

Village of Millbrook Board of Trustees
Budget Meeting: Total Budget
Village Hall – 35 Merritt Ave
Date: March 25, 2026 Time: 6:00 PM

Roll Call:

Mayor Doro; Deputy Mayor Murphy; Trustee Bucklin; Trustee Mawson;
Superintendent Kelly; Senior Account Clerk McLaughlin, Deputy Clerk
Zeko, and Clerk Witt
Trustee Briggs – Absent

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Opening Business: The meeting was called to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Total Budget Discussion: A general overview of the proposed 2026/2027 budget had occurred. Mayor Doro noted that the Village will be paying in advance \$25,000 towards the 26/27 Fire Truck Reserve amount (\$75K) in the 25/26 fiscal year. The 26/27 tentative budget amount was reduced to \$50,000 due to the change. A total of \$75,000 (\$25K in 25/26 and \$50K in 26/27) will be added to the Fire Truck Reserve account by May 31st, 2027.

The Board would like to focus on making several Village Hall improvements and will be gathering quotes and looking into grant opportunities. This will be an ongoing focus.

Water: 26/27 Village Water Rates: From \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$7.65 per 1,000 gallons
Town Water Rate: From \$10.86 per 1,000 gallons to \$11.08 per 1,000 gallons. Effective in the July Billing.

Sewer: 26/27 Sewer Rates: (Village and Town): From \$11.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$13.23 per 1,000 gallons. Effective in the July Billing.

Sewer Benefit Assessment (SBA)- Village from \$71,000 (2025) to \$81,000 (2026). Town from \$11,500 (2025) to \$13,225 (2026). Changes will be reflected on the 2026 tax bill. Town sewer users will be billed separately.

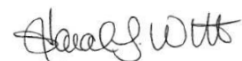
No additional comments or questions from anyone in attendance.

Mayor Doro made a motion to hold the public hearing on the 2026/2027 budget on April 8th, 2026, seconded by Trustee Bucklin and all were in favor.

Adjournment 6:35 PM

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Doro and seconded by Trustee Mawson and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Clerk Witt

Village Clerk

Major Changes to the 26/27 Budget:

There are no planned major purchases for equipment or vehicles.

Fire Department:

- Fire Chief's vehicle replacement funded 100% through donations, saving the Village Principal and Interest for 5 years.
- Roof payment completed 25/26 FY. (\$9000)
- Fire & Rescue Dept. reduced projected expenses for 26/27 – including cleaning and IT services.

Highway Department:

- Requested purchase of a generator replacement (\$2800) moved from the 26/27 budget to current year.
- Vehicle equipment maintenance is being done in house.
- Smaller paving projects will also be by Village Highway Department.

Police Department:

- Current Police Chief is taking full inventory of vehicles, equipment, and supplies which will determine future costs.
- Members of the Police Dept. are actively seeking and applying for grants to reduce the burden on the annual operating budget.

The Village went over the tax cap in 25/26 by \$37,828. The Ambulance contract will increase by \$50,000 in the 26/27 FY.

For budgeting purposes, \$25,000 of the \$75,000 26/27 Fire Truck Reserve amount will be transferred in the 25/26 fiscal year, leaving a budget amount of \$50,000.

Cell Tower Rental revenue is estimated to increase by \$25,000 in 26/27, exact amount to be determined.

This balances the budget in the General Fund staying under the NYS 2% tax cap with an increase to the tax rate of \$0.08/ 1,000 assessed value.

Water 26/27 Budget: The Water Budget increased by \$14,050 with few changes made.

The proposed Village Water Rate will be \$7.65/ 1,000 gallons and Town Rate \$11.08/ 1,000 gallons.

Sewer 26/27 Budget: The Sewer Budget increased by \$35,325.

Due to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade project, the proposed Sewer Rate will increase from \$11.50 to \$13.23- based on water usage- for both Village and Town.

The Sewer Benefit Assessment Rate will increase from \$71,000 to \$81,000 for Village sewer users. The Town Benefit Assessment will increase to \$13,225 from \$11,500.