



**1st FY25 Budget Workshop
Executive Summary**

Date: July 22, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

The FY26 municipal budget has been drafted with the primary goal of addressing the community's most pressing needs while ensuring fiscal responsibility. This budget reflects our commitment to enhancing public services, promoting sustainable growth, and maintaining the Town's financial health.

Key Highlights:

1. Total Proposed General Fund Budget: \$3,899,838, which is 104.7% of the current FY25 budget of \$3,723,227.
2. Items of Note:
 - Reduction of millage (*ad valorem*) from 7.5 to rollback rate of 7.0227
 - Addition of one position (Building Permit Clerk, under the Building Services Fund, due to expected upcoming construction).
 - General increases in salaries by 7% across all departments.
 - Revenues are based on a percentage increase in the cost of water utilities of 1.77%, with no increase in the Town's revenue share of wastewater or sanitation, and with no currently proposed increase of costs to residents for wastewater or sanitation, except for the CDD's portion of wastewater revenues as scheduled.

Next Steps:

- **2nd FY26 Budget Workshop: Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.**
- **1st FY26 Public Hearing on Tentative Budget and Proposed Millage Rate: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 5:05 p.m.**
- **2nd FY26 Public Hearing on Tentative Budget and Proposed Millage Rate: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 5:05 p.m.**

We are committed to transparency, accountability, and ensuring that our Town's resources are used efficiently for the benefit of all residents. Feedback is invaluable in shaping our community's future, so we encourage all residents to:

- Review the detailed budget proposal available online at www.howey.org and at Town Hall.
- Attend workshops and public hearings to voice concerns, ask questions, and provide feedback.

Town of Howey-in-the-Hills