

Village of Hanover
Council Meeting Minutes
August 12th, 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
Jordan Snyder: Absent	Rex Adkins: Present

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

Minutes:

- The minutes of the July 22nd, 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 Galigher. All Ayes.

Visitors/Citizens:

- None

Fire Dept. Report:

- Hanover Twp. 22, Hanover Village 14, Perry Twp. 13. Mutual 6 for a total of 55. Year to date, 402 runs.
- Captain Dalton Lee is stepping in as active Chief until the December meeting.

Letters and Correspondence:

- Mayor Hale received 7 calls from resident regarding concerns with the City of Newark/Licking County water project. Continuing to be heavily involved in trying to get items remedied with Miller Pipeline and Structurepoint. Primary concerns were crosscuts & the mud on the roads.

Planning & Development:

- President Molnar reported that a good meeting was held. Conversation regarding TIP funding, Route 16 Feasibility Study, Water project concerns, and the upcoming changes to Planning Commission.

Village Planner: Neighborhood Strategies

- First reading of legislation is tonight to establish the Village of Hanover Planning Commission. This will create a more formalized process that aligns with Ohio Revised Code. Biggest change will be roles and structures.
- Zoning Code draft updates are completed and ready for review after the annual review. Ready for the legislation to be created and read at the next Council meeting.

Zoning Inspectors Report:

- Zoning Permit Application Received Year to Date: 38
- Zoning Permit Issued Year to Date: 20
- Code Complaints Year to Date: 17
- Code Complaints Open: 12
- 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: July-Property owner submitted permit application for fence. August-Property owner still has not complied with permit application procedures to complete the process.
- 2288 W. High St. 3 zoning violation notices sent out to property owner reference failure to obtain permits. Update: July- Property owners submitted 4 permit applications. August-Property owners have failed to complete the application process.
- 259 New Home zoning violation notice sent to property owner for failing to obtain a permit for fence. Update: August-Contract submitted application, but has failed to complete the process and completed fence work without an approved permit.
- 714 Colby Way code violation notice sent to property owner about removing trash & rubbish from exterior of property. Update: August-property checked and trash & rubbish removed, still monitoring for issues.
- 154 New Home zoning violation notice sent to property owners reference garage being located on neighboring property. Update: August-property owner has been working with an attorney who was in contact with Lodge's attorney to obtain to resolve the issue. Village attorney updated on situation.

Items for Discussion:

- Working on annual review of the Zoning Code regulations. Update: July-review meeting occurred and approximately 30 items were discussed for amends to the zoning code and development standards. August-revisions draft should be completed
- 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: July- 2 property owners working with an attorney to go after the builder 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. August- 4 properties given to Village Attorney to address with property owners / 1 property Village will address the culvert issue, spoke to property owner to explain what has and will occur / 2 additional compliance letters sent out

Fiscal Officer Report:

- July 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 Collins, all ayes.
- Councilor Spaulding made a motion to pay the bills, second by Councilor Galigher, all ayes.

Finance Report:

- Finance meeting scheduled for last night, August 11th was canceled. Will set a new date for September.

BPA:

- 56 customers are behind for a total of \$3,222.00
- Plant is running well. Made permit for the month
- New member starting next month, resident Trenton Miller.

Grounds Report:

- None

PW Report:

- All the mowing is caught up.
- E. High St. berm washout corrected and repaired.
- Helped Mike & Bill, BPA find manhole near the condos. It was located but will need a concrete riser added.
- Received call on a down tree located on Marne Rd. but was a County concern so they were contacted and tree was taken care of.
- Receiving a lot of communication from residents on concerns with the water project. Directing all residents to contact Licking County Water Department.

Engineers Report: Verdantas

- None

Street Committee:

- iWorq's reached out regarding program they offer for street departments. Zoom meeting was held but was not a good fit at this time as we do not have any street department employees.
- Calls received on street lights out on Sunset, those have been taken care of. New lights also added on Rocky Fork & Echo. Starting to add the new LED lights when replacing them.
- Mayor Hale held a meeting with Village Attorney today regarding damage to roads from equipment being used by Miller Pipeline. Village Attorney is strongly advising that all roads and the Village is left as is or better condition. Mayor Hale has been in conversation with Jacob Brooks at Structurepoint several times regarding this but has been difficult to get a clear response that they understand the expectation the Village has.
- A lot of standing water and mud on High Street after recent rain due to drainage from Water Project construction and improper drainage. Mayor Hale exchanged several texts and calls with Jacob Brooks at Structurepoint stressing the severity of this. Response from Mr. Brooks stated erosion & silt control conditions are the responsibility of the contractor, that the Mayor or

the Village should not be spending time documenting and reporting on their behalf. Mr. Brooks also stated that if the Village is concerned of MS4 Permit violations, the owner and County may need to bring some kind of notice of violation to the contractor, if the contractor did not comply after the violation notice, a stop work order would be the next step. Mayor Hale also spoke with Harley at Licking County Soil & Water, they will be out to do a new assessment of all the areas that have been exposed. The new assessment will be compared to what was provided to Miller Pipeline last month to determine what has or has not been resolved. Pending assessment from LCWS, will determine what next steps for the Village are.

- Mayor Hale has also been working with Structurepoint & Miller Pipeline on the traffic light since it was damaged during the water project construction. Due to lack of accountability and communication from both Miller Pipeline & Structurepoint, creating a fix has taken longer than expected but needing something ASAP with school starting. The mechanics of the light are outdated and can't be fixed. Still waiting on a response on a solution to be put in place before school starts.
- Mayor Hale had a meeting with new LV Superintendent, Paul Smathers. A topic of discussion was the roundabout at Hainsview Dr. put in and fast tracked. Mayor relayed that ODOT stated they would not fund the project because the traffic concern is related to the school and not the Village. Mr. Smathers stated his wife works at ODOT and he would do what he could to make it happen.

Stormwater Report:

- River Round Up meeting recently attended. Will need to read the RRU proclamation at the next Council meeting. Starting point will be the ballfields.

Grievance:

- None

BZA:

- None

Legislation

- Resolution 8-2026 Fund Transfer General & Enterprise: Resolution 8-2026 Fund Transfer-General & Enterprise A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND (1000) AND THE ENTERPRISE FUND (5201) TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR TELEPHONE AND ELECTRIC UTILITY EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, FOR THE VILLAGE OF HANOVER, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO. 2nd READING
- Resolution 9-2026 District Solid Waste Management Plan: A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to update the District Solid Waste Management Plan within the Village of Hanover, Licking County, State of Ohio. 1st Reading.
- Ordinance 25-2026 Establish Planning Commission: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF HANOVER, OHIO; DESIGNATING ITS MEMBERSHIP, POWERS, DUTIES, MEETING RULES, AND RELATED PROCEDURES; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. 1ST READING

New/Old Business:

- None

Mayor's Minute:

- The City of Newark/Licking County water project is taking a lot of the Mayor's time although this is not a Village project. Mayor may need support from the other Council members on some of the water project concerns and complaints to be an extra set of eyes and ears.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Wright, second by Councilor Spaulding at 7:42PM. All Ayes.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Mayor, Brandon Hale

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Fiscal Officer, Zoe Moran