



VILLAGE OF BARTLETT
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April 7, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Gunsteen called Public Hearing meeting of April 7, 2026, for the 2026-27 Proposed Budget Review, of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bartlett to order on the above date at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustees Battermann, Deyne, Gandsey, Hopkins, LaPorte, Suwanski and President Gunsteen

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Village Administrator Paula Schumacher, Assistant Village Administrator Scott Skrycki, Human Resources Director Janelle Terrance, Economic Development Coordinator Tony Fradin, Finance Director Matt Coulter, Director of Public Works Dan Dinges, Assistant Public Works Director Tyler Isham, Civil Engineer Nick Talarico, Assistant to the Public Works Director Sam Hughes, Planning & Development Director Kristy Stone, IT Director John Peebles, Food and Beverage Manager Paul Petersen, Police Chief Ryan Conway, Deputy Chief Rob Sweeney, Deputy Chief Will Naydenoff, Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth, and Village Clerk Lorna Giles.

Village Administrator Paula Schumacher stated that the proposed revenues for fiscal 2026-27 total \$79.6 million and includes approximately \$1 million in borrowings for the Bluff City TIF. The remaining revenues are divided among property taxes, other taxes, charges for services, interest, and fees. She stated that the proposed general corporate property tax levy is budgeted to remain the same as the prior year.

Ms. Schumacher stated that Sales Tax is budgeted to increase 18% from the prior budget and reflects increased sales from businesses in the Brewster Creek Business Park as well as the addition of several new businesses in Bartlett. Home-rule sales tax is increasing 131% from last year's budget due to a home-rule tax rate increase of .75% that went into effect on July 1st, 2025. Income Tax distributions are also expected to increase slightly; however, the LDGF share remains at current rate of 6.47%.

Ms. Schumacher stated that the total proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-27 is \$82,352,921. She stated that this is a 2% increase from last year's budget.

Ms. Schumacher stated that the overall budget increase is primarily due to an increase in operating expenditures. This increase can mainly be attributed to the DuPage Water Commission (DWC) contractual agreement budget and police personnel costs.



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Ms. Schumacher stated that the total operating budget is \$62.1 million. She stated that operating expenditures can be divided into five primary uses. About 34% of the operating expenditures are for public safety. Public Works is about 42% and includes streets, water, sewer and parking. The remaining 24% is divided among general government, golf and debt service.

Ms. Schumacher stated that the capital portion of the proposed budget is \$20.3 million, down from \$21.4 million the prior year. The capital portion of the budget varies from year to year based upon the individual projects we have scheduled. Capital projects of the budget are divided into six broad categories; water, sewer, streets, economic development, golf and other projects.

Ms. Schumacher stated that \$3.4 million of the proposed capital projects in the 2026-27 budget relates to water projects such as the water main/lead service replacement program. There is \$2.6 million in the budget for sewer projects such as the annual Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Program and the Campanelli Lift Station Rehabilitation. Other projects include the annual streets maintenance program, Stormwater System Improvements, bike path improvements, and improvements in the Bluff City and Lake Street Corridor TIFs.

Ms. Schumacher stated that the budget year begins May 1, 2026, and goes through April 30, 2027.

There being no questions or further business to discuss, President Gunsteen adjourned the Public Hearing back to the Board Meeting at 7:04pm.

Jackie Cardoza
Executive Assistant