

Village of Germantown

2026 Recommended Budget Cheat Sheet

Budget Overview

- Total Recommended 2026 General Fund Budget: **\$22.78 million**
- Change from 2025: **+3.27%**

Primary Funding Sources

- Property Taxes – \$13.1 million (57%)
- State Aid – \$4.26 million (19%)
- Fees & Charges – \$2.56 million (11%)
- Other Revenues – 13%

Property Tax Impact

- 2025 Mill Rate: **\$4.54**
- 2026 Recommended Mill Rate: **\$4.58**
- Change: **+\$0.04 per \$1,000** of assessed value
- Impact on Average Home (\$452,000 value): **\$25 per year (\$2 per month)**

Major Investments in 2026

Public Safety – \$12.45 million (55%)

- 42 sworn Police Department personnel
- 27 sworn Fire Department personnel

Public Works – \$5.95 million (26%)

- Road maintenance and reconstruction
- Snow removal
- Tree, building, and park maintenance

Debt & Capital Planning

Borrowing planned for 2026 projects:

Department	Cost	Major Projects
Clerk	\$17,000	<i>Divisions Road - \$3.0 Million</i>
DPW	\$6,551,400	<i>Road Program - \$1.62 Million</i>
Library	\$10,000	<i>Fire Station Renovation – \$6.5 million</i>
Parks & Recreation	\$128,000	<i>PD Building Design – \$3.0 million</i>
Public Safety	\$10,663,600	
Total	\$17,370,000	

2027 Tax Impact from 2026 Borrowing

- 2026 Mill Rate: 4.5795
- 2027 Mill Rate: 5.0161
- Difference: 0.4366
- Impact on Average Home: **\$197.34 per year**

Debt service is spread over 5, 10, and 20 years to limit tax impact.

Resident Engagement

- Budget discussions at Committee of the Whole and Finance Committee (broadcast and recorded)
- Public Hearing: **November 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM, Village Hall Boardroom**
- Residents are encouraged to share feedback with staff and elected officials