LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP · 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

No tax increase in 2027.

The tax rate stays at 8.5 mills. Every fund is balanced. No savings are used.

Board of Commissioners · November 2026 · Preliminary, numbers may change before adoption

AT A GLANCE

Taxes held flat, budget still balanced

$0

Tax increase. The rate stays at 8.5 mills, same as 2026.

+$25K

General Fund ends 2027 slightly ahead.

$0

Taken from reserves to balance the budget.

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Funds, all balanced.

General Fund: $2,858,543 in, $2,833,587 out. Includes 3% raises for staff and full funding for the Township Manager position.

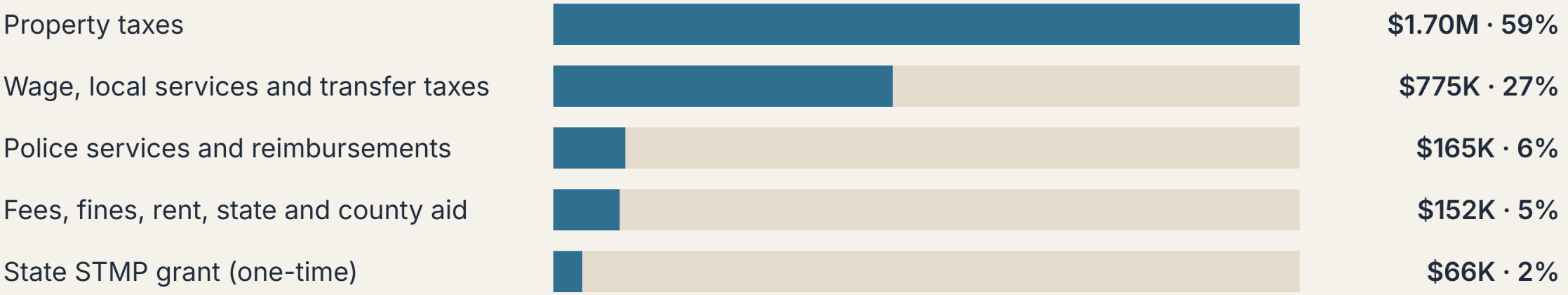
THE FIVE BUDGET FUNDS

Every fund balances

Fund	What it pays for	2027 in	2027 out	Result
General Fund	Police, roads, snow, parks, office	$2,858,543	$2,833,587	+$24,956
Sewer	Running the sewer system	$1,312,501	$1,307,041	+$5,460
Capital Projects	Municipal building loan	$198,770	$198,767	+$3
Highway	State road aid, roads only	$100,930	$100,930	$0
Sewer Construction	Soudan lift station loan	$14,576	$14,076	+$500

GENERAL FUND · MONEY IN

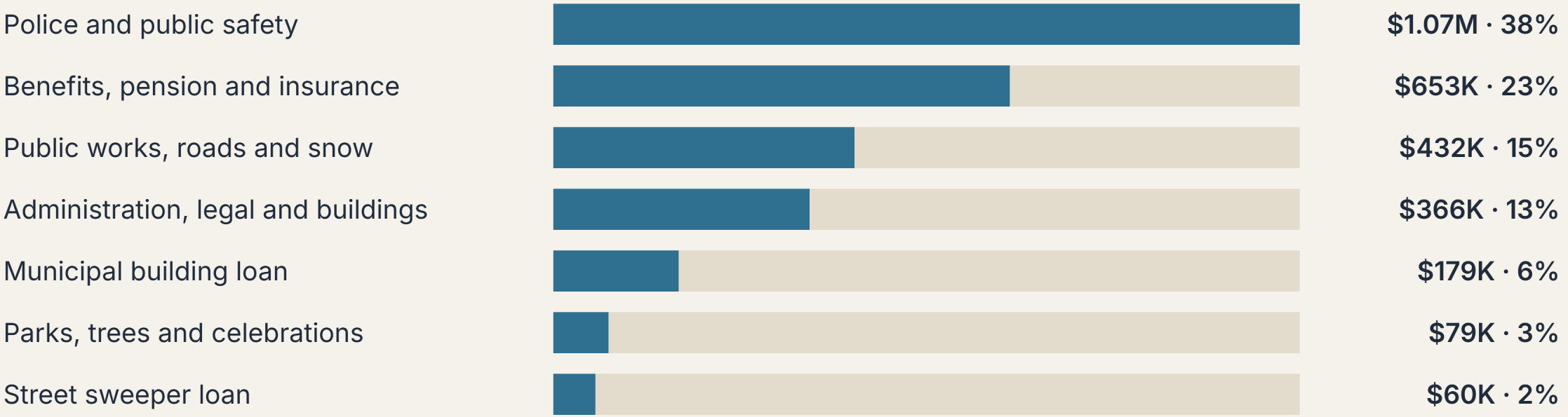
Where the money comes from



Total: $2,858,543, with no increase in the tax rate

GENERAL FUND · MONEY OUT

Where the money goes



Total: $2,833,587

HOW WE HELD THE LINE

Costs went up. Taxes did not.

COSTS GOING UP

Pension: state-required payment of $303,623, up $73K

Health insurance: up about 13%

Wages: 3% raises for all staff

Road salt: up 33%

HOW WE COVERED THEM

Wage tax budgeted at $575K, closer to what it really brings in

Public Works pay split 50/50 with Sewer, saving about $67,500

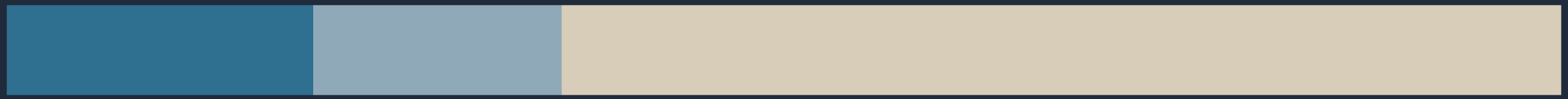
Unused lines trimmed to real spending

One-time state grant of $66,000

WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

Your Township tax bill does not change

On a home assessed at $100,000, 2026-27 rates:



$850

Township · 8.5 mills · **same as 2026**

$694

Erie County · 6.94 mills

$2,781

Iroquois School District · 27.81 mills

The Township is about 20% of the total property tax bill, and its share will not go up in 2027.

LOOKING AHEAD

Savings are safe, and ready as a backstop

$1.18M

General Fund savings, about 5 months of operating costs. **None used in 2027.**

The Board's plan: cover future gaps from savings, not a tax increase. About $40K to $90K a year can be used safely.

Year	General Fund outlook
2027	+$25K
2028	–$88K
2029	–$147K
2030	–$208K

Rough estimate if revenue grows 1% and costs grow 3% a year, with no changes.

NEXT STEPS

From proposal to adoption

1. Advertise the proposed budget for public inspection
2. Finish checking a few items with our accountants: EMS dispatch billing, sewer loan payments, and sewer revenue
3. Hear public comment
4. Board votes to adopt the final 2027 budget, with the tax rate held at 8.5 mills

Questions? Copies of the full budget are available at the Township office.