CLARK COUNTY, WISCONSIN
2027 PROPOSED BUDGET
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with the provisions of section 65.90 of the Wisconsin Statutes, that a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Clark County for the year 2027 will be held at the Clark County Board Room in the Clark County Courthouse on Tuesday, November 10th, 2026, at 7:00 pm.
The Budget in detail is now open for public inspection at the Office of Finance, Courthouse, Neillsville, WI.

2027 PROPOSED BUDGET
CLARK COUNTY, WISCONSIN
ALL FUNDS

EXPENDITURES	2026 ADOPTED BUDGET	2027 PROPOSED BUDGET	PERCENT CHANGE
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT	2,444,586	2,602,482	6.46%
CULTURE RECREATION & EDUCATION	5,290,144	4,531,995	-14.33%
DEBT	7,236,566	7,146,354	-1.25%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	11,473,871	12,093,509	5.40%
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	57,023,685	56,185,529	-1.47%
NON-DEPARTMENT (& CONTINGENT FUND)	1,800,000	2,400,000	33.33%
PUBLIC SAFETY	10,480,439	11,875,595	13.31%
PUBLIC WORKS	10,796,560	10,034,719	-7.06%
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	1,420,000	2,060,000	45.07%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	107,965,851	108,930,183	0.89%
REVENUES			
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	44,645,998	44,016,940	-1.41%
FINES & FORFEITURES	163,738	163,720	-0.01%
FUND BALANCES APPLIED	11,327,262	11,099,348	-2.01%
INTERDEPARTMENTAL REVENUES	2,816,254	2,788,316	-0.99%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANTS & AIDS	14,873,789	14,990,672	0.79%
LICENSES & PERMITS	100,000	94,500	-5.50%
MISC REV/TRANS BETWEEN FUNDS	8,620,301	10,036,559	16.43%
OTHER MISC TAXES	2,319,154	2,426,154	4.61%
TAXES - LEVY	23,099,355	23,313,974	0.93%
TOTAL REVENUES	107,965,851	108,930,183	0.89%

GOVERNMENTAL AND PROPIETARY FUNDS - 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

.	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	ENTERPRISE FUND	INTERNAL SERVICES	Total
BUDGETED EXPENSE	30,410,076	26,681,875	1,146,354	32,847,159	9,784,719	100,870,183
TRANSFER OUT - EXPENSE	20,000	2,040,000		-	-	2,060,000
TRANSFER OUT - ST NOTE			6,000,000			6,000,000
BUDGETED REVENUES	12,758,071	19,570,086	-	31,360,319	3,020,385	66,708,861
LEVY	7,867,613	4,780,229	7,145,385	1,236,840	2,283,907	23,313,974
FUND BALANCE APPLIED	6,487,392	3,380,560	969	250,000	980,427	11,099,348
TRANSFER IN - REVENUE	3,317,000	991,000	-	-	3,500,000	7,808,000

ESTIMATED FUND BALANCES

	EST. 1/1/2027	EST. 12/31/2027
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		
RESTRICTED	14,000,000	10,000,000
UNRESTRICTED	14,000,000	7,500,000
PROPRIETARY FUNDS		
RESTRICTED / UNRESTRICTED	7,000,000	6,000,000

TAX LEVY		TAX RATE		CHANGE	EQUALIZED VALUE		CHANGE
2017	15,725,916	2016	8.062910	-0.001715	2016	1,950,402,100	122,624,400
2018	16,223,997	2017	8.061394	-0.001516	2017	2,012,554,700	62,152,600
2019	16,708,708	2018	8.053507	-0.007887	2018	2,074,712,000	62,157,300
2020	17,820,426	2019	8.043175	-0.010332	2019	2,215,595,900	140,883,900
2021	18,073,330	2020	8.043027	-0.000148	2020	2,247,080,600	31,484,700
2022	18,849,898	2021	8.042364	-0.000663	2021	2,343,825,600	96,745,000
2023	20,613,891	2022	7.530834	-0.511529	2022	2,737,265,200	393,439,600
2024	22,175,786	2023	7.143341	-0.387494	2023	3,104,399,900	367,134,700
2025	23,123,616	2024	6.807029	-0.336312	2024	3,397,020,300	292,620,400
2026	23,099,355	2025	5.884597	-0.922432	2025	3,925,392,600	528,372,300
2027	23,313,974	2026	5.554814	-0.329783	2026	4,197,075,200	271,682,600

NEW ACTIVITIES OR FUNCTIONS INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET: None
DISCONTINUED ACTIVITIES OR FUNCTIONS FROM BUDGET: The state levy limit and many years of tight budgets have made it necessary to reduce budgets, which may reduce services that citizens of Clark County have been accustomed to receiving.
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Ken Gerhardt, Chairperson; Duane Boon; Brandon Hasz; DuWayne Trunkel; Joe Waichulis
Heather Roman, Comptroller, Office of Finance

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VILLAGE OF GRANTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that complete legal notices are Posted within the Village of Granton.
Designated posting place include: Village Municipal Office, 210 Maple Street, Granton, WI 54436.

(PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING)
for the 2027 Village of Granton Budget
at 6:30pm on Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Cole Minsaas, Clerk/Treasurer WNAXLP

(Published in The Clark County Press Oct. 21, 2026)

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL ROOM
OCTOBER 13, 2026
7:00 P.M.

The Common Council met in regular session, Mayor Poeschel presiding. On roll call: all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the previous meeting were declared approved.

Council Member Petkovsek reported on the September 22, 2026 meeting of the Grants Committee regarding: 1) updates on Ad Hoc Technology Committee meeting on September 15, 2026 with discussion held but no action taken, 2) updates on housing loan programs with Erpenbach being added to the work group, 3) resignation of Jill Neville so she can focus on her work with the School District, 4) updates on grant applications that are in progress and review of possible grant opportunities and 5) discussion of open Committee positions with names being forwarded to Erpenbach as soon as possible.

Council Member Clough reported on the September 24, 2026 meeting of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners regarding: 1) current activities, 2) receiving and approval of a bench donation request from the family of Mason Barth to place a granite bench they provide in the Cemetery, 3) updates on the Columbarium project, 4) approval of and recommendation to the Common Council to authorize a 33% down payment to start work on the Columbarium as presented, 5) approval of and recommendation to the Common Council to authorize the installation of the concrete base and pathways now with cost not to exceed $6,000 and to wait until the Spring for the crane, 6) work on and referral of the 2027 Cemetery budget to the Finance Committee and 7) approval of and recommendation to the Common Council to allow the transfer and reconveyance from Martha Appleyard of Grave 2, Lot 44, Division AA, E ½ , Map of 1969 to return the grave to the City of Neillsville at the original purchase price of $500.00.

Mayor Poeschel reported on the September 30, 2026, October 7 and 13, 2026 meetings of the Finance Committee regarding: 1) presentation of department budgets; 2) work on the 2027 budget; 3) adoption of the Wage Schedule for 2027 excluding the Police Officers, 4) recommendation of budget categories and levy amount of the 2027 budget to the Common Council for Public Hearing, Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 7:15 P.M. Total Budget $3,946,186

Council Member Petkovsek reported on the October 6, 2026 meeting of the Personnel Committee regarding: 1) discussion on and approval of providing Police Department Extra Help (Utility) position with retirement benefits, 2) a closed session on Heavy Equipment Operator/Water and Wastewater Operator position and Union contract negotiations with the Neillsville Police Association, 3) reconvening into open session, 4) the recommendation to the Common Council to transfer Ronald Stankey from Heavy Equipment Operator/Water and Wastewater Second Utility Operator position to Heavy Equipment Operator/Water and Wastewater First Utility Operator position and to advertise for the Second Operator position.

Council Member Clough reported on the October 13, 2026 meeting of the Commission on Public Works/ Utilities regarding current activities.

Mayor Poeschel declared all reports filed as presented with the City Clerk.

Jerilyn St. Amand stated that she wanted to make sure we understood her comments from the last Common Council meeting and that we do not cut the Police Department budget.

Mayor Poeschel stated that the first item on the agenda is a donation of a bicycle rack.

Clerk Winder stated that Judy Zickert is here on behalf of Neillsville Improvement Corporation (NIC) to donate a bicycle rack that was donated from another individual and the proposed location for it is in the lower Downtown parking lot across from JJ's Drippy Creek at the corner of W. Sixth Street and West Street; this way it will be out of the way for plowing.

Chief of Police James Mankowski asked how it is to be mounted.

Clerk Winder stated that Director Friemoth plans to bolt it to the asphalt.

Motion Gelhaus, second Pavlac, to approve the donation of a bicycle rack from Neillsville Improvement Corporation on behalf of another individual for the lower Downtown parking lot across from JJ's Drippy Creek at the corner of W. Sixth Street and West Street. All Aye.

Mayor Poeschel asked if there were any questions on the Board of Cemetery Commissioners items (1, 2 and 3).

Motion Neville, second Clough, to accept the recommendation of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners to authorize the installation of the concrete base and pathways now with the cost not to exceed $6,000 and the crane to be used in the Spring. All Aye.

Motion Gelhaus, second Pavlac, to accept the recommendation of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners to authorize a 33% down payment to start work on the Columbarium as presented. All Aye.

Motion Petkovsek, second Pavlac, to accept the recommendation of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners to allow the transfer and reconveyance from Martha Appleyard of Grave 2, Lot 44, Division AA, E 1/2, Map of 1969 to return the grave to the City of Neillsville at the original purchase price of $500.00. All Aye.

Mayor Poeschel asked if there were any questions on the Personnel Committee item (1).

Motion Clough, second Gelhaus, to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee transfer Ronald Stankey from the Heavy Equipment Operator/ Water and Wastewater Operator-Second Utility Operator to Heavy Equipment Operator/Water and Wastewater Operator-First Utility Operator and to advertise for the Heavy Equipment Operator/Water and Wastewater Operator-Second Utility position. All Aye.

Mayor Poeschel stated that we are removing the second Personnel Committee item from the agenda as the Police Union Contract negotiations have not yet been finalized.

Chief of Police Mankowski reported on trainings, squad car maintenance, parking enforcement, citations, warnings, office activity, officer activities, officer assists, business patrols and contract policing.

City Clerk Winder reported that the City of Neillsville website has undergone an upgrade and we are in the process of learning the new site and asks that residents bear with us but feel free to go online and check it out.

Council Member Clough stated that he has had several people come up to him and provide him with some feedback regarding the new site.

Motion Neville, second Clough, that City Bills Nos. 898 to 948 in the amount of $633,812.00 be paid. All Aye.

Motion Pavlac, second Gelhaus, to adjourn. All Aye.

/s/ Duane G. Poeschel, Mayor
/s/ Debbie Winder, Clerk

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, CLARK COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
FRANCIS ANDREW KLIMEK
DOD: 06/09/2026

Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)
Case No. 26PR68

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 05/20/1947 and date of death 06/09/2026 was domiciled in Clark County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N12138 County Road O, Colby, WI 54421

3. The application will be heard at the Clark County Courthouse, 517 Court Street, Neillsville, Wisconsin, Room 403, before Kim Bredlau, Probate Registrar, on October 23, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 17, 2026.

5. A claim may be filed at the Clark County Courthouse, 517 Court Street, Neillsville, Wisconsin.

6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disabiity to participate in the court process, please call 715-743-7113 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

/s/Electronically signed by
Kimberly Bredlau
Probate Registrar
Sept. 8, 2026

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S**TATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, CLARK COUNTY**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Robert Eugene Hopfer Jr.

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No.26PR67

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/13/1940 and date of death 8/18/2026 , was domiciled in Clark County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W3892 Pineview Rd., Neillsville, WI 54456 .

3. All interested persons have waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 01/19/2027.

5. A claim may be filed at the Clark County Courthouse, 517 Court St., Neillsville, Wisconsin, Room 403.

Electronically signed by Kimberly Bredlau
Probate Registrar
October 8, 2026
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, CLARK COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Kay F. Gallagher
Date of Death: 02 August 2026

Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)
Case No. 26PR70

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 18 February 1936 and date of death 02 August 2026 was domiciled in Clark County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 215 Hewett St., Neillsville, WI 54456.

3. The application will be heard at the Clark County Courthouse, 517 Court St., Neillsville, Wisconsin, Room 403, before Kim Bredlau, Probate Registrar, on November 6, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 31, 2026.

5. A claim may be filed at the Clark County Courthouse, 517 Court St., Neillsville, Wisconsin, Room 403.

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/s/ Electronically signed by Kimberly Bredlau
Probate Registrar
September 23, 2026

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ELECTORS
City of Neillsville
Notice of Public Test

Notice is hereby given that a public test of the electronic voting system being used in the City of Neillsville will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. The electronic voting system to be tested is located in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 106 W. Division Street, Neillsville, WI 54456.

Debbie Winder, City Clerk – Treasurer
City of Neillsville

NOTICE TOWN OF DEWHURST RESIDENTS

Special Electors Meeting will be held on November 6, 2026 at 6 p.m. At the Town Hall to change the offices of Town Clerk and Treasurer to an Appointed office by the Town Board, instead of an Elected office.

Helen Bohac, Clerk WNAXLP

NOTICE FOR SEALED BIDS
TIMBER STUMPAGE

The Clark County Forestry and Parks Committee, Courthouse, Neillsville, Wisconsin will receive sealed bids for county forest timber stumpage until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, November 5, 2026. Contact the Forestry Office for detailed cutting requirements and maps of all tracts. The Forestry and Parks Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids will be publicly opened in Room 101 at the Clark County Courthouse, 517 Court Street, Neillsville, Wisconsin and viewable online at the following web address: https://www.clarkcountywi.gov/timber-sale-bid-opening starting at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, November 5, 2026. The committee will award contracts during their regular meeting on November 10, 2026. Any unsold timber sales will be re-advertised for sale via sealed bid for the December 3, 2026 bid opening.

Clark County Forestry & Parks Committee
John Wesolowski, Forest Administrator WNAXLP

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