


Preserving the environment through integrated recovery and disposal.

MEMORANDUM

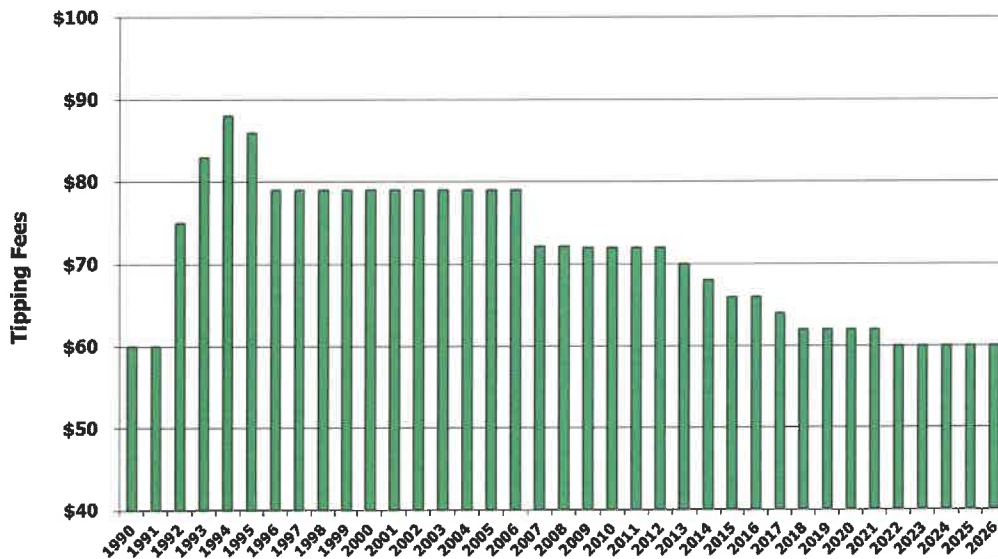
TO: Elected Officials, ABO, Investors, Contractors, and Interested Individuals
FROM: Joshua J. Olbrys, Executive Director 
DATE: January 6, 2026
RE: Adopted 2026 Budget

On December 15, 2025, the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority adopted the proposed 2026 budget and rate schedule. The adopted 2026 budget summary and rate schedule are posted on the Authority’s website at www.ohswa.org.

Highlights of the Authority’s adopted budget and rates for 2026 include:

- The Authority will maintain tipping fees for municipal solid waste (MSW), sludge, and local solid waste (LSW). Bulk tire disposal will increase from \$190 per ton to \$260 per ton. All other rates will remain the same.
- The Authority will maintain the rate for source separated organics (SSO) [food waste] of \$40 per ton. The Authority’s SSO processing facility became operational in the second quarter of 2019 and will process SSO to be diverted from the landfill and converted to electricity.
- In 2026, the Authority will continue to offer two reduced tip fee programs to assist Oneida-Herkimer Counties and its municipalities. The first program provides reduced tip fees for disposal of debris following a disaster, such as a flood (\$42.00 per ton). The second program provides for reduced tipping fees to assist Industrial Development Agencies and Developers related to Brownfield clean-up and Industrial Development Projects (\$42.00 per ton). Both programs require an application and Board approval.

ONEIDA-HERKIMER SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
Historical MSW Tipping Fees 1990-2026



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REVENUE HIGHLIGHTS

- 2026 projected tonnage estimates based upon 8-month actual tonnage in 2025 and a review of historical data.
- Sale of recyclables revenues forecasted with 8-month data from 2025, historical review and market projections for 2026.
- The out of county recyclables processing revenue has slightly increased with the projected annual tonnage from Oswego, Lewis and Fulton Counties. Projected revenue is \$945,000.
- The Authority projects three months of landfill gas revenue in anticipation of construction of the renewable natural gas operation coming online in 2026.
- Carbon credit revenue is budgeted through September 2026. Projected revenue is \$600,000.
- The Authority will continue to waive the permit fee for the haulers/businesses and municipalities for 2026.

EXPENSE HIGHLIGHTS

- Health insurance expense budgeted at 2% increase over 2025 premiums.
- Budget reflects \$465,000 of contracted direct payments made to the Town of Ava and the Town and Villages of Boonville, consistent with our Host Community Agreements.
- Fuel expense was budgeted at \$3.50 per gallon as the result of industry forecasts.
- Public education expenses are projected to be \$95,000.
- Workers' compensation budget is based upon 5-year average of the Authority's actual claims.
- The annual contributions to the NYS Retirement System will stay consistent with 2025 costs as rates have remained relatively the same.

MUNICIPAL BUDGETS

- The Authority manages the waste and recyclables collection systems for the City of Utica and the Village of Ilion, Frankfort, Mohawk, Herkimer and Dolgeville. The Authority currently maintains a separate accounting system for each municipality.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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2026

ADOPTED BUDGET

Preserving the environment through integrated recovery and disposal.

Introductory No. 25

Resolution No. 25

Introduced by: Mr. Bono

Seconded by: Mr. Boucher

RE: APPROVAL OF 2026 ONEIDA-HERKIMER SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BUDGET, 2026 RATE SCHEDULE, AND THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the Authority commenced the budget preparation process in August 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors reviewed financial information, revenue estimates, and expenditure requests and the Finance Committee evaluated alternatives and compiled a proposed budget for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget for the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Management Authority for 2026 was distributed on October 8, 2025 in conformance with the Public Authorities Accountability Act, the Authority statute and bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget has been available for public comment since October 8, 2025 and it was also the subject of a public briefing at the Authority meeting on November 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 17, 2025, to receive and consider public comment on the proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, all other provisions of the Public Authorities Accountability Act, Authority Statute and Bylaws were met with respect to the proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget for the Authority covers the revenues and expenditures for the Administrative function, the Western Transfer Station, the Eastern Transfer Station, the Green Waste Compost Facility, the Recycling Center, the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, Debt Service, the Regional Landfill Facility, the Utica collection function, the Ilion collection function, the Frankfort collection function, the Mohawk collection function, the Dolgeville collection function and the Herkimer collection function; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is continuing a system of fees and charges which meet all its obligations and support its functions and also provide direct economic incentives to maximize recycling; and

RESOLVED, that the Authority adopts the 2026 proposed budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, the attached schedule of charges be adopted for Authority Services for 2026; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Authority hereby approves the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Permit Rules and Regulations as attached; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Authority reserves the right to establish or amend fees, as it may deem necessary, at a later date.

Adopted by the following vote:

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Absent: Mr. Redmond

Dated: December 15, 2025

2026 ADOPTED FEE SCHEDULE WASTE CLASS	CONTRACT PERMITTED HAULER RATE PER TON OR RATE PER ITEM	NON-CONTRACT PERMITTED HAULER RATE PER TON OR RATE PER ITEM	RESIDENT RATE PER TON OR RATE PER ITEM
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) [Non-Recyclable Waste]	\$60.00	\$115.00	\$60.00
Local Solid Waste (LSW) [Non-Recyclable Waste]	\$50.00	N/A	N/A
Sludge	\$60.00	\$115.00	N/A
Source Separated Organics (SSO) *	\$40.00	\$115.00	N/A
Construction & Demolition (C&D)	\$58.00	\$115.00	\$58.00
C&D Trucking & Disposal Roll-Off	\$73.00	N/A	N/A
C&D Trucking & Disposal Trailer	\$58.00	N/A	N/A
C&D - Trailer Direct Haul	\$50.00	N/A	N/A
SSO Mixed with 25% MSW/ 25% Recyclables *	\$120.00	\$230.00	\$120.00
Waste Mixed with 25% Recyclables	\$120.00	\$230.00	\$120.00
Recyclables Mixed with Unacceptable Material	\$120.00	\$230.00	\$120.00
Select C&D (Clean Fill Only i.e., asphalt, concrete, brick and stone)	\$25.00	N/A	\$25.00
Clean Wood Pallets	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Direct Haul Special Waste	\$55.00	\$87.00	N/A
Direct Haul Asbestos (1 ton minimum up to 4,000 tons)	\$80.00	\$159.00	N/A
Direct Haul Bulk Asbestos (> 4,000 tons per year to 8,000 tons per year)	\$70.00	\$159.00	N/A
Direct Haul Bulk Asbestos (> 8,000 tons per year)	\$60.00	\$159.00	N/A
ADC/Contaminated Soil – Regional Landfill Cover	\$15-\$30	N/A	N/A
Single Stream Recyclables (Oneida & Herkimer County)	\$0.00	\$49.00	\$0.00
Out of Region Single Stream Recyclables (Prior Authorization Needed)	TBD	N/A	N/A
Green Waste/Wood Chip Disposal	\$15.00	\$18.50	\$5.00 Flat Fee P/U Truck
Green Waste/Wood Chip Disposal - Minimum Charge	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Bagged Compost Out	N/A	N/A	\$3.00 Per Bag
Bulk Compost Out - Large P/U Truck [3 buckets] (we load)	N/A	N/A	\$20.00 Flat Fee
Bulk Compost Out - Small P/U Truck [up to 2 buckets] (we load)	N/A	N/A	\$15.00 Flat Fee
Bulk Compost Out - Less than 100 yd. (we load)	N/A	N/A	\$15.00 Per Yard
Bulk Compost Out - Greater than 100 yd. (we load)	N/A	N/A	\$12.00 Per Yard - By Appointment Only
Bulk Compost Out - Greater than 500 yards per year (we load)	N/A	N/A	\$10.00 Per Yard
Stumps, Root Balls & Oversized Limbs	\$15.00	\$18.50	N/A
Tires up to 20" (Per Tire)	\$5.50	\$6.00	\$5.50
Tires Bulk	\$260.00	\$305.00	\$260.00
Tires on a Rim Add for Each	\$4.50	\$5.00	\$4.50
Household White Goods (i.e. Washers) Per Item	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Household Items w/CFs (i.e. Freezers) Per Item	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
35-Gallon Bag of MSW/SSO	N/A	N/A	\$2.00
One Bulk Item (i.e. Chair/Sofa/Table)	N/A	N/A	\$5.00
Minimum Load Charge - MSW 0 to 250 lbs.	\$7.50 Flat Fee	\$15.00 Flat Fee	\$7.50 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - MSW 251 to 500 lbs.	\$15.00 Flat Fee	\$28.75 Flat Fee	\$15.00 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - MSW 501 to 750 lbs.	\$22.50 Flat Fee	\$43.25 Flat Fee	\$22.50 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - MSW 751 to 1,000 lbs.	\$30.00 Flat Fee	\$57.50 Flat Fee	\$30.00 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - LSW 0 to 250 lbs.	\$6.25 Flat Fee	N/A	N/A
Minimum Load Charge - LSW 251 to 500 lbs.	\$12.50 Flat Fee	N/A	N/A
Minimum Load Charge - LSW 501 to 750 lbs.	\$18.75 Flat Fee	N/A	N/A
Minimum Load Charge - LSW 751 to 1,000 lbs.	\$25.00 Flat Fee	N/A	N/A
Minimum Load Charge - C & D 0 to 250 lbs.	\$7.25 Flat Fee	\$15.00 Flat Fee	\$7.25 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - C & D 251 to 500 lbs.	\$14.50 Flat Fee	\$28.75 Flat Fee	\$14.50 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - C & D 501 to 750 lbs.	\$21.75 Flat Fee	\$43.25 Flat Fee	\$21.75 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - C & D 751 to 1,000 lbs.	\$29.00 Flat Fee	\$57.50 Flat Fee	\$29.00 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - SSO 0 to 250 lbs. *	\$5.00 Flat Fee	\$15.00 Flat Fee	\$5.00 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - SSO 251 to 500 lbs. *	\$10.00 Flat Fee	\$28.75 Flat Fee	\$10.00 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - SSO 501 to 750 lbs. *	\$15.00 Flat Fee	\$43.25 Flat Fee	\$15.00 Flat Fee
Minimum Load Charge - SSO 751 to 1,000 lbs. *	\$20.00 Flat Fee	\$57.50 Flat Fee	\$20.00 Flat Fee
Penalty for Untarped Loads	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Manually Removing Frozen Loads	\$0.00	\$25.00	N/A
Vehicle Weight Fee	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
Natural Disaster Debris Tipping Fee- Must be approved through Application	\$42.00	N/A	N/A
Brownfield Clean-Up/ IDA Project Tipping Fee- Must be approved through Application !	\$42.00	N/A	N/A

MSW = Municipal Solid Waste (Non-Recyclable Waste)

LSW = Local Solid Waste (Non-Recyclable Waste)

ADC = Alternate Daily Cover

C&D = Construction & Demolition Debris

SSO= Source Separated Organics

T&D = Trucking & Disposal

* Rates will be Applicable upon commencement of operation of SSO Processing Facility

! Annual Limit of 5,000 tons on a First Come First Serve Basis

N/A = Non-Applicable

TBD = To Be Determined

2026 PROJECTED TONNAGE

Waste Class	2023 Actual Tons	2024 Actual Tons	2025 Projected Tons	2025 Adopted Rates	2025 Budgeted Revenue	2025 Actual Tons 6 months	2025 Revenue 6 Mo.	2026 Projected Tons	2026 Adopted Rates	2026 Budgeted Revenue
MSW	169,007	174,542	163,500	\$60.00	\$9,810,000	87,103	\$5,001,396	163,500	\$60.00	\$9,810,000
C&D	53,006	52,484	49,500	\$58.00	\$2,871,000	24,588	\$1,482,060	49,500	\$58.00	\$2,871,000
C&D/T&D Trailer	1,234	1,944	1,000	\$58.00	\$58,000	232	\$61,427	1,000	\$58.00	\$58,000
C&D/ Trailer Direct	7,111	5,326	1,000	\$50.00	\$50,000	4,167	\$184,398	1,000	\$50.00	\$50,000
C&D/T&D Roll-off	111	0	100	\$73.00	\$7,300	15	\$8,112	100	\$73.00	\$7,300
Direct Haul Special	5,258	4,157	3,200	\$55.00	\$176,000	3,556	\$143,953	3,200	\$55.00	\$176,000
Local Waste	7,756	7,874	7,000	\$50.00	\$350,000	3,759	\$171,156	7,000	\$50.00	\$350,000
Sludge	22,492	23,079	24,000	\$60.00	\$1,440,000	12,768	\$681,321	24,000	\$60.00	\$1,440,000
Asbestos	9,621	8,560	6,500	\$80.00	\$520,000	2,402	\$368,721	6,500	\$80.00	\$520,000
Source Separated Organics Processing	5,652	5,971	5,500	\$40.00	\$220,000	2,150	\$101,199	5,500	\$40.00	\$220,000
ADC/Cover****	44,703	46,773	40,000	\$15 - \$30	\$1,000,000	24,323	\$200,325	40,000	\$15 - \$30	\$1,000,000
TOTAL	325,951	330,710	301,300	----	\$16,502,300	165,063	\$8,404,068	301,300	----	\$16,502,300

**** Revenue is estimated at \$25 per ton for 2025 and 2026

ADOPTED 2026 AUTHORITY REVENUES				
CATEGORY	2024 ACTUAL	2025 SIX MONTHS ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET	2026 ADOPTED BUDGET
System Tipping Fee (STF)	\$18,466,303	\$9,266,649	\$16,502,300	\$16,502,300
Sale of Recyclables	\$2,395,153	\$1,124,622	\$2,400,000	\$2,050,000
Recyclable Processing Fees	\$941,416	\$461,057	\$933,000	\$945,000
Compost Tipping Fees	\$166,598	\$66,536	\$165,000	\$165,000
Interest Earnings	\$1,954,244	\$1,160,400	\$1,645,000	\$1,880,000
Recycling Fees-Tires	\$308,010	\$135,878	\$280,000	\$428,000
Department Transfers	\$86,000	\$43,000	\$86,000	\$86,000
NYS Grants	\$198,742	\$50,000	\$190,000	\$200,000
CESQG Fees	\$25,242	\$9,638	\$21,000	\$26,000
Sale of Equipment	\$359,702	\$134,221	\$328,000	\$300,000
Discounts	(\$4,251)	(\$4,437)	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)
Penalties	\$4,682	\$1,705	\$8,700	\$5,000
Recovery of Bad Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sale of Compost/Grinding	\$119,615	\$51,683	\$110,000	\$115,000
Miscellaneous Income	\$111,231	\$46,927	\$111,000	\$107,700
Landfill Gas Revenues	\$313,931	\$213,851	\$160,000	\$80,000
Sale of Carbon Credits	\$919,258	\$400,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Electronics Recycling	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Solar Array Net Meter Credits	\$194,848	\$74,585	\$170,000	\$170,000
Contractual Penalties	\$0	\$70,000	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	26,560,723	13,306,316	23,700,000	23,650,000
ADOPTED 2026 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES				
CATEGORY	2024 ACTUAL	2025 SIX MONTHS ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET	2026 ADOPTED BUDGET
Toter Revenue	\$1,131,938	\$579,063	\$1,162,345	\$1,472,578
Sale of Bags	\$2,688,930	\$1,328,112	\$2,756,705	\$2,882,772
User Fees	\$2,631,405	\$1,375,899	\$2,610,400	\$2,664,000
Interest Earnings	\$9,365	\$4,898	\$8,650	\$9,050
Penalties	\$68,225	\$54,933	\$60,000	\$70,000
Miscellaneous Income	\$3,506	\$310	\$1,900	\$1,600
Subtotal	6,533,368	3,343,214	6,600,000	7,100,000
TOTAL REVENUES	33,094,091	16,649,529	30,300,000	30,750,000

ADOPTED 2026 AUTHORITY EXPENSES

CATEGORY	2024 ACTUAL	2025 SIX MONTHS ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET	2026 ADOPTED BUDGET
Salaries & Wages	\$4,216,796	\$2,199,007	\$4,864,135	\$5,051,731
Overtime/Shift Differential	\$702,011	\$391,505	\$648,250	\$751,950
Other Fees & Services	\$1,049,749	\$483,679	\$1,052,300	\$1,181,681
Temporary Labor	\$454,127	\$201,527	\$213,000	\$320,500
Office Equipment & Supplies	\$33,023	\$14,184	\$27,700	\$30,200
Insurance	\$294,517	\$164,579	\$355,915	\$389,893
Rent/Lease of Equipment	\$21,005	\$14,142	\$141,800	\$147,800
Utilities	\$299,087	\$186,543	\$332,500	\$350,000
Telephone	\$45,310	\$22,704	\$49,700	\$52,100
Postage/Shipping	\$6,234	\$10,696	\$8,800	\$16,000
Training	\$13,910	\$9,490	\$15,800	\$16,300
Public Information	\$100,836	\$53,317	\$85,000	\$95,000
Uniforms & Safety	\$53,971	\$47,155	\$72,400	\$81,000
Auto Supplies/Repairs	\$354,199	\$185,173	\$390,750	\$436,000
Travel	\$15,939	\$8,633	\$15,800	\$15,800
Gas & Oil	\$999,160	\$519,031	\$1,740,800	\$1,516,340
Other Equipment	\$296,579	\$107,117	\$239,500	\$248,500
Materials & Supplies	\$338,678	\$177,075	\$528,500	\$465,500
Maintenance Service Contracts	\$265,122	\$167,701	\$278,500	\$347,000
Transportation	\$2,521,443	\$1,226,256	\$2,621,750	\$2,774,450
Disposal Fees	\$1,095,861	\$530,327	\$1,157,500	\$1,358,900
Host Community Fee	\$748,638	\$462,885	\$749,000	\$761,000
Other Expenses	\$266,627	\$150,342	\$217,000	\$290,500
Retirement	\$985,284	\$289,577	\$579,154	\$608,918
Social Security	\$358,894	\$187,549	\$421,698	\$443,983
Workers Compensation	\$257,098	\$132,347	\$258,054	\$243,901
Unemployment	\$2,828	\$2,590	\$0	\$0
Health Insurance	\$1,098,457	\$626,789	\$1,472,333	\$1,493,929
GASB 75 Contribution	(\$204,351)	(\$220,213)	\$195,500	\$195,500
Debt Service	\$107,033	\$52,107	\$1,934,215	\$1,871,680
Capital Projects	\$1,563,705	\$40,000	\$190,000	\$0
Depreciation	\$7,485,246	\$3,938,004	\$0	\$0
Transfers to Other Departments	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Trustee Fees	\$1,375	\$0	\$1,375	\$1,375
Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$2,400,000	\$1,600,000
Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$429,270	\$480,571
Bad Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest Expense	2,518	\$4,374	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$25,862,911	\$12,392,195	\$23,700,000	\$23,650,000

ADOPTED 2026 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES

CATEGORY	2024 ACTUAL	2025 SIX MONTHS ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET	2026 ADOPTED BUDGET
Salaries & Wages	\$193,243	\$98,234	\$195,197	\$202,093
Overtime/Shift Differential	\$23,189	\$10,423	\$21,000	\$24,000
Other Fees & Services	\$380,103	199,821	\$510,380	\$474,900
Temporary Labor	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Office Equipment & Supplies	\$939	\$137	\$1,100	\$1,100
Insurance	\$9,518	\$4,764	\$10,000	\$10,000
Rent/Lease of Equipment	\$71,834	\$36,343	\$73,400	\$74,900
Utilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Telephone	\$1,553	\$932	\$2,000	\$2,500
Postage/Shipping	\$27,313	\$22,773	\$28,300	\$32,800
Training	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Information	\$7,816	\$3,538	\$3,000	\$4,500
Uniforms & Safety	\$1,375	\$1,547	\$2,000	\$3,000
Auto Supplies/Repairs	\$3,235	\$326	\$2,600	\$4,500
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Gas & Oil	\$6,302	\$3,081	\$7,000	\$8,000
Other Equipment	\$3,398	\$169	\$0	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$1,231	\$176	\$500	\$1,000
Maintenance Service Contracts	\$1,577	\$413	\$2,000	\$2,000
Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Disposal Fees	\$1,503,222	\$727,457	\$1,577,300	\$1,597,700
Collection Fees	\$3,585,722	\$1,799,034	\$3,648,160	\$4,059,700
Other Expenses	\$33,704	\$17,631	\$35,000	\$35,000
Retirement	\$45,757	\$12,573	\$25,147	\$26,514
Social Security	\$14,490	\$7,319	\$16,539	\$17,296
Workers Compensation	\$11,312	\$5,311	\$10,356	\$9,757
Health Insurance	\$80,622	\$45,420	\$87,545	\$80,094
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Projects		\$0	\$0	\$42,000
Depreciation	\$20,636	\$10,318	\$0	\$0
GASB 75	(\$2,065)	(\$19,147)	\$29,500	\$29,500
Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$11,116	\$56,285
Transfers to Other Departments	\$46,000	\$23,000	\$46,000	\$46,000
Bad Debt	\$254,557	\$127,320	\$254,860	\$254,860
Refund of Prior Years Surplus	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,326,582	\$3,138,913	\$6,600,000	\$7,100,000