PGOLID Proposed budget –2027

The proposed budget for 2027 shows a tax levy of $150,000, $50,000 less than the current year but $20,000 more than previous years.

The 2026 budget was set to provide contingency for significant potential spending for invasive species -- swimmers Itch and curly leaf pondweed -- treatment in the current year. While we have made an expenditure for curly leaf, it does not seem that much will be spent in 2026 for swimmers itch given the current impasse with the USFWS and DNR on measures to deal with the underlying merganser population. That is why I have chosen a $150,000 tax levy.

Lake resource coordinator – budgeted similar to but higher than 2026

Invasives – curly leaf – budgeted at a lower level for 2027 since extensive treatment was done this year (and actually unlikely to occur in 2027)

Invasives – swimmers itch = budgeted at $30k for 2027 vs $10k this year

Mosquito control – per contract a 5% increase over the contract amount for 2026 (which came in lower than budgeted)

Water quality – a slight increase over 2026

All other items have been set at the same level as 2026, with the exception of Audit fees (which only happen every 5 years), legal fees (no current plan to work on incorporation).

This would leave a $23k decline in cash balances at the end of 2027, but still a very healthy level of funds to meet contingencies through the year, especially if one assumes that we probably would not spend the budgeted amount for curly leaf in 2027.

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