts, regular bills etc. from 2020 through 2022. Zoe has been helping pull documents and prepping for disposal, this is much appreciated.
- The Auditor of State Local Governments Conference was attended in March.
- OWDA Annual Financial Report: due by April 27th. Kara and I are working together to complete this.

Finance Report:

- Finance committee meeting canceled on April 1st. F/O Gieseler sent out update to members.

BPA:

- 22 customers behind for a total of \$5,752.00.
- Plant running well

- Seth Elliott attended meeting to get information on what will be needed to tap into sewer. Mr. Elliot recently purchased land behind Village Office and plans to put in 50 new homes.

Grounds Report:

- None

PW Report:

- Continuing to clean up park, remove tires and mowing has started. Signs fixed at Elm & Clearview.

Engineers Report: Verdantas

- High St: Verdantas is completing a stage 1 set of plans for ODOT's review
- Water Main Installation: Project is planned to be completed by December 2026. Road closure is to occur on Butler Rd at intersection with Dayton Road.
- OEPA Audit: Violation letter was sent on 01/05 from OEPA to the Village as well as suggestion letter. FBT Gibbons is providing legal review of the proposed ordinances, and their review is ongoing. Their state goal is to have a final draft to the Village by 04/10.
- OPWC Grant: OPWC has provided a response clarifying their error and how they determined the new rankings. We still have questions based on their response and will draft a new letter for the Village. Proposal has been sent to the Village for the engineering work on the project.
- Updates: FBT Gibbons is providing a legal review of the report for PH5 sanitary sewer camera work and what options the Village has available moving forward. Verdantas is preparing a draft of the proposed subdivision regulations. We anticipate having a draft for Village review by early to mid-May.
- Action Items: Work with Jim Lenner to prepare TIF and JEDD education material. BRIC grant pre-application to be sent Monday, 04/13 for improvements to Hainsview PH5 stream. John Hensler (ODOT Jobs & Commerce) met with the Village about potential grant funding. Soil dumped into the Village roadside ditch on Mandy Lane, must be removed by 04/13 or letter will be sent to resident.

Street Committee:

- None

Stormwater Report:

- None

Grievance:

- None

BZA:

- None

Legislation

Ordinance:

- Ordinance 11-2026 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HANOVER, LICKING COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, ESTABLISHING PARKING REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ROADWAYS LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE BOUNDRIES-Second Reading

- Ordinance 15-2026: An Ordinance amending Ordinance 32-2026 to include a professional service review fee 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 Galigher. Councilor Spaulding 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.

New/Old Business:

- None

Mayor's Minute:

- None

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Mayor Brandon Hale

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Fiscal Officer Nicole D. Gieseler