

**Village of Hanover  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 25, 2018**

Mayor Jeff Collins called the Village of Hanover Council Meeting to order at 6:30pm and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk/Treasurer Nicole Gieseler gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL:**

Jeff Collins: Present	Brandon Hale: Present
Jim Brooks: Present	Melissa Hottinger: Present
Scott Ball: Present	Sue Spaulding: Present
Chester Flowers: Present	Donna Renicker: Present

**MINUTES:**

The revised Minutes of the March 28, 2018 meeting were reviewed and discussed. Being no corrections or additions, a motion to accept the minutes was issued by Councilwoman Spaulding, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Hottinger. All Ayes.

The Minutes of the April 11, 2018 meeting were reviewed and discussed. Being no corrections or additions, a motion to accept the minutes was issued by Councilman Flowers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Ball. All Ayes.

**VISITORS:**

Sharon Doughty from Rinehart, Danner & Walter Insurance was present to introduce herself to the new elected officials and provide an overview of the village's coverage. Rinehart, Danner & Walter has serviced the village since 1993 and through them we are part of the Ohio Plan. The Ohio Plan provides the best rates and coverage for hundreds of municipalities in the state of Ohio.

**LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mayor Collins reviewed letters received from Charter Communications, PPG Paints and Jon Hausted Secretary of State.

**CLERK TREASURER REPORT:**

Nothing.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Councilwoman Hottinger noted that the Finance Committee would be meeting to evaluate funds for projects needed now and into the future.

**CITIZENS REPORT:**

Friends and residents of the village were present to share their concerns for and against Licking County Building Codes legislation that is in process to be adopted by the Village of Hanover. Mayor Collins opened the floor for a time of comments.

Russell Dixon- Reminded all the officials present that they were elected by the people of this community and we work for the people. He stated he did not want the LCounty Building Code Regulation implemented. And, asked the question of how many of Chester Flowers' house have fell down, he has built about 50? He also stated there is no need to implement commercial codes or a Village Administrator.

Rollie Ayers- Reminded that every time the government implements a new fee it takes a little more of the individual's freedom away. Politicians like to solve problems and like to find problems to solve however in some cases its fine to not

do anything at all. Many time issues start locally and spread to the state and federal level that is why it is important to listen to the people at this community level. The best thing to do may be nothing at all.

Mike Frew- Agreed with Dixon and Ayers. New and past structures have been fine. Codes will not prevent shoty repairs they just take more money out of the resident's pockets.

Ether Weeks- informed that she has resided in the village 83 years she loves this community and does not want to see these changes.

Chad Waters- He took the podium as a resident in favor of the LCounty Building Codes especially on new construction. He stated the other inspections might be a stretch. As the former mayor of the village, he advised that he would be in favor of inspections that would prevent possible future cost in repairs for the village; citing some specific examples including \$60,000.00 worth of work completed by the village at 595 Eric Drive.

Paul Pletcher - Shared that he is a long time wood and construction worker. He has worked on every inch of his home making changes himself and building his own outbuildings. He feels that requesting additional inspections from citizens will deter them from doing needed repairs.

Michael Flowers- noted that he has been a resident for 21 years. He has been a resident of Columbus also. The decision to move back was because of the freedoms here within the village. He stated there is a reason people live in a community like ours and not a big city. He read to all present a Facebook post authored by Mayor Collins to a private group of residents and questioned not sharing the information with the entire community not just his cronies in the northwest corner of the village. Three questions were proposed. 1. Does the village have sovereign immunity? 2. Who tells Licking County Building Codes there is an inspection needed, the Zoning Inspector? 3. Does the village have any liability in this? Lastly, he stated if the Ordinance pertaining to LCounty Building Codes were voted through tonight that there would be push back by means of a referendum.

Randy Friend- Agreed with the previous statements. He appreciates the freedoms he currently has to do as he pleases with his own property.

Dianna Corbin- Explained she grew up in the East End, years ago it was a beautiful place to live. She has watched that part of the city go down over the years due to codes and regulations that need met that people cannot afford. She is thankful for the people in the Hanover community and she was glad to hear over social media what the village was going trying to implement, otherwise she would not have known, as there was no notification. Lastly, she stated this should be taken to the ballot and the residents should be given a choice.

Lorie Hemminger- A Hanover resident originally from Hebron, with family who still lives in Hebron. She moved to this here because it was a great place to raise a family and they type of community it is. She states in Hebron you will have people knocking on your door letting you know you are breaking a code and she does not want that here in our community. She is glad that someone posted information on Facebook to inform the public otherwise she would not have known. She stated previous mayors have sent mailers when big changes were being made such as sewer to notify the public.

With no further comments from those present Mayor Collins made a recommendation to postpone any further action with the implementation of Licking County Building Codes in the village at the present time. He did not believe that the codes would be met with such resistance. He stated that he would do a better job informing the residents of future changes and apologized for only sharing the information on his neighborhood Facebook page explaining that he knew that there are multiple residents on the thread that do not live in Hainsview and that the information could and would be shared. He offered a moment for Jack Pryor, Licking County Building Codes Director, to speak on behalf of Building Codes. Mr. Pryor took the podium and stated that he would be willing to help in any way he can to clear up misinformation and he did verify that we do have commercial codes we must meet through the state already. He also advised that there is no way to pick and choose which items you wish to adopt within the code it is an all or nothing approach that's mandated if adopted.

Resident and Developer Carl Hains was present and advised that the commercial codes as it pertains to EPA states that our toilet water has to be drinkable therefore we cannot have public restrooms in the new WAHO park, however we can continue to build residential houses here. The codes and regulations we have today make no sense.

**GROUND DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Councilman Spaulding advised that the Old Hanover Park playground equipment has been given away and two lights will be turned out. One will remain as the sheriff's office has requested it. There are six picnic tables to distribute.

**STREET COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Councilman Ball did receive a striping estimate from Tru Seal, \$3400.30. This would cover the edge lines from village limit to village limit along High St. Councilwoman Renicker made a motion to have the sidewalks cleaned prior to the painting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Spaulding, Vote by Roll Call- All Yes. Councilwoman Hottinger made a motion to approve the striping of the road, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Renicker, Vote by Roll Call- All Yes.

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT:**

Planning President Chris Felumlee reported that the planning commission discussed the 3 variances submitted by developer Hains and they recommend to move forward approving the request. Councilwoman Hottinger made a motion to approve the 3 variances, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Flowers. Vote By Roll Call: Spaulding- YES, Renicker- YES, Hottinger- YES, Ball- NO, Flowers- YES, Hale- YES.

**ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT:**

Zoning Inspector Jim Brooks reported that the updating of the village-zoning map is in progress. Village Eng. Consultant Jeff Carr is assisting with this project.

Mayor Collins advised that the request to permit chickens within the village limits will be within the new zoning updates and will be voted on once the updates are completed. The book review is almost complete so this will not delay the granting of chickens in the village any more than an ordinance would.

**STORM WATER MANAGEMENT REPORT:**

Councilman Hale noted that Millie Drive culvert and the catch basin on Meadow Drive have been repaired. He will meet with Denise Brooks regarding the MS4 to the get that project completed.

**LAW SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor David Morrison was present and advised that we did receive an updated amended resolution from Licking County in regards to the paper township.

Clerk/Treasure Gieseler advised that as of now she has been informed by the County Auditor's office that this will save the Hanover Residents tax dollars regarding millage that was once paid to the village and Hanover Twp. now will only be paid to the village.

Further investigation will be completed on the limitations within the paper township.

**GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Nothing.

**APPEALS BOARD:**

Nothing.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Resolution 2-2018** A resolution approving the 1.5 mill renewal fire/ems levy to be placed on the November 2018 ballot. Motion to adopt was made by Councilwoman Spaulding, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Flowers, Vote by Roll Call- all Yes.

**Ordinance 6-2018** –An ordinance authorizing a request to the Ohio Board of Building Standards to certify the Village of Hanover for enforcement of the Residential Code of Ohio with the condition that the Licking County Building Code Enforcement Department exercise enforcement authority, accept and approve plans and specifications, and make inspections, and authorizing an agreement for such enforcement between the Village of Hanover, and Licking County. 3<sup>rd</sup> reading complete, ordinance tabled.

**Ordinance 7-2018** – An ordinance authorizing a request to the Ohio Board of Building Standards to certify the Village of Hanover for enforcement of the Ohio Building Code with the condition that the Licking County Building Code Enforcement Department exercise enforcement authority, accept and approve plans and specifications, and make inspections, and authorizing an agreement for such enforcement between the Village of Hanover, and Licking County. 3<sup>rd</sup> reading complete, ordinance tabled.

**Ordinance 8-2018** An Ordinance Revising the Village's Fee Schedule. 3<sup>rd</sup> reading complete ordinance tabled until next regularly scheduled council meeting May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Ordinance 10-2018** An ordinance establishing the position of Village Administrator for the Village of Hanover, Oh. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Ordinance 11-2018** An ordinance repealing Ordinance 19-2017 entering into a contract with Layton Inc for repair of the Meadow Drive catch basin. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

MAYOR'S MINUTE:

Mayor Collins advised that the village parking lot cement has cured and Layton Inc will be returning to seal it later this summer. Councilman Hale requested it be power washed prior to. Mayor Collins will follow up with Carr to see if it can be stripped before it is sealed.

Mayor Collins informed that he spoke with Cherubini Design and received a rough estimate on website updating. Typical price would be 6K + fees, they would do it for 3K. Carr would be willing to do it to 1K, but would not manage it. A third possibility is asking CTEC to take on as a student or class project.

Mayor Collins also noted that the traffic light at High and Main has been out twice. It may need replaced. Clerk Gieseler reached out to Licking County and there may be grants that could help fund a new light. Resident/Developer Hains suggested that a ground testing be done.

1% Income Tax continues to be re-evaluated.

Solicitor Morrison provided us a form for requesting legislation. This will help clarify what is needed within an Ordinance or Resolution that is desired.

Mayor Collins encouraged council to educate themselves on topics being discussed. He agrees that we are elected officials here to represent the village. He challenged council to do their due diligence to get all the information on an item before we move toward an ordinance so we can make the best decision prior to a third reading.

Resident Don Flowers asked when the Building Code issue would be brought back up? Mayor Collins advised it would be awhile and up to council to do so.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was by Councilwoman Hottinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Renicker, all ayes.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Mayor Jeff J. Collins.

Clerk/Treasurer Nicole D. Gieseler