

Village of Hanover
Council Meeting Minutes
July 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: Absent
Pam Vogel: Present	Sue Spaulding: Present
VACANT:	Rex Adkins: Present

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

Minutes:

- The minutes of the June 24th, 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:

- None

Fire Dept. Report:

- June Runs: Hanover Twp. 22, Hanover Village 14, Perry 19, and mutual 13 for a total of 67.
- Chief Spellman reached out to Mayor Hale requesting to tap into the A/C for the additional rooms on the fire department side. Confirmed that current unit is sized to handle additional space. Mayor spoke with all of Council and everyone agreed to moving forward. Written notification sent to Spellman clarifying that the Hanover Fire Department will be responsible for all cost including replacement and maintenance moving forward.

Letters and Correspondence:

- Mayor Hale received a resident call with concern of the wait time of the traffic light. Village Engineer, Sam is going to look into it.
- Councilor Vogel received a call about trash build up at 714 Colby Way. Resident concern is that it has been a consistent problem. Zoning Director, Rex Adkins is going to evaluate the problem and reach out to the resident.

Planning & Development:

- President Molnar was absent from the meeting but Mayor Hale sat in place for him.
- Members from the New Home Masonic Lodge attended the meeting to check in on the status of the zoning complaint regarding the property line dispute. Zoning Inspector, Rex Adkins gave update that all of the information has been given to the Village attorney and now awaiting legal advice.

- Meister brought up a concern of a loud humming noise coming from Licking Valley Elementary School at all hours of the day. Others confirmed they have heard it also. F/O Moran will speak with Head of Maintenance and provide a follow up.

Village Planner: Neighborhood Strategies

- Annual zoning update meeting was held to review and make some updates.
- Attended Licking County forward meeting that was held at Licking Valley High School.
- M/I Homes requested another meeting regarding future development. The invite was politely declined due to how far the planning and zoning dictates that it would not be beneficial for either party.
- Second Licking County Hazard Mitigation meeting was attended today. Next step is to determine a list of items relating to anything that would be considered a natural disaster. Will create a committee to review and help manage the future plans.

Zoning Inspectors Report:

- Zoning Permit Application Received Year to Date: 36
- Zoning Permit Issued Year to Date: 19
- Code Complaints Year to Date: 13
- Code Complaints Open: 8
- Code Complaints Closed: 5

Notice of Violations sent to property owners:

- 118 Duane summary letter sent reference the multiple zoning & code violations at the property. Update: Property owner submitted permit application for fence
- 2288 W. High St 3 zoning violation notices sent out to property owner reference failure to obtain permits. Update: Property owners submitted 4 permit applications
- 259 New Hope zoning violation notice sent to property owner for failing to obtain a permit for fence.

Items for Discussion:

- Waiting on final opinion from Village Attorney in reference to Zoning complaint from Masonic Lodge
- Meeting with Village Prosecutor was completed reference filing charges on Code & Zoning violations
- Working on annual review of the Zoning Code regulations.
 - Update: review meeting occurred and approximately 30 items were discussed for amends to the zoning code and development standards.
- Final Hainsview Phase 5 Stormwater Ditch letters sent out to residents from ADR report;
 - 14 letters of compliance sent to advise residents that their ditches were now in compliance and no additional actions were needed.
 - 9 letters of non-compliance sent to advise residents that their ditches were still not in compliance and they had until July 1st to come into compliance after that the issue would be referred to the Village's law firm for additional legal remedies to resolve the issue and bring the property into compliance.

- Update: 2 property owners working with an attorney to go after the bullder to fix the culvert issue/1 property owner submitted additional documentation reference work that was done on the ditch to address the issues & being reviewed by Village Engineer 1 property owner is saying the builder advised them they followed what Village said reference culvert pipe size

Fiscal Officer Report:

- June bank statement has been reconciled, all money is accounted for and the bills have been paid.
- Councilor Wright made a motion to send the bills to finance, second by Councilor Galigher, all ayes.
- Councilor Spaulding made a motion to pay the bills, second by Councilor Wright, all ayes.

Finance Report:

- Finance meeting was held on July 7th, reviewed mid-year appropriation percentages. Reviewed a few that stood out over 50%. Legislation is being prepared for the next Council meeting to move funds to help with those numbers.
- Keeping the wastewater proforma on the agenda until a review of the wastewater billing is completed.
- Next meeting is scheduled for August 11th.

BPA:

- 63 customers in arrears for a total of \$,5993.00.
- Plant is running well, made permit for the month.
- Replaced the A/C unit in the shed/office at the sewer plant.
- Due to storms, generators have been running a lot.

Grounds Report:

- None

PW Report:

- Keeping up with mowing. A few trees down south of the tunnel. A big thank you to the fire dept. as not only did they help block the road but also drag pieces of the tree off the road as it was being cut up.
- Brush cleaned up near wastewater treatment plant that was blocking visibility.
- Call from a resident and several other inquiries regarding if vacant lots should have curb boxes for the water main. Village Engineer is going to get with Structurepoint & Miller Pipeline to get a clear understanding of their plans.

Engineers Report: Verdantas

- High Street (Intersection) LIC-CR668-10.75
 - ODOT has sent us comments this week. We plan to address and resubmit by the end of July.
- Water Main Installation (Structurepoint)
 - Project is planned to be completed by December 2026.

- The primary Mainline crew that was in Darla and Meadow neighborhood is finished there to allow for full restoration crews to continue to work in area.
- Over the next week the project will continue to focus on:
 - W High Street mainline moving eastward toward Flowers Drive (trenching not in street) (Village)
 - Marne Rd. mainline installations toward LV Rd. (LCEO/Township)
 - Will follow up with Structurepoint on testing of hydrants, Soil & Water, and traffic light interruption.
- Lawn restoration crews will likely focus on grading as the current hot weather conditions are not ideal for germinating seed even with straw cover. If a better forecast window opens, seeding could be done earlier than the more ideal early fall seeding window. Any residents who are able to water their germinating or establishing lawn repairs areas is appreciated. Once new grass is 4"+ height, it can be mowed at a 4.0" height to help the grass and control weeds.
- OPWC Grant - (paving and storm) were submitted by Verdantas
 - OPWC agreement finalized
 - OPWC stormsewer 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. • Preparing guidance on coordination with land owners
- OPWC grant for Lower Village Paving Phase 2
 - Coordinating work with Energy Coop on light installation
 - Beginning to pull plans together
- Updates
 - Meeting with Carl Haines is being planned to discuss Hainsview Ph 5 Sewer
 - Verdantas has sent comments for two R/W permits of work proposed by AEP and Spectrum
 - Verdantas has a working draft for the Subdivision Regulations and has begun meeting with stakeholders to verify verbiage and standards
 - Paternity leave for Sam Eppley to start on July 20th at the latest for three (3) weeks. Contact Jessie Bacon 740-224-0672 and Bailey Hickey 740-224- with questions or concerns.

Street Committee:

- Received several calls about traffic light and length of time to change. Residents advised that due to the extensive construction the Village is under and will be to please remain patient.
- Representative from Shelly reached out about OPWC paving. They would like to be involved on any future bids.
- Quote received from Charles Brothers for patch paving but incorrect areas included so requesting a new one.

Stormwater Report:

- Attended second meeting for the Licking County River Round Up. Date is set for September 12th.

Grievance:

- None

BZA:

- None

Legislation

- Resolution 7-2026 1.5 Mills Fire & EMS Levy Renewal: A resolution of the Council of the Village of Hanover, Licking County, Ohio, determining to proceed with submitting the question of a 1.5 mills renewal tax levy for fire protection and emergency medical services purposes to the ballot for the November 3, 2026 election. 2nd Reading

New/Old Business:

- Councilor Vogel made a recommendation to appoint Jordan Snyder to Council. Councilor Wright seconded. Vote by roll call: Wright-Yes, Vogel-Yes, Galigher-Yes, Spaulding-Yes.

Mayor's Minute:

- None

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Wright, second by Councilor Galigher at 7:26PM. All Ayes.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Mayor, Brandon Hale

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Fiscal Officer, Zoe Moran