

**COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: BUDGET SESSION ONE**

Council Chambers: 3-5pm.

Wednesday October 7, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INTRODUCTION TO BUDGET PROCESS & OVERVIEW OF BUDGET (3:00)

Finance Director Michelle Robinson and Tiffany Hiser

FINANCE COMMITTEE OVERVIEW (3:30)

DeVore Leonard (5 min.)

CAPITAL INITIATIVES OVERVIEW (3:35)

Robinson/Hiser

COUNCIL-SPECIFIC BUDGET (4:10)

Events

Commissions

Special Projects (Council members should submit requests in advance, referencing the Council Initiative Process document)

WRAP-UP (4:50)

Council Members

ADJOURNMENT

October 5, 2026

To: Council Members, Village of Yellow Springs

From: Michelle Robinson, Finance Director & Tiffany Hiser, Consultant

Subject: Budget Overview for 2027

Introduction

The budget as currently proposed requires authorization for \$19,715,334 with total revenue estimated to be \$18,646,160.

The chart below shows the CASH balance for each large fund of the Village over the past several years. You can see that the overall cash balance of the Village has increased from nearly 11M to just over 17M in 2026 with a cash decline projected for 2027 (down from 17.3M to 16.3M).

Fund	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
General	3,036,645	3,817,011	4,512,859	5,324,307	5,379,270	4,691,036
Street (All Funds)	1,212,962	1,020,410	972,312	956,791	774,308	487,040
Parks	377,291	361,798	280,123	312,893	272,747	249,377
Water	963,499	867,353	749,058	1,156,413	1,556,907	1,656,632
Electric	1,570,263	1,985,816	3,036,027	3,553,353	4,204,406	4,456,770
Aff Housing	9,750	17,760	115,359	367,593	191,346	155,973
Sewer	924,021	908,890	1,285,803	1,259,637	1,255,628	1,376,817
Storm	-	95,004	200,858	317,753	340,271	317,771
Solid Waste	144,063	179,887	225,130	275,124	267,889	282,979
Police Pension	116,275	128,442	124,421	125,403	125,403	125,403
Capital	1,590,662	1,540,690	2,271,306	2,066,522	2,437,882	1,990,932
Minor Funds	1,052,385	479,392	530,038	499,779	524,643	470,795
Total	10,997,816	11,402,453	14,303,293	16,215,568	17,330,699	16,261,524

General Fund Overview

This year we have worked actively to reduce the 2026 budget to stabilize the financials as best as possible with the goal of balancing the 2026 budget. Through September, we believe that the 2026 budget will be balanced. The 2027 budget projects a deficit of \$688,234 although we have all committed to reducing the deficit as much as possible this year – and projected a deficit of \$558k for 2026 that we believe we have balanced for the year.

General Fund Revenue Notes for 2027

- Property Taxes: We anticipate a \$45k increase in property tax collections this year and project collections of \$1.3 million.
- Income Taxes: income taxes are projected to increase slightly with inflation and have been favorable for the Village.
- Interest Income: The Village has a portfolio that is expected to generate sizeable income. That said, the projected deficit spending and investment rates are not favorable beyond FY26-FY27 as

a revenue source. We projected reduced interest income for 2027 (2026 we anticipate \$525k interest income with \$350k planned for 2027).

General Fund Expense Notes for 2027

- Inflationary increases of 3.5% are factored in for all staff.
 - Staffing levels are assumed to be budgeted as “fully staffed” however we traditionally do not have a full staff for each department, all year long.
 - Benefits are budgeted for higher utilization than trend but less than full utilization/enrollment.
 - Staff surveyed local government entities and the median raise is 3.5% for 2027 for entities surrounding the Village.
 - Council reserves the right to award 4% increases, an estimated increase in cost of \$22k
- This is a “status quo” budget that does not currently have modifications at the request of Council.
- Transfers from the General Fund to Parks, Streets and Capital Funds are large expenses for the General Fund. These expenses are planned to continue with the lack of revenue sources for these funds.
 - Capital Initiatives are planned to continue for infrastructure improvements and equipment purchases. Capital expenses, for the most part, are accounted for in the Capital Funds.

General Fund Financial Notes

- The table below shows the general fund revenue and expense projections for the next 2 forecast years and the current 2026 year. Overview of FY27 include:
 - Cash reserves are projected to be 79% of budget, just under \$5 million.
 - Deficit spending is projected to be \$688,234.

General Fund - 101	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
REVENUE			
Total General Revenue	5,348,504	5,266,424	5,178,022
Total General Expense	5,293,542	5,954,658	5,865,711
<i>Surplus/(Deficit)</i>	<i>54,962</i>	<i>(688,234)</i>	<i>(687,689)</i>
Cash Balance	5,379,270	4,691,036	4,003,348
% Cash on Hand	102%	79%	68%

Parks and Rec Fund

- The Parks and Rec Fund has no dedicated revenue source so this fund relies heavily on the General Fund for transfers.
- Parks/Rec is projected to deficit spend in FY27 but has cash reserves that cover the deficit.
- This is the operating fund for the pool, the Bryan Center, and other parks in the Village.

<u>Parks & Rec - 204</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
REVENUE			
Parks & Rec Revenue	745,095	748,000	848,430
EXPENSE			
Total Parks & Rec Expense	785,241	771,370	843,009
Surplus/(Deficit)	(40,146)	(23,370)	5,421
Cash Balance	272,747	249,377	254,799
% Cash on Hand	35%	32%	30%

Street Funds

- The largest revenue source is transfers from the General Fund.
- This fund also includes Permissive Tax Funds, Gas Tax, State Highway Funds and Motor Vehicle Funds.
 - Gas Tax Revenue is projected to be \$180k for FY2026 and growing to \$181,800 for FY2027. Legislation recently approved holds the Village harmless, however we are mindful that the hold-harmless funding may not go beyond FY2026.

<u>Street - 202, 203, 208</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
REVENUE			
Street & Related Revenue	622,100	828,861	810,650
EXPENSE			
Street & Related Expense	804,583	1,116,129	773,097
All funds Surplus/(Deficit)	(182,482)	(287,268)	37,553
All Funds CASH Balance	774,308	487,040	524,593

Enterprise Funds

- The Village has 5 Enterprise Funds: Water, Electric, Sewer, Solid Waste and Storm (Storm is a minor Enterprise Fund and therefore not shown below)
- Revenue sources for these funds are consumer fees, tap fees and reimbursements.
- All but the Storm Fund are projected to be operating on a balanced budget for the year.
- Capital Initiatives occur, for the most part, in the Capital Funds for each Enterprise Fund.

<u>Water - 610</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
REVENUE			
Total Revenue	1,905,000	1,877,000	1,868,515
EXPENSE			
Total Expense	1,504,506	1,777,275	1,821,392
<i>Surplus/(Deficit)</i>	<i>400,494</i>	<i>99,725</i>	<i>47,123</i>
CASH BALANCE	1,556,907	1,656,632	1,703,755
% Cash on Hand	103%	93%	94%

<u>Electric - 601</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
REVENUE			
Total Revenue	6,870,050	6,389,601	7,080,187
EXPENSE			
Total Expense	6,218,998	6,137,237	6,518,700
<i>Surplus/(Deficit)</i>	<i>651,052</i>	<i>252,364</i>	<i>561,486</i>
CASH BALANCE	4,204,406	4,456,770	5,018,256
Cash as % of Budget	68%	73%	77%

<u>Solid Waste: 630</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
REVENUE			
Total Revenue	533,371	572,227	589,363
EXPENSE			
Total Expense	540,606	557,137	573,933
<i>Surplus/(Deficit)</i>	<i>(7,235)</i>	<i>15,090</i>	<i>15,430</i>
CASH BALANCE	267,889	282,979	298,410

<u>Sewer - 620</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
REVENUE			
Total Revenue	1,521,030	1,568,291	1,599,147
EXPENSE			
Total Expense	1,525,039	1,447,102	1,491,066
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,009)	121,189	108,081
CASH BALANCE	1,255,628	1,376,817	1,484,898
<i>% Cash on Hand</i>	<i>82.33%</i>	<i>95.14%</i>	<i>99.59%</i>

The Village has other funds that it manages. Key funds include:

- **Affordable Housing:** This accounts for Lawson Place and other Affordable Housing initiatives. Primarily, this fund is used for the expenses associated with debt on Lawson Place and care/upkeep of the property.
- **Police Pension Fund:** This fund pays a small amount of pension benefits for the Police Department. Revenue for this fund is a small amount of Property Taxes.
- **Capital Funds:** The Village manages 6 active Capital Funds: Water Capital, Electric Capital, Sewer Capital, Parks/Rec Capital, Facilities Capital and Equipment Capital.
 - Capital Overview and Plan Document: In your Budget Packets you will find each Capital Fund. Items listed in **YELLOW are the projects included in the budget**. Items in orange are projects that we are concerned may be an issue during the year but are NOT included in the budget. Other projects are those that are on the radar for consideration but are NOT included in the budget.
 - There is a YELLOW subtotal at the bottom of each respective page indicating a fund total for each department. This subtotal includes a 10% retainage for price increases and inflation.

The Village also has a several other minor funds that it manages. These funds are for specific initiatives and purposes. Most of these funds have been with the Village for years.

Department Capital Budgets

Fund	Department	2026 Plan	2026 Estimate	2027	2028	2029	2030
204	Youth Center	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000
306	Parks & Recreation	\$ 132,500	\$ -	\$ 629,200	\$ 362,500	\$ 233,400	\$ 105,900
202	Streets	\$ 140,000	\$ -	\$ 446,500	\$ 358,000	\$ 224,000	\$ 230,000
304	Sewer	\$ 322,500	\$ -	\$ 839,500	\$ 507,500	\$ 131,000	\$ 390,800
303	Water	\$ 72,600	\$ -	\$ 152,000	\$ 673,873	\$ 843,500	\$ 919,000
305	Electric	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 281,000	\$ 207,000	\$ 402,000	\$ 1,098,000
101	Police	\$ 149,100	\$ -	\$ 123,100	\$ 79,500	\$ 137,100	\$ 42,300
650	Storm Water	\$ 84,075	\$ -	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
307	Facilities	\$ 194,200		\$ 358,800	\$ 85,800	\$ 77,000	\$ 42,000
224	Lawson Place	\$ 24,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 74,600	\$ 29,000	\$ 17,000
	Total Capital	\$ 1,418,975	\$ -	\$ 2,991,600	\$ 2,353,773	\$ 2,097,000	\$ 2,850,000

Water Capital Budget

303 Water Capital Improvement Fund	2026 Plan	2026 Estimate	2027	2028	2029	2030
Hydrant Repairs/Replace	\$ 12,000	in progress	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
App for online data			\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000		
Cleaning & Video of Well #6, #2, #5 #3	\$ 15,600	see note	\$ 32,000	\$ 16,873	\$ 17,500	\$ 19,000
Engineering to replace Well 2				\$ 34,000		
Replace Broken Valves			\$ 13,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 18,000
Replace 2" Mains				\$ 173,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 187,000
Well 2 and Well 3				\$ 150,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 175,000
Install interduct around WTP for chemical feed line				\$ 10,000		
Trucks/Equipment	\$ 45,000	see note		\$ 250,000		
PFOS Engineering			\$ 70,000		\$ 70,000	
Capital Improvement Plan			\$ 20,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Pressure Pump Building and pump					\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Total Water Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 72,600	\$ -	\$ 152,000	\$ 673,873	\$ 843,500	\$ 919,000

20%

In 2027+ Plan \$ 70,400 \$ 670,860

Need

Want

Electric Capital Budget							
305	Electric Capital Improvement Fund	2026 Plan	2026 Estimate	2027	2028	2029	2030
	Complete Center Circuit /Switch Station Rehab	\$ 225,000	100k this year	\$ 125,000			
	FEMA Grant Match - Encompass Study						\$ 750,000
	LED Street lights				\$ 10,000		
	South Walnut Streetscape						
	URD Customer Incentives			\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000
	Copper Reconduct #6				\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 22,000
	Equipment/Vehicles			\$ 60,000		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
	Reconductoring of Dayton St					\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
	SCADA Contols	\$ 25,000			\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000
	Poles changed Out	\$ 20,000	ordered	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
	OVHD to URD projects				\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
	Capital Improvement Plan			\$ 25,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
	Transformer upgrades (Pending Encompass Study)	\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 60,000	
	Total Electric Improvement Fund	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 281,000	\$ 207,000	\$ 402,000	\$ 1,098,000
			In 2027+ Plan	\$ 309,100	\$ 160,600	\$ 265,100	

25%

Need
Want

Sewer Capital Budget	
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304	Sewer Capital Improvement Fund	2026 Plan	2026 Estimate	2027	2028	2029	2030	
	Raise/Repair Mainholes			\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000			
	Replace 50HP pump (3rd & final until further maint/replacement)	\$ 70,000	push till 2027	\$ 77,000				RDN if it goes out, but could be pushed if it doesn't go out
	Lift Station Driveway Repairs			\$ 7,500			\$ 14,800	
	Re-line manholes, include chimney seals & flashing					\$ 40,000		Delayed until grant funded or money can be devoted to it
	Video record 20,000 ft of sanitary	\$ 22,500	in progress	\$ 25,000	\$ 27,500	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	
	Root control 14,000 ft of sanitary	\$ 10,000	completed	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000	
	Stipline(CIPP) around a mile of sanitary			\$ 200,000	\$ 300,000		\$ 300,000	Delayed until grant funded or money can be devoted to it
	RapidView IBAK			\$ 250,000				
	Capital Improvement Plan			\$ 30,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	30%
	Repair Yellow Administration Building (rust on bottom)				\$ 20,000			
	Purchase new vehicle for Waste Water Treatment				\$ 35,000			
	Replace blower #1 at WRF	\$ 175,000	push to 2027	\$ 175,000				Quote for 6 new blowers: 3 installed outside of aeration tanks, 3 placed for sludge tanks.
	Replace pumps in phosphorous treatment building	\$ 45,000	push to 2027	\$ 45,000	\$ 48,000			
	Paint buildings/Flooring				\$ 35,000	\$ 15,000		
	Total Sewer Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 322,500	\$ -	\$ 839,500	\$ 507,500	\$ 131,000	\$ 390,800	

In plan 2027+

\$	618,200	\$	384,450
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Need

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open note

Streets Capital Budget

202	Street Fund	2026 Plan	2026 Estimate	2027	2028	2029	2030
	Sidewalk Repairs	\$ 50,000	in progress	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
	Crack Seal/Striping	\$ 25,000	in progress (slowly)	\$ 12,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 15,000
	Curb Replacement / Repair	\$ 40,000	in progress	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 50,000
	Signs Replaced/upgraded (includes flashing and lit signs)			\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
	South End Bathrooms	TBD		\$ 40,000	\$ 100,000		
	Hauling out of spoils at farm left from years of dumping	\$ 25,000	in progress	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000		
	Dump Trucks/Vehicles/Equipment			\$ 105,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000
	Tornado Siren & Switch Upgrades			\$ 75,000			
	ADA/Parking Yellow Springs Study			\$ 9,500			
	Pavement Management Assessment			\$ 10,000			
	Crack Sealing Machine				\$ 25,000		
	Crosswalk across dayton at Kenneth Hamilton			\$ 60,000			
	Total Street Maintenance/Repair Capital Fund	\$ 140,000	\$ -	\$ 446,500	\$ 358,000	\$ 224,000	\$ 230,000

In Plan 2027+ \$ 252,450.0 \$ 87,500.0

Need

Want

Facilities Capital Budget

307	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT JBC	2026 Plan	2026 Estimate	2027	2028	2029	2030
	BC Bathroom Updates						
	BC Replacement Windows	\$ 50,000	In Process	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000		
	Re-coat floors in office and game room			\$ 1,500		\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000
	Cover the outside basketball hoop poles with crash mats			\$ 3,000	\$ 1,800		
	JBC cooling			\$ 50,000		\$ 65,000	
	Camera system	\$ 75,000	Completed	\$ 50,000			
	Lighting in Gym			\$ 4,500			
	Boiler Replacement						\$ 25,000
	Painting			\$ 4,000			
	Repair back door by PD	\$ 15,000	Completed	\$ 30,000			
	BC Gym Repaint/1st Floor Walls			\$ 40,000			
	Basketball Hoop Padding			\$ 1,600			
	Clean Storage Room			\$ 3,000			
	12 8' tables			\$ 2,500			
	ReCarpet Stands in Gym			\$ 8,000			
	Front Door Replacement JBC	\$ 50,000	Completed				
		\$ 190,000		\$ 248,100	\$ 51,800	\$ 66,000	\$ 28,000

Storm Capital Budget

650	Storm Water	2026 Plan	2026 Estimate	2027	2028	2029	2030
	Fairfield from Corp line to Lorp line	\$ 84,075	started				
	High Street at W. Limestone						
	Xenia Ave camera work and slip line						
	Downtown catch basin						
	Polecat @ corp line						
	Xenia & Glenn			\$ 125,000			
	Rice road						
	Spillian rd catch basin						
	N. Stafford						
	Dawson						
	N. Winter						
	Pleasant @N. high						
	W. Davis @ S. High						
	Gaunt Park						
	Dayton St. storm project						
	Glass Farm drainage going North						
	Side inlet catch basin upgrade						
	Top inlet riser ring or upgrade from the Home made ones						
	Total Storm Water Fund	\$ 84,075	\$ -	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Reimb Grant

In Plan 2027 \$ 137,500

Need

Police Capital Budget

101 -1201 Police		2026 Plan	2026 Estimate	2027	2028	2029	2030
What	Previous Purchase						
Computers	2019	\$8,400	Johnnie?	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$17,600
Tasers	2023	\$4,000	Completed			\$10,000	\$10,000
Car		\$80,000	Completed	\$80,000		\$80,000	
Body Worn Cameras	2023						
Dash Cameras	2023						
Radios: 3Yr phase-in		\$7,600		\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$7,600
Vests	2023-2025	\$3,000		\$3,000	\$4,400	\$7,000	\$5,600
AED's (4 Units)		\$7,500		5,000		5,000	
Office Equipment		\$3,000		1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Facilities Maintenance		\$35,600	Nothing done		40,000		
Total Police Capital Funds		\$149,100	\$0	\$123,100	\$79,500	\$137,100	\$42,300

In 2027+ Plan	129,910	43,450
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Lawson Place Capital Budget

Fund	Project	2026 Plan	2026 Estimate	2027	2028	2029	2030
224	Lawson Place						
	10 Lawson hallway flooring and lighting			\$ 8,000			
	Smoke Detector in all units remaining	\$ 4,000	ongoing				
	Seal Coat Parking lot/stripping				\$ 7,600		
	Unit remodel when people move out	\$ 15,000	ongoing	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000
	Boiler/Hot Water Heater Replacement				\$ 45,000	\$ 10,000	
	Dumpster Area			\$ 3,000			
	Appliances				\$ 3,000		\$ 3,000
	Misc. (windows, entrance doors, security,etc	\$ 5,000	ongoing	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
TOTAL LAWSON PLACE		\$ 24,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 74,600	\$ 29,000	\$ 17,000

-	In 2027 Plan	\$ 16,500.0	\$ 16,500.0
\$ 24,000			

Need
Want

Parks Capital Budget

306	Parks & Recreation Capital	2026 Plan	2026 Estimate	2027	2028	2029	2030	
	3 new drinking fountain Trian Station, Ellis, JBC Pottery Area	\$5,000	in progress	\$5,000	\$5,000			
	New backstops for the baseball and softball fields	\$15,000		\$15,000				
	Softball/Baseball upgrades			\$55,000	\$55,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	Fencing, drainage, dugouts
	Skate Park repair and Replacement			\$20,000	\$20,000			
	Beatty Hughs Park Work			\$58,000	\$18,000			
	Pond Dredging - Ellis					\$20,000		
	Extend Fencing by Pool for more shade/recreation			\$16,000	\$16,000			
	Equipment/Tractor				\$80,000	\$30,000		
	Demo old barn					\$40,000		
	new lighting for fields			\$50,000				
	Equipment at Ellis Playground/Whitehall			\$250,000	\$50,000	\$25,000		
	Playgrounds/Dog Park Upgrades Repairs			\$30,000	\$30,000	\$50,000		
	Total Park & Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	\$20,000	\$0	\$499,000	\$274,000	\$175,000	\$5,000	
				\$99,000.0	\$27,500.0			

Youth Center Capital Budget						
204-1604 Youth Center / Gym	2026 Plan	2026 Estimate	2027	2028	2029	2030
youth center flooring: Cleaning				\$ 3,000		\$ 5,000
re-carpet stands in gym (in facilities)				\$ -		
Paint			\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,000	
Office Upgrades			\$ 1,500		\$ 15,000	
Total Bryan Youth Program Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000

1500 Included in BYP Budget

Need
Want



The Village of **YELLOW SPRINGS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Michelle Robinson

FROM: Ben Sparks

DATE September 21, 2026

RE: Capital Budget

Michelle,

Below are my requests and reasons for the amount needed:

Electric Distribution Budget

- **Center Circuit Completion:** The \$200,000 budgeted line item will bring this project near final completion. Most necessary materials have been procured and are awaiting installation.
- **Dayton Street Reconductoring:** Requesting to accelerate this project by one year. To hit this updated target, planning and engineering must begin ahead of schedule.
- **Equipment & Rolling Stock:** Added \$35,000 to fund the Electric Department's half of the shared small dump truck with Water. Capital planning also accounts for a scheduled bucket truck replacement in 2034.
- **Overhead to Underground (OVHD to URD) – Village Owned:** Requesting to reactivate this program to focus on high-outage corridors. Approximately 10,000 linear feet of Village-owned wire have been successfully buried to date.
- **URD Customer Incentives (Customer Owned):** Targeted for launch next year. This line item funds upfront material purchases for customer conversions; all material expenses will be 100% reimbursed by the customer upon project completion.
- **Pole Replacements:** The department actively replaces 20 to 25 poles annually. Utilizing in-house crews costs \$1,200–\$1,500 per pole, compared to \$6,000–\$7,500 per pole when contracted out. Maximizing in-house execution yields significant operational savings for the Village.

Water Distribution Budget

- **Hydrant Repairs:** Progressing efficiently. By utilizing in-house labor to sandblast and rebuild hydrants with new components, we remain on schedule for full system completion by 2030. Current line item funding is accurate and sufficient.
- **Valve Replacement & Exercising:** Valve replacements remain a primary operational challenge, averaging \$6,000–\$10,000 per valve. This cost hurdle frequently delays necessary valve replacement and hampers our routine valve-exercising program. An increase in this line item is strongly requested if funding permits.

- **2" Main Replacement & Grant Matching:** Replacing our remaining ~5,500 feet of 2" galvanized water main is a critical reliability priority. Funding should continue to be allocated toward future grant-matching opportunities, and identifying a dedicated resource or advocate to actively pursue these grants is highly recommended.
- **Vehicle Maintenance (Shared Asset):** The department requires a new small dump truck. To optimize capital spending, this purchase will be shared 50/50 with the Electric Department.



The Village of **YELLOW SPRINGS**

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TO: Village Manager & Finance Director

FROM: Paige Burge, Chief of Police

DATE: September 22, 2026

SUBJECT: FY2027 Initial Police Department Capital Planning Summary

The Police Department's initial FY2027 budget request includes operational line items aligned with historic staffing realities, active recruitment efforts, and our essential multi-year capital replacements.

The following memo outlines our 2027 capital and large-item budget requests for Council, detailing the specific items, estimated costs, and justifications categorized as needs or wants.

Computers (\$3,600 — Need): This request establishes a staggered and recurring replacement cycle to get ahead of end-of-life failures rather than replacing equipment reactively after a breakdown.

Police Vehicle (\$80,000 — Need): While we received a vehicle in 2026, we initially proposed two vehicles that year to catch up from a delayed replacement schedule. One was approved, and as advised during last year's discussions, we are requesting the additional vehicle this year. Once replaced, this will move our replacement cycle from a 2-year cycle to 3 years or more, as we have successfully transitioned our fleet to hybrids instead of traditional gasoline vehicles.

Portable Radios: 3-Year Phase-In (\$30,000 — Need): This is a critical end-of-life replacement need. Starting in 2027, batteries and maintenance needs for our current model radios will no longer be fillable as the models become entirely outdated. We are utilizing a staggered multi-year phase-in to manage costs.

Vests (\$3,000 — Need): Ballistic vests are listed directly to align with our departmental turnover trends and mandatory replacement lifecycles.

Office Equipment / Dispatch Chairs (\$1,500 — Want): This covers the replacement of dispatch chairs, which are heavy-duty items utilized continuously 24/7/365. We will actively seek grant reimbursement or alternative funds through Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) allocations when available.

AEDs - 4 Units (\$5,000 — Want): Classified as a "want" because all units are currently functioning and up to date with active supplies. However, our current models have reached end-of-life status, meaning new replacement pads and batteries are no longer manufactured or available. Once a unit goes out of service (OOS), it will no longer be usable and will need replacement.

I am available to provide further vendor quotes, equipment condition reports, or additional justification as we proceed through the review process leading into October.

Thank you

Chief Burge



The Village of **YELLOW SPRINGS**

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TO: Village Manager & Finance Director

FROM: Paige Burge, Chief of Police

DATE: September 22, 2026

SUBJECT: Tornado Siren Updates / Replacement Recommendations

This memo outlines the operational urgency, technical background, and cost-saving advantages of the recommended siren hardware updates.

During the 2025 storm season, recurring communication failures compromised our ability to reliably activate all tornado sirens across the municipality.

The underlying cause of these transmission failures was traced directly to the advanced age of our activation equipment.

To maintain public safety standards and get through the operational year without a total system lapse, P&R (our maintenance and troubleshooting provider) loaned us a temporary radio unit.

Recent consultations with P&R have clarified our current network configuration and hardware requirements.

Our activation system no longer relies on the legacy repeater infrastructure. The repeater has been permanently disabled and no longer drives the siren network. Because the repeater is no longer part of the equation, the required capital improvements are significantly streamlined. The quote from P&R will focus exclusively on:

1. A modern, highly efficient activation radio.
2. An up-to-date, high-performance antenna system.
3. A new antenna line to eliminate signal degradation.

These targeted upgrades will optimize radio performance, guarantee reliable transmissions to every siren in the network, and ensure community-wide early warning reliability during severe weather events.

The most significant benefit of our current system architecture is cost efficiency. Because the legacy repeater system is entirely bypassed, **the replacement and upgrade costs will be substantially lower** than a full repeater-integrated overhaul. Investing in these direct component upgrades in 2027 represents a cost-effective, high-priority solution to a critical public safety vulnerability.

We recommend the approval of the allocation for the P&R equipment to secure the new radio, antenna, and line. Addressing this promptly ensures our community's severe weather warning system remains robust, reliable, and fiscally optimized ahead of the storm season.

Thank you

Chief Burge



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Michelle Robinson

FROM: Samantha Stewart

DATE: 9/17/2026

RE: Capital Budget

Michelle,

Below are my requests and reasons with amount needed and they are all needs:

Pool

- \$50,000.00 for a new Big pool pump (main pool)-problematic for several seasons, trouble shooting/rebuilding is expensive and inconvenient during the season, new pump can be installed and the current one can remain a back up
- \$12,000.00 to replace our required Automatic chemical controllers in both pools that are outdated
- \$15,000.00 for facility painting as current paint is falling off in chunks (outer walls)
- \$8,000.00 to purchase and install a new Baby Pool cartridge housing; current one is leaking, has a broken rod that has been fixed twice causing pressure to build
- \$5,000.00 to begin the full rehab on Men's restroom, starting with the flooring-multi year project.
- \$5,000.00 replace main drain grates in Big Pool, required every 5 years
- \$2,500.00 requested increase to operating supplies since budget had to be supplemented the 2026 season
- \$1,500.00 to replace umbrellas and stands in Baby pool seating area; current ones are broken
- \$1,200.00 to replace umbrella's for the guard stands
- \$40,000.00 to re-paint the walls in gym and first floor of Bryan Center due to flaking and water damage
- \$8,000.00 to re-carpet the stands in Gym; current carpet is stained and unravelling