REPORT TO APC & VILLAGE BOARD

ITEM NAME: **Finance/Treasurer Office Update:**
2027 Operating Budget Preview
PREPARED BY: **John Jacobs, Finance Director/Treasurer**
DATE PREPARED: **09/14/2026**

Here is an update on some of the 2027 Operating Budget items that Village Staff is considering and working on at the present time.

2027 Staffing:

- Proposed Additional Staffing for 2027 Budget:
  - **Adding a Deputy Clerk position.** This position would be funded 100% by the General Fund.
  - **Possibly adding an additional Utility Crew position.** We presently have 3 employees in the Utility Division, and are considering adding a 4th position to the Utility Crew, to be able to handle the ongoing service calls needed for the Village lift stations and other Water Utility service areas. This new position would be funded by the Water/Sewer Utility Rate structure, not by the tax levy.
  - **Retain funding in budget for Planning Technician position for 2027** (to be hired).

- Negotiations with Union Employee Contracts:
  - Have started negotiations with Police Officers Union Contract for a proposed 3-year term (2027-2029).
  - Scheduled first negotiation meeting with Teamsters Union Contract on 9/24/2026, for a proposed 1-year contract for 2027.

2027 Special Charges for Garbage/Recycling Fees set on December 2026 Tax Roll:

- Dilemma here is that the Village has a 4% contract increase in flat fee from Harter's for 2027.
- However, the diesel prices have jumped from an average of $3.70/gallon last year, to now over $6.00/gallon as of last week.
- The Harter's contract has a provision for a fuel surcharge fee, once the diesel prices have eclipsed $4.00/gallon.
- The December 2025 tax roll special charge for 2026 Garbage/Recycling Fees was set at $228, under the assumption that the diesel gas prices would remain under $4.00/gallon.
- The Village's General Fund is presently absorbing the monthly fuel surcharge each month, when the diesel gas price is above $4.00/gallon, since February 2026.
- **Goal for the 2027 budget – To set the 2027 garbage/recycling fee for the December 2026 tax roll, so that the Village's General Fund is NOT absorbing the additional fuel surcharge fees on a monthly basis when diesel prices are above $4.00/gallon.**

2026 Municipal Levy Limit Worksheet:
Based on the 2026 Net New Construction of 0.651% that we received from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (WDOR) back in August 2026, we can increase our 2027 Budget Tax Levy by $12,167.

In addition, we can also increase the 2027 Budget Tax Levy by $4,139 for the closure of TID #3 in February 2026.

Therefore, the Village's maximum tax levy can increase by only $16,306 per the WDOR for the 2027 budget, before any adjustments are applied to the 2027 Budget Tax Levy.

I would anticipate that the Village would again need to utilize the Debt Service Adjustment to increase the 2027 Budget Tax Levy above the preliminary Municipal Levy Limit Worksheet amount allowed by the State. Last year, the Village added $874,452 to the Municipal Tax Levy Limit for general obligation debt payments authorized after 7/01/2005 for the 2026 Budget Year. An adjustment amount would likely be necessary again for the 2027 Budget.

Upcoming APC Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, 10/13/2026: Special APC Meeting (start time 5:30pm) – review entire 2027 Budget (both Operating & CIP Budgets)

- Monday, 10/19/2026: **2027 Budget Workshop Meeting #1** with Village Board (start time 3:00pm). *Note start time is in afternoon, due to Plan Commission meeting starting at 6:00pm also on Monday, 10/19/2026*

- Tuesday, 10/20/2026: **2027 Budget Workshop Meeting #2** with Village Board (start time 6:00pm)

PRESENTED 10/22/2025

VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER

Summary of Garbage/Recycling Fees on Tax Bills

Annual Garbage/Recycling Fee on Tax Bill (for the following service year):

(includes Spring Dropoff Costs)

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Actual	Dec	2023	2024	$ 183.60	$ 5.25	2.94%
Actual	Dec	2024	2025	$ 186.73	$ 3.13	1.70%
Proposed	**Dec**	**2025**	**2026**	**$ 228.00**	**$ 41.27**	**22.10%**
Estimate	Dec	2026	2027	$ 237.12	$ 9.12	4.00%
Estimate	Dec	2027	2028	$ 246.60	$ 9.48	4.00%
Estimate	Dec	2028	2029	$ 256.46	$ 9.86	4.00%
Estimate	Dec	2029	2030	$ 266.72	$ 10.26	4.00%

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Diesel price hits $6 record high amid war with Iran

Diesel is the main fuel for vehicles carrying goods across the country and higher prices are expected to lead to inflationary pressure.

September 11, 2026

By Victoria Craw

The U.S. average price for diesel hit a record high of $6.05 per gallon Friday, up more than 60 percent from one year ago, according to AAA.

The price is up from $5.85 one week ago, and it comes amid the ongoing U.S. war with Iran that has stretched past the six-month mark. The average price of a gallon of diesel one year ago was $3.70, according to AAA.

Higher diesel prices will put additional cost pressure on manufacturers and retailers and push up the cost of transporting goods, which could lead to higher prices for consumers.

The increase comes as the price for Brent crude, the global benchmark for oil, crossed the $100 mark Wednesday following fresh fighting between the U.S. and Iran in the Strait of Hormuz.

The elevated oil price is likely to push up prices at the pump further. On Friday the average price for gas was at $4.29 a gallon.

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September 14, 2026

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Form SL-202m	2026 Municipal Levy Limit Worksheet	WI Dept of Revenue

Year	Co-muni Code	County	Account No.	Report Type
2026	37145	MARATHON	1978	
		Municipality: VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER		

Section A: Determination of 2026 Payable 2027 Allowable Levy Limit

1	2025 payable 2026 actual levy plus 2026 personal property aid ($20,503.48)	$2,743,416
2	Exclude prior year levy for unreimbursed expenses related to an emergency	$0
3	Exclude 2025 levy for new general obligation debt authorized **after** July 1, 2005	$874,452
4	2025 payable 2026 adjusted actual levy *(Line 1 minus Lines 2 and 3)*	$1,868,964
5	0.00% growth applied to 2025 adjusted actual levy	$1,868,964
6	Net new construction (0.651 %) applied to 2025 adjusted actual levy INCREASE $12,167	$1,881,131
7	Greater of Line 5 or Line 6	$1,881,131
8	2026 levy limit before adjustments **less 2027 personal property aid** ($20,503.48)	$1,860,627
9	Increase for terminated TID (0.152 %) plus subtracted TID (0 %) applied to 2025 allowable levy limit	$4,139
10	Total adjustments *(from Sec. D, Line U)*	$0
11	**2026 Payable 2027 Allowable Levy** *(sum of Lines 8, 9, and 10)*	$1,864,766
12	Higher levy approved by special resolution at a special meeting of Town electors	

Section B: Adjustment for Previous Year's Unused Levy (sec. 66.0602(3)(f), Wis. Stats.)

1	Previous year's allowable levy	$2,722,913
2	Previous year's actual levy	$2,722,913
3	Previous year's unused levy *(Line 1 minus Line 2)*	$0
4	Previous year's actual levy $2,722,913 x 0.015	$40,844
5	**Allowable Increase** *(lesser of Lines 3 or 4)*	$0

Section C: Adjustment for Prior Years Unused Levy Carryforward (sec. 66.0602(3)(fm), Wis. Stats.)

1	2025 unused percentage	0.000%
2	2024 unused percentage	0.000%
3	2023 unused percentage	0.000%
4	2022 unused percentage	0.000%
5	2021 unused percentage	0.026%
6	Total unused percentage *(sum of Lines 1-5)*	0.026%
7	Previous year's actual levy due to valuation factor	$1,868,964
8	**Allowable Increase** *(Line 6 multiplied by Line 7)*	$486

Form SL-202m	2026 Municipal Levy Limit Worksheet	WI Dept of Revenue

Section D: Adjustments to Allowable Levy Limit

		Additions	Subtractions
A	Increase for unused levy from previous year *(from Sec. B, Line 5)*		
B	Decrease in 2027 debt service levy as compared to 2026 debt service levy for debt authorized **prior to** July 1, 2005		
C	Increase in 2027 debt service levy as compared to 2026 debt service levy for debt authorized **prior to** July 1, 2005		
D	Increase for town, village, or city's share of refunded or rescinded taxes certified under sec. 74.41(5), Wis. Stats.		
E	Debt service levy for general obligation debt authorized **after** July 1, 2005		
F	Increase in 2026 payable 2027 levy approved by a referendum.		
G	Amount levied in 2026 to pay unreimbursed expenses related to an emergency		
H	Increase/decrease in costs associated with an intergovernmental cooperation agreement		
I	Adjustment to 2026 payable 2027 levy for increase in charges assessed by a joint fire department or a joint emergency medical services district		
J	Adjustment to 2026 payable 2027 levy for transfer of services during 2026 **to** other governmental units		
K	Adjustment to 2026 payable 2027 for transfer of services during 2026 **from** other governmental units		
L	Adjustment to 2026 payable 2027 levy for annexation of land during 2026 by a city or village *(towns only)*		
M	Adjustment to 2026 payable 2027 levy for annexation of land during 2026 from a town *(villages or cities only)*		
N	Lease payment for lease revenue bond issued **before** July 1, 2005		
O	Levy for shortfall of debt service on revenue bond issued under sec. 66.0621, Wis. Stats., or special assessment B bond issued under sec. 66.0713(4), Wis. Stats.		
P	Increase in levy for shortfall in general fund due to loss of revenue from the sale of water or other commodity to a manufacturer that has discontinued operations		
Q	Adjustment to 2026 payable 2027 levy for the adoption of a new fee or fee increase for covered services partly or wholly funded by levy in 2013		
R	Increase for unused levy carryforward from prior years *(from Sec. C, Line 8)*		
S	Increase in levy for each occupancy permit issued in 2025 for qualifying new single-family residential dwelling units		
T	Increase in levy due to a reduced utility aid payment for a decommissioned or closed plant		
U	**Total Adjustments** *(sum of Lines A-T)*	$0	

VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER
Garbage/Recycling Fuel Surcharge Costs for 2026 & 2027
Updated as of 9/24/2026

FISCAL YEAR - 2026

	Diesel Fuel Price		Garbage Fuel Surcharge	Recycling Fuel Surcharge	Total Fuel Surcharge
Jan-26	< $4.00	Actual	$ -	$ -	$ -
Feb-26	< $4.00	Actual	$ -	$ -	$ -
Mar-26	$ 4.785	Actual	$ 1,945.87	$ 1,059.95	$ 3,005.82
Apr-26	$ 4.785	Actual	$ 3,090.75	$ 1,683.58	$ 4,774.33
May-26	$ 5.732	Actual	$ 4,297.79	$ 2,341.07	$ 6,638.86
Jun-26	$ 4.984	Actual	$ 2,443.39	$ 1,330.95	$ 3,774.34
Jul-26	$ 4.825	Actual	$ 2,048.58	$ 1,115.89	$ 3,164.47
Aug-26	$ 5.420	Actual	$ 3,518.59	$ 1,916.63	$ 5,435.22
Sep-26	$ 6.500	Estimate	$ 4,873.63	$ 2,654.74	$ 7,528.37
Oct-26	$ 6.500	Estimate	$ 4,873.63	$ 2,654.74	$ 7,528.37
Nov-26	$ 6.500	Estimate	$ 4,873.63	$ 2,654.74	$ 7,528.37
Dec-26	$ 6.500	Estimate	$ 4,873.63	$ 2,654.74	$ 7,528.37
	TOTALS		$ 36,839.49	$ 20,067.03	$ 56,906.52

Number of households 2,884

Village additional cost per household for Fuel Surcharge Costs when Diesel is > $4.00/gallon **$ 19.73**

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Garbage/Recycling Fuel Surcharge Costs for 2026 & 2027
Updated as of 9/24/2026

PROPOSED BUDGET YEAR - 2027 (assumption = $5.75/gallon for diesel fuel)

	Diesel Fuel Price		Garbage Fuel Surcharge		Recycling Fuel Surcharge		Total Fuel Surcharge	
Jan-27	$ 5.750	Estimate	$ 4,311.29		$ 2,348.42		$ 6,659.71	
			x 12	months	x 12	months	x 12	months
	TOTALS		$ 51,735.48		$ 28,181.04		$ 79,916.52	

Number of households 2,884

Village additional cost per household for Fuel Surcharge Costs when Diesel is > $4.00/gallon **$ 27.71**

PROPOSED BUDGET YEAR - 2027 (assumption = $6.00/gallon for diesel fuel)

	Diesel Fuel Price		Garbage Fuel Surcharge		Recycling Fuel Surcharge		Total Fuel Surcharge	
Jan-27	$ 6.000	Estimate	$ 4,498.73		$ 2,450.53		$ 6,949.26	
			x 12	months	x 12	months	x 12	months
	TOTALS		$ 53,984.76		$ 29,406.36		$ 83,391.12	

Number of households 2,884

Village additional cost per household for Fuel Surcharge Costs when Diesel is > $4.00/gallon **$ 28.92**

PROPOSED BUDGET YEAR - 2027 (assumption = $6.25/gallon for diesel fuel)

	Diesel Fuel Price		Garbage Fuel Surcharge		Recycling Fuel Surcharge		Total Fuel Surcharge	
Jan-27	$ 6.250	Estimate	$ 4,686.18		$ 2,552.63		$ 7,238.81	
			x 12	months	x 12	months	x 12	months
	TOTALS		$ 56,234.16		$ 30,631.56		$ 86,865.72	

Number of households 2,884

Village additional cost per household for Fuel Surcharge Costs when Diesel is > $4.00/gallon **$ 30.12**

VILLAGE OF KRONENWETTER
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PROPOSED BUDGET YEAR - 2027 (assumption = $6.50/gallon for diesel fuel)

	Diesel Fuel Price		Garbage Fuel Surcharge		Recycling Fuel Surcharge		Total Fuel Surcharge	
Jan-27	$ 6.500	Estimate	$ 4,873.63		$ 2,654.74		$ 7,528.37	
			x 12	months	x 12	months	x 12	months
	TOTALS		$ 58,483.56		$ 31,856.88		$ 90,340.44	

Number of households 2,884

Village additional cost per household for Fuel Surcharge Costs when Diesel is > $4.00/gallon **$ 31.32**

PROPOSED BUDGET YEAR - 2027 (assumption = $6.75/gallon for diesel fuel)

	Diesel Fuel Price		Garbage Fuel Surcharge		Recycling Fuel Surcharge		Total Fuel Surcharge	
Jan-27	$ 6.750	Estimate	$ 5,061.08		$ 2,756.84		$ 7,817.92	
			x 12	months	x 12	months	x 12	months
	TOTALS		$ 60,732.96		$ 33,082.08		$ 93,815.04	

Number of households 2,884

Village additional cost per household for Fuel Surcharge Costs when Diesel is > $4.00/gallon **$ 32.53**

PROPOSED BUDGET YEAR - 2027 (assumption = $7.00/gallon for diesel fuel)

	Diesel Fuel Price		Garbage Fuel Surcharge		Recycling Fuel Surcharge		Total Fuel Surcharge	
Jan-27	$ 7.000	Estimate	$ 5,248.52		$ 2,858.95		$ 8,107.47	
			x 12	months	x 12	months	x 12	months
	TOTALS		$ 62,982.24		$ 34,307.40		$ 97,289.64	

Number of households 2,884

Village additional cost per household for Fuel Surcharge Costs when Diesel is > $4.00/gallon **$ 33.73**

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				+ $ 27.71	$ 27.71		Fuel Surcharge estimate
If assumption of $5.75/gallon diesel fuel surcharge cost --->				**$ 264.83**	$ 36.83		**Total Proposed Fee**
Estimate	Dec	2026	2027	$ 237.12	$ 9.12	4.00%	Contract increase
				+ $ 28.92	$ 28.92		Fuel Surcharge estimate
If assumption of $6.00/gallon diesel fuel surcharge cost --->				**$ 266.04**	$ 38.04		**Total Proposed Fee**
Estimate	Dec	2026	2027	$ 237.12	$ 9.12	4.00%	Contract increase
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If assumption of $6.25/gallon diesel fuel surcharge cost --->				**$ 267.24**	$ 39.24		**Total Proposed Fee**
Estimate	Dec	2026	2027	$ 237.12	$ 9.12	4.00%	Contract increase
				+ $ 31.32	$ 31.32		Fuel Surcharge estimate
If assumption of $6.50/gallon diesel fuel surcharge cost --->				**$ 268.44**	$ 40.44		**Total Proposed Fee**
Estimate	Dec	2026	2027	$ 237.12	$ 9.12	4.00%	Contract increase
				+ $ 32.53	$ 32.53		Fuel Surcharge estimate
If assumption of $6.75/gallon diesel fuel surcharge cost --->				**$ 269.65**	$ 41.65		**Total Proposed Fee**
Estimate	Dec	2026	2027	$ 237.12	$ 9.12	4.00%	Contract increase
				+ $ 33.73	$ 33.73		Fuel Surcharge estimate
If assumption of $7.00/gallon diesel fuel surcharge cost --->				**$ 270.85**	$ 42.85		**Total Proposed Fee**