TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE, DANE COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2027 BUDGET
AND
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS TO ADOPT THE 2026 TOWN TAX LEVY

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, December 1, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. at the Cottage Grove Town Hall, 4058 County Road N, a PUBLIC HEARING for the proposed 2027 Budget for the Town of Cottage Grove will be held. A summary of the proposed budget is attached. The complete proposed budget is available for inspection at the Town Clerk-Treasurer's office, 4058 County Road N, from 8:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Monday through Friday, or in the budget area of the Town's website at www.tn.cottagegrove.wi.gov.

Immediately following the public hearing, A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS, called by the Town Board pursuant to s.60.12(1)(c), Wis. Stat., will be held to adopt the 2026 town tax levy to be paid in 2027 pursuant to s.60.10(1)(a), Wis. Stat.

Agenda

I. Determination that the meeting was properly noticed.
II. Call to Order.
III. Discuss/Consider adoption of the 2026 town tax levy, to be paid in 2027 pursuant to s.60.10(1)(a), Wis. Stat.
IV. Adjournment

You may join the public hearing and meeting of the electors from your computer, tablet or smartphone at https://www.gotomeet.me/Towncg/town-board-meeting.

You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (872) 240-3412
Access Code: 535-400-381

Please note that virtual meetings may be subject to technical difficulties beyond our control. Please attend in person if you want to be sure of your participation.

DUE TO THE DIFFICULTY OF IDENTIFYING ELECTORS, NO VOTING WILL BE ALLOWED BY VIRTUAL OR PHONE-IN ATTENDEES.

A quorum of the members of the Town Board may be at the Special Town Meeting.

TOWN OF COTTAGE GROVE
2027 Proposed Budget Summary

General Fund	2026 Budget	Jan 1 - Nov 12, 26 Actual	2026 Estmated Final	2027 Budget	% Change
Revenue					
General Town Property Tax	1,930,215	1,928,757	1,928,757	1,938,178	0.41%
Intergovernmental Revenue	544,626	383,461	546,994	525,314	-3.55%
Licenses and Permits	106,400	138,114	164,677	111,100	4.42%
Fines, Forfeiture and Penalties	90,000	39,674	50,000	50,000	-44.44%
Public Charges for Services	352,542	370,048	370,369	387,690	9.97%
Intergovernmental Charges	340,745	266,199	339,946	454,820	33.48%
Pleasant Springs Fire Revenue	63,756	64,394	64,394	65,038	2.01%
Investment Income	151,033	120,100	123,805	135,398	-10.35%
Miscellaneous Income	42,813	78,554	87,779	12,483	-70.84%
Total Revenue	3,622,131	3,389,299	3,676,720	3,680,021	1.60%
Expenditures					
General Government	402,519	292,391	352,291	465,779	15.72%
Public Safety	1,284,553	1,003,315	1,239,416	1,300,942	1.28%
Public Works	1,451,950	1,254,299	1,446,444	1,390,304	-4.25%
Culture, Education, Recreation	37,773	22,534	37,773	19,807	-47.56%
Health and Human Services	7,190	7,190	7,190	7,190	0.00%
Conservation and Development	20,782	42,564	43,673	45,597	119.41%
Capital Outlay	117,633	117,633	117,633	551,580	368.90%
Debt Service					
Principal Repayment	583,405	583,433	583,433	585,500	0.36%
Interest and Fiscal Charges	48,615	43,706	43,706	41,223	-15.20%
Capital Lease	2,452	2,316	2,452	2,452	0.00%
Total Expenditures	3,956,873	3,369,381	3,874,011	4,410,375	11.46%
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(334,742)	19,918	(197,291)	(730,354)	118.18%
Other Financing Sources					
Property Sales	0	0	0	66,500	100.00%
Proceeds from Short Term Notes	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	0.00%
Proceeds from Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	263,243	100.00%
Total Other Financing Sources	350,000	350,000	350,000	679,743	94.21%
Net Change in General Fund Balance	15,258	369,918	152,709	(50,611)	-431.71%
Assigned/Restricted Funds Applied					
Hydrite Chemicals Funds	1,736	1,625	1,625	0	-100.00%
North Star Road Impact Fees	0	0	0	6,126	100.00%
Pleasant Springs Fire Fund	47,400	46,400	47,150	1,000	-97.89%
Unassigned General Funds	0	0	0	137,383	100.00%
Total Assigned/Restricted Funds applied	49,136	48,025	48,775	144,509	194.10%
Net Change in Fund Balance	**64,394**	**417,943**	**201,484**	**93,898**	45.82%
Contributions to Assigned Funds					
Fire Dues Funds	0	29,244	29,244	28,860	100.00%
North Star Road Impact Fees	0	2,546	6,127	0	0.00%
Park Improvement Impact Fees	0	1,125	1,125	0	0.00%
Pleasant Springs Fire Fund	64,394	64,394	64,394	65,038	1.00%
Recreation Impact Fees	0	9,280	9,280	0	0.00%
Total Constributions to Assigned Funds	64,394	106,589	110,169	93,898	45.82%
Fund Balances - Beginning	1,920,482	1,920,482	1,920,482	2,121,966	10.49%
Fund Balances - Ending	1,984,876	2,338,425	2,121,966	2,215,864	11.64%
Highway Expenditures per mile	16,182	13,927	16,011	20,719	

		January 1, 2026	Projected December 31, 2026	Projected December 31, 2027
General Fund Balance		1,920,482	2,121,966	2,215,864
Indebtedness		2,032,084	1,798,651	1,826,394
Town Levy	1,916,304			1,937,868
Assessed Value	547,558,000			555,692,400
Town Mill Rate (per $1,000 of Assessed Value)	3.4997			3.4873