

**Village of Hanover**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 13<sup>th</sup>, 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: Absent
Pam Vogel: Present	Sue Spaulding: Present
Steve Cost: Present	Rex Adkins: Present

Councilor Wright made a motion to excuse the absence of Councilor Collins, second by Councilor Vogel.

**Minutes:**

- The minutes of the April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 Wright. All Ayes.

**Visitors/Citizens:**

- Resident Leigh Morgan gave update on activity at mobile home park stating there has been what looks like construction being done on vacant mobile home. Mayor reassured that the Village does not have authority to prevent interior updating or construction on a vacant mobile home.
- Resident Jeff Hanger expressed concern with conditions of resident's property at 118 Duane Dr.
- Resident Jordan Snyder of 2378 High St. expressed interest in joining Council after Council Cost moves from the Village of Hanover in June.
- Mayor Hale invited Structurepoint and Miller Pipeline to Council meeting to address Council and Village residents regarding the Licking County/Newark City water project. Mayor Hale continues to get calls, emails, and texts 7 days a week with resident and surrounding community complaints. Mayor Hale is in daily communication with Miller, Structurepoint, traffic control which then requires Mayor to relay information to Licking Valley and the Fire Department. Mayor Hale extremely frustrated with the continues complaints being received but also lack of communication between the contracted companies doing the job and the County. Structurepoint relayed that traffic control is a safety priority but having a moving, construction work zone and working around resident driveways can be difficult and they understand the headache it can cause. Structurepoint will do better on communicating road closures. Mayor Hale would like to see if open cut will continue, an asphalt crew will need to follow to eliminate dust and holes from opening. Miller Pipeline understands the frustration surrounding this project and apologizes to the Village and Council. Miller Pipeline strives on customer satisfaction and has never had this many complaints from a community. Miller Pipeline is doing what they can do change the process and how this project is being handled, they ensured they will put the extra work and money in to get things cleaned and buttoned up. They also expressed concern with the use of plates as they can be extremely loud with the speed

through the Village and it would likely be more of an inconvenience than the gravel. Mayor Hale asked Structurepoint as the hired engineers, how are the inspections passing with the conditions of the roads. Per Jacob Brooks @ Structurepoint, state there is an onsite inspector looking over the daily work. Miller Pipeline stated that prior to the start of the project, directional boar was promised but due to the ground conditions it is not possible to boar. F/O Gieseler stated that it was known by the Village and the County and the conversation was had time after time and no one listened to the local experts vs. the hired experts that directional boar was not going to work. President Molnar asked if soil sampling was done prior to the project and Miller Pipeline stated that it was not but Miller Pipeline did not prep the project. Resident Jeff Hanger reminded of the Hanover Boom Parade on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Miller Pipeline promised they would have everything cleaned up for the weekend and would ensure no headaches for the residents or Village during that time.

#### **Fire Dept. Report:**

- Hanover Twp. 16, Village 15, Perry Twp. 4, mutual 7 totaling 42 for the month of April.
- New truck should be ready for inspection next week.
- Friendly reminder to community of burn ban from 6AM-6PM through May 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Letters and Correspondence:**

- Mayor Hale has received 7 calls regarding property at 118 Duane Dr. Mayor has been in touch with Zoning Director, Rex Adkins on status and how the situation is being handled. A resolution was agreed upon and should be moving forward.

#### **Planning & Development:**

- General discussion on several topics such as e-bikes, updated zoning language on signs.
- LCATS offered their drone for any footage needs throughout the Village. Mayor Hale suggested using that service for footage prior to any construction projects.

#### **Village Planner: Neighborhood Strategies**

- Provided a draft of the sign code minor changes to Council.
- Working through matching the zoning code to the subdivision regulations that are being created to ensure they align.
- Scheduling a meeting for June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM for a 1-year review of the zoning code to make any necessary changes.

#### **Zoning Inspectors Report:**

- Provided a report from iWorq's with permits from 01/01/2026 to current. 24 permits so far this year. 3 current right-of-way permits, Spectrum, Windstream & AEP. AEP will be a simpler project of replacing 3 poles but Spectrum & Windstream will be running fiber which leads to more construction throughout the Village. Prepare for road closures.
- No new code complaints. Code complaint on Duane Dr. has a clear line of communication now, resident working now to come into compliance. Rex did want to address that the storm water ditch was filled in a permit to expand the driveway was put in. This brings concerns with water flow. Mayor asked Village Engineer Sam to look at.
- Working through adding in historical data into iWorq's. Takes time to scan and save everything.

### **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 Galigher, all ayes.
- April reconciliation is completed, all money accounted for and bills have been paid.
- \$126,623 that the Village put in as our portion for the water project which was COVID money.

### **Finance Report:**

- Finance meeting was held on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Several topics discussed including the recently failed levy, no upcoming projects, also sewer bill monthly cost. Waiting on BPA to determine if they want to move forward with that due to increased cost on maintaining and repairs at the facility.

### **BPA:**

- 70 customers behind for a total of \$6,169.00
- Plant running well
- Started using UV lights at the start of the month and will hopefully run through October.

### **Grounds Report:**

- No updates. Thank you to Tyler & Jeff for keeping up the mowing throughout the Village and especially the park. Frustration with recent comments that funds are focused on the park. Park is managed by Army Corp. and limited budget. There is a lot of history at the park and want to continue to see it be a clean and safe place resident.

### **PW Report:**

- 10 tires collected that need to be taken to the Highway Garage.
- Sign stolen on Marne Rd. that was reinstalled by the Highway Dept.
- Marne Rd. & S. Main St. brush hogging was completed where possible to help with visibility.
- Pot holes filled on Flowers & Echo Dr.
- S. Main closed for 4 hours on Friday, 05/08 due to a semi jack knifed at the tunnel. Delay was due to waiting on tow truck.

### **Engineers Report: Verdantas**

- High Street (Intersection) LIC-CR668-10.75
  - Verdantas is completing a Stage 1 set of plans for ODOT's review.
- Water Main Installation (Structurepoint)
  - Project is planned to be completed by December 2026.
  - In addition to the trench repair, it has been confirmed that all trench work in streets is to have a mill & overlay for a new surface course of 1.25" for a full lane width.
- OEPA Audit
  - FBT Gibbons has provided their legal review. Rex has coordinated with them, and there are a couple of small items that Verdantas will tweak once Rex sends his comments.
- OPWC Grant - (paving and storm) were submitted by Verdantas
  - OPWC storm sewer grant for 2027. Assuming that it is planned to reapply for the storm sewer work. A conversation should occur with the landowners and the village to establish easements.
  - OPWC grant for Lower Village Paving Phase 2

- OPWC has corrected the district point error issue and granted the Village the corresponding points. Final word on the project will be known on Thursday 5/14.
  - Proposal has been sent to the village for the engineering work on the project.
- Updates
  - Engineering assessment of the Hainsview Ph5 Sewer has been sent to the developer by the solicitor.
  - Verdantas is finishing review of the Windstream R/W permit #2026008
  - Verdantas has a working draft for the Subdivision Regulations and has begun meeting with stakeholders to verify verbiage and standards
- Action Items
  - BRIC grant pre-application to be sent on Monday, 04/13, for improvements to Hainsview Ph. 5 Stream. Still in the works, but the project is still being assessed to see the viability of it with this type of grant.
  - John Hensler (ODOT Jobs & Commerce) met with the village about potential grant funding.
  - Verdantas to provide two task orders for R/W permit reviews of work proposed by AEP and Spectrum • Review driveway expansion on 118 Duane Drive NE parcel

**Street Committee:**

- Call from resident at 2883 E. High St. on ditch clearing and mowing. Concern that east side of the Village is not being taken care of compared to other areas throughout the Village. Councilor Wright is working with Hanover Township Trustee Heath Smith to coordinate boom mowing in several areas including the area of concern. Hanover Twp. has concern with safety so Village will help with traffic control during mows and trade labor for boom mowing.
- 5A & 5B project concern. Call from landowner that after they mowed the netting that was placed was pulled into the mower and caused damage to the resident mower. Resident very upset. Per Village Engineer Sam the netting needs to stay otherwise rock would need to be put down. The netting can be difficult to maneuver but it needs to be there to prevent erosion. Tyler went back and trimmed as much as he could.

**Stormwater Report:**

- Councilor Galigher attended meeting for River Round Up kickoff. Will be held September 12<sup>th</sup> within the Village. More details to come in the future on location and time.

**Grievance:**

- None

**BZA:**

- None

**Legislation**

- Resolution 5-2026: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF HANOVER, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY (RITA) NON-FILER/SUBPOENA PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Councilor Galigher made a motion to waive the second and third reading, second by Councilor Wright. Councilor Cost made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Vogel. Vote by roll call: Wright-Yes, Vogel-Yes, Cost-Yes, Galigher-Yes, Collins-Absent, Spaulding-Yes.

- Resolution 6-2026: A resolution of the Council of the Village of Hanover requesting the Licking County Auditor to certify to the Village the total current tax valuation of the Village and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the renewal of the current 1.5 mill tax levied for fire protection and emergency medical services purposes. First Reading
- Ordinance 16-2026: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute a contract with the Licking County Health department for mosquito control within 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 Spaulding made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Galigher. Vote by roll call: Wright-Yes, Vogel-Yes, Cost-Yes, Galigher-Yes, Collins-Absent, Spaulding-Yes.

**New/Old Business:**

- Councilor Vogel checked with residents on Colby Way regarding previous flooding cost and the potential for eligibility for the BRIC grant. Total estimated to be around \$20,000.00 which would not allow us to proceed with the grant.

**Mayor’s Minute:**

- Mayor Hale updated Council that there have been several long discussions on finding a replacement once F/O Gieseler is done at the end of June. Mayor asked for Council’s blessing to move forward with to appoint F/O Assistant Zoe Moran. Council in agreeance. Also reviewed creating a consultant fee to help get the Village through the transition. Mayor will start the legal process.
- Mayor Hale expressed his frustration with the Newark City/Licking County Water Project. The complaints and communication has become extremely time consuming on the daily and hopefully all parties have a better understanding of the expectations the Village has for the project as they move forward.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Spaulding, second by Councilor Vogel at 8:46PM. All Ayes.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Mayor Brandon Hale

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Fiscal Officer Nicole D. Gieseler