Public Hearing on the FY26 Proposed Budget
Special Meeting of the Electors
Special Town Board Meeting

November 20, 2025

TONIGHT'S MEETING SEQUENCE (3 meetings)

Budget Hearing on the Proposed FY26 Budget

GOAL: Provide an overview of the proposed budget and answer questions

Special Meeting of the Electors

GOAL: Motion to accept the proposed levy of $343,457

Special Town Board Meeting

GOAL: Move to accept the FY26 Proposed Budget

Big Picture

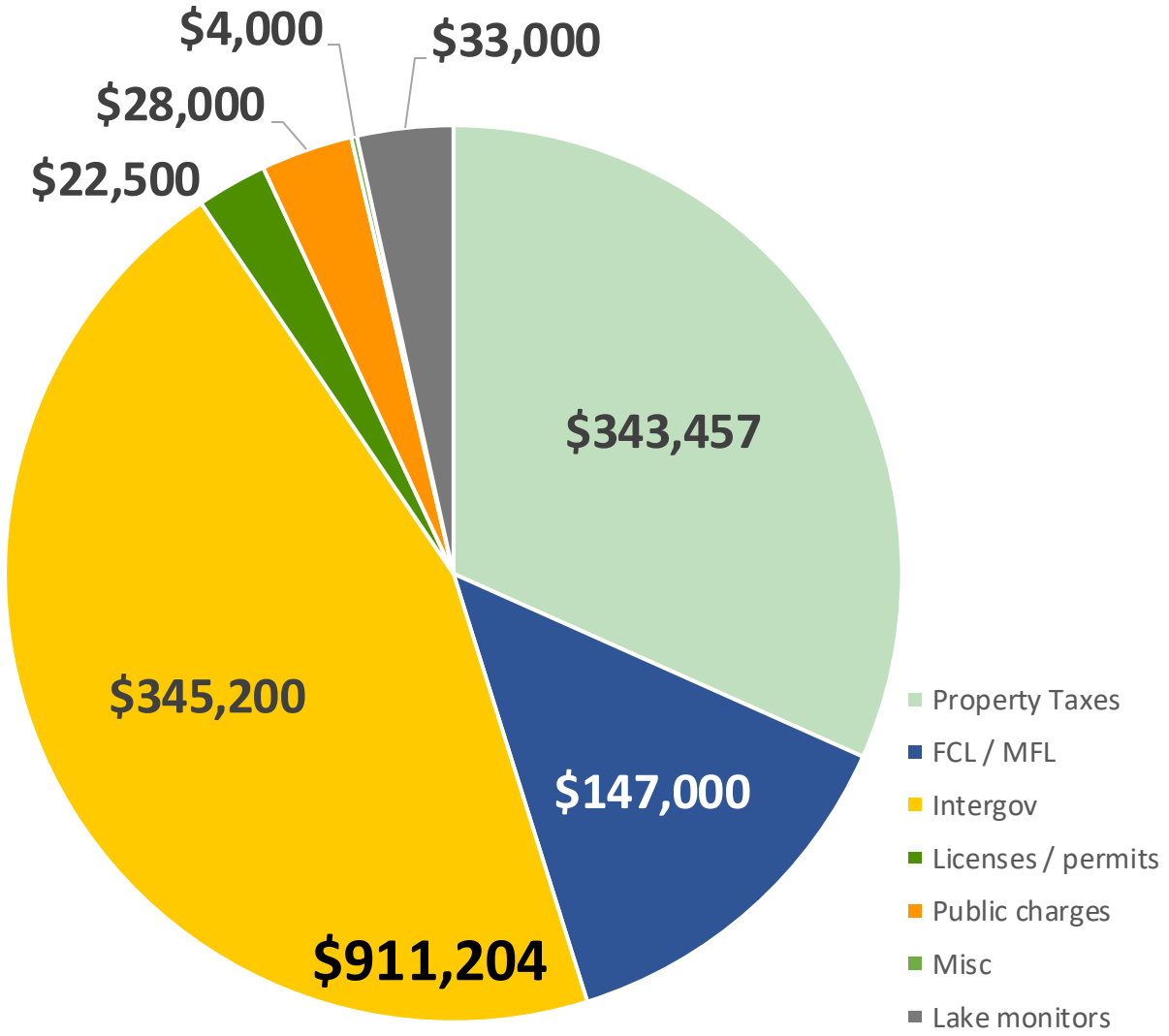
- The Town's elected officials (Town Chair, Supervisors, Clerk, and Treasurer) are responsible for the safety, health, and wellbeing of Town residents, taxpayers and visitors.

- The Board oversees the work and activities of the Town including elections; zoning; property tax assessment; fire protection and ambulance service; waste management; road maintenance; and more.

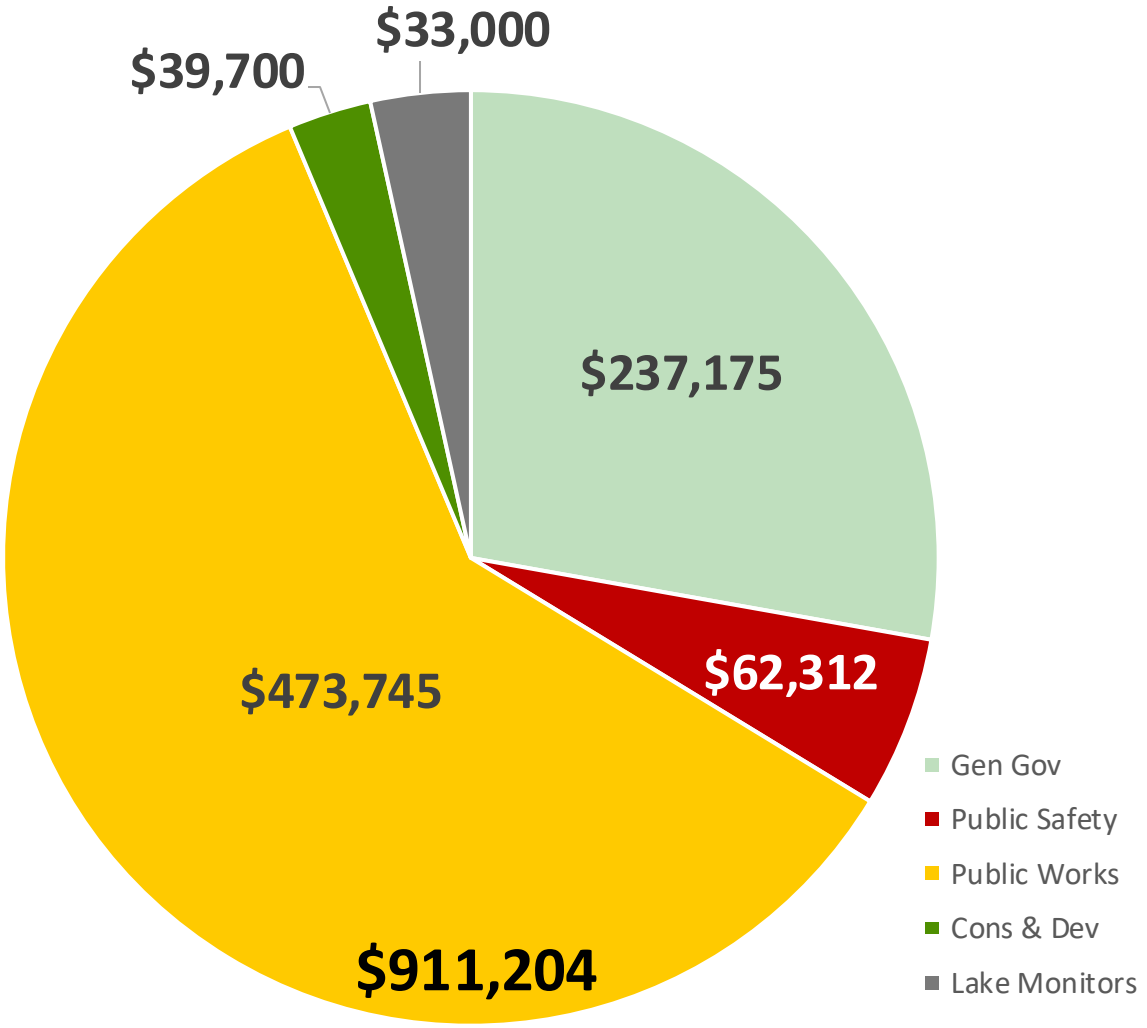
- Board Supervisors are the caretakers of the Town's resources (its infrastructure and financial resources as well as its natural resources) both now, and for the future

FY26

Projected Revenue



Projected Expenses



Remember that for every tax dollar…

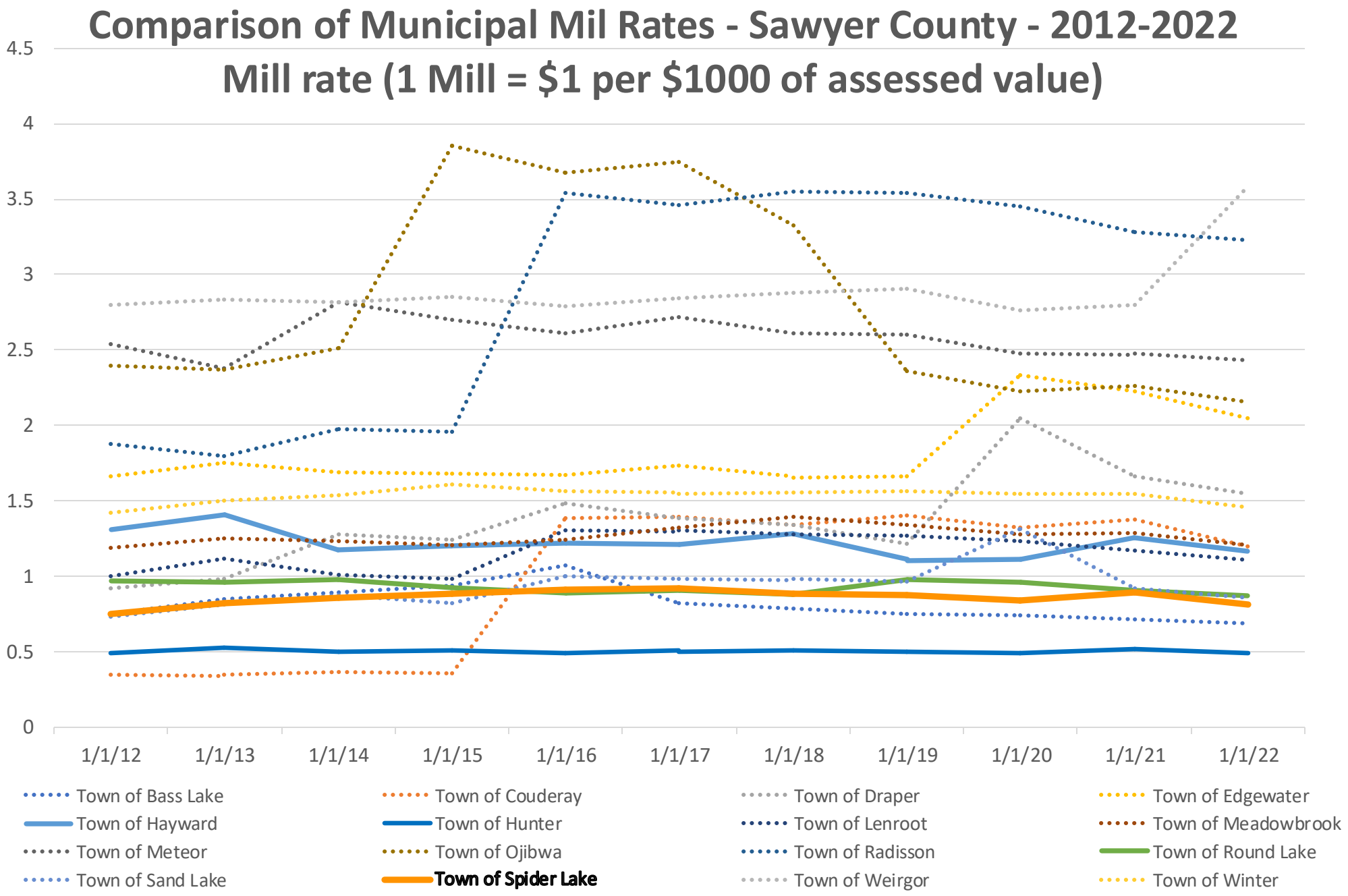
9¢

More than 91¢ of each tax dollar leaves the Town and goes to:

- Sawyer County
- Hayward and School Districts
- LCO College

The Town retains only about 9¢ of every tax dollar. Those dollars are invested directly into the Town to:

- Plow and maintain the roads
- Pay 2 FT employees, 7 elected officials, and PT workers
- Pay the Fire Chief, fire officers, and all volunteer firefighters
- Run the elections and pay election officials
- Collect solid waste, recycling, and brush collection
- Maintain buildings, file taxes, and on and on…


Comparison of Municipal Mil Rates - Sawyer County - 2012-2022
Mill rate (1 Mill = $1 per $1000 of assessed value)
4.5
4
3.5
3
2.5
2
1.5
1
0.5
0
1/1/12
1/1/13
1/1/14
1/1/15
1/1/16
1/1/17
1/1/18
1/1/19
1/1/20
1/1/21
1/1/22
Town of Bass Lake
Town of Couderay
Town of Draper
Town of Edgewater
Town of Hayward
Town of Hunter
Town of Lenroot
Town of Meadowbrook
Town of Meteor
Town of Ojibwa
Town of Radisson
Town of Round Lake
Town of Sand Lake
Town of Spider Lake
Town of Weirgor
Town of Winter

Budget Preparation For 2026

- The Town Board is accountable for preparing the budget.
- Three publicly posted budget meetings were held
- Supervisors are responsible for their department budgets
- Clerk and Treasurer provided data in each budget category
- Line item review included:
  - Spending to date
  - Anticipated spend to year-end
  - Comparison to 2025 and 2024 budget amounts
  - Proposal for 2026 budget

Town of Spider Lake
2026 Proposed Budget and Levy

TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE, SAWYER COUNTY WI
BUDGET HEARING NOTICE FOR 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Spider Lake will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for the year 2026. on Thursday November 20th, 2025 at 6 pm at the Town Hall, 10896W Town Hall Rd. A detailed budget is available for inspection from the Town Clerk 715-462-3977. The following is a summary of the Proposed 2026 Budget:

	2025 Budget	2025 Estimated/ Amended Budget	2026 Proposed Budget	% Change
REVENUES				
General Property Tax	341,127	339,640	343,457	
Forest Crop/MFL Taxes	147,000	143,361	143,000	
Intergovernmental Rev.	345,200	318,604	342,074	
Licenses & Permits	22,500	28,360	22,500	
Public Charges/Services	28,000	25,800	26,750	
Lake Monitors	33,000	37,609	37,000	
Misc.	4,000	24,935	12,500	
Sub-total Revenues	**920,827**	**918,309**	**927,281**	0.98%
Applied Surplus Carryover	14,158		1,381	
Unallocated Surplus	(23,781)		75,666	
Contingency Reserve - Plow/Dump Truck #2		160,000		
BCPL Financing			200,000	
Chippewa Valley Bank Financing (Truck)				
Total Revenues & Surplus	**911,204**	**1,078,309**	**1,204,328**	11.69%
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	237,175	216,429	219,200	
Public Safety	62,312	49,964	59,375	
Public Works	318,744	322,281	341,580	
Conservation & Development	39,700	37,667	41,900	
Lake Monitors	33,000	33,752	37,000	
Total Operating Expenses	**690,931**	**660,093**	**699,055**	5.90%
Public Works - Road Construction Projects	155,000	115,000	203,000	
Debt Service (Truck #1) - Chippewa Valley Bank	15,848	78,348	15,848	
Debt Service (Bldg) BCPL	49,425	49,425	49,425	
Capital Purchases Other		(5,419)		
Capital Purchases Plow/Dump Truck #2		171,376	130,000	
Capital Purchase Tractor Blower		8,000		
Capital Purchase F450 Pickup Replacement (cost less trade in)			100,000	
Pavillion rebuild grant match			7,000	
Bank Fees		105		
Total Expenditures	**911,204**	**1,076,928**	**1,204,328**	11.83%
Excess of Revenues over (under)	0	1,381	0	
Fund Balances				
Reserve Fund (EMS Training Grant)			13,874	
Reserve Fund (Holding Tanks)	5,000			
Reserve Fund (Ghost Lake Dam)	2,000	2,000	2,000	
Capital Reserve/Contingency	160,000		160,000	
Total Town Indebtedness as of 12-31-2025	597,474			
Proposed Town Levy for 2026:	**341,127**	339,640	**343,457**	1.12%

Proposed Tax Levy For 2026

- The proposed levy for 2026 is **$343,457** compared to last year's amount, $341,127, a 1.1% increase.
- The Wisconsin Department of Revenue determines the levy amount.