Lawrence Park Township · 2027 Proposed Budget Summary

Preliminary, November 2026. Numbers may change before the Board adopts the final budget.

NO TAX INCREASE IN 2027: the Township tax rate stays at 8.5 mills, the same as 2026.

Township tax rate	Tax on a $100,000 home	General Fund surplus	Reserves used	Reserve balance
8.5 mills	**$850.00**	**$24,956.00**	**$0.00**	**$1,177,925.00**
Same as 2026	Same as 2026	Balanced with no tax increase	None needed	About 5 months of costs

Township property tax rate

Year	Millage	Township tax on a $100,000 home	Change from prior year
2025	7.92	$792	
2026	8.50	$850	$58
2027 (proposed)	**8.50**	**$850**	**$0**

All funds, 2027 proposed

Fund	Revenue	Expenses	Surplus / (deficit)
General Fund	$2,858,543	$2,833,587	$24,956
Sewer Fund	$1,312,501	$1,307,041	$5,460
Capital Projects Fund (building loan)	$198,770	$198,767	$3
Highway Fund (state liquid fuels)	$100,930	$100,930	$0
Sewer Construction Fund	$14,576	$14,076	$500
Total, all funds	**$4,485,320**	**$4,454,401**	**$30,919**

General Fund revenue by source

Source	2025 Actual (prelim)	2026 Budget	2027 Proposed	Change vs 2026	% change
Real estate (property) taxes	$1,496,738	$1,690,612	$1,700,612	$10,000	0.6%
Earned income (wage) tax	$603,767	$500,000	$575,000	$75,000	15.0%
Local services tax	$154,500	$150,000	$150,000	$0	0.0%
Real estate transfer tax	$44,863	$30,000	$50,000	$20,000	66.7%
Licenses, permits and cable franchise	$27,341	$27,253	$19,753	($7,500)	(27.5%)
Fines	$60,355	$51,001	$41,501	($9,500)	(18.6%)
Interest and rents	$110,296	$64,410	$51,180	($13,230)	(20.5%)
State, federal and county grants and aid (1)	$182,995	$187,442	$103,691	($83,751)	(44.7%)
Police services, fees and charges	$150,267	$161,057	$165,002	$3,945	2.4%
Other income	$8,569	$5	$1,804	$1,799	n/a
Total revenue	**$2,839,691**	**$2,861,780**	**$2,858,543**	**($3,237)**	**(0.1%)**

General Fund expenses by department (2)

Department	2025 Actual (prelim)	2026 Budget	2027 Proposed	Change vs 2026	% change
General government (office, legal, tax collection, IT)	$219,896	$263,607	$259,085	($4,522)	(1.7%)
Police	$1,150,293	$1,105,801	$1,130,557	$24,756	2.2%
Fire, EMS and dispatch	$84,675	$85,649	$115,250	$29,601	34.6%
Code enforcement, zoning, emergency mgmt, crossing guards	$38,111	$58,627	$60,447	$1,820	3.1%
Public works, roads, snow and street lights	$425,985	$561,102	$562,215	$1,113	0.2%
Parks, trees, library, transit and celebrations	$71,672	$141,850	$83,200	($58,650)	(41.3%)
Buildings and insurance	$205,159	$273,950	$232,400	($41,550)	(15.2%)
Pension contribution, after state aid (1)	$100,298	$104,911	$156,919	$52,008	49.6%
Debt: building loan and street sweeper	$239,773	$266,274	$233,514	($32,760)	(12.3%)
Total expenses	**$2,535,862**	**$2,861,771**	**$2,833,587**	**($28,184)**	**(1.0%)**

General Fund bottom line

General Fund	2025 Actual (prelim)	2026 Budget	2027 Proposed
Total revenue	$2,839,691	$2,861,780	$2,858,543
Total expenses	$2,535,862	$2,861,771	$2,833,587
Surplus / (deficit)	**$303,829**	**$9**	**$24,956**

Notes

(1) The 2026 Budget counted $147,000 of state pension aid as General Fund revenue. That aid now goes straight to the pension funds, so 2027 shows only the Township's share of the pension cost after aid. Required pension payments for 2027 total $303,623.

(2) Health insurance, Social Security and similar employee costs are included in each department.

2025 figures are preliminary and unaudited. All-funds totals include transfers between funds, such as the General Fund paying the building loan through Capital Projects.

The General Fund reserve is $1,177,925, about 5 months of operating costs. No reserves are used to balance 2027.

Main cost increases for 2027: state-required pension payment, health insurance (about +13%), 3% wage increases and road salt (+33%). They are covered without a tax increase.