

**Village of Champlain
Budget Workshop
February 2, 2026 5:30 p.m.**

Mayor McFetridge called the Budget Workshop meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor McFetridge; Trustees Trombley, Molinski, and Conner; Clerk/Treasurer Spring; and Deputy Clerk in Training Ducharme.

Items Discussed:

The Board discussed the upcoming Amazon property assessment scheduled for March, which is expected to increase the Village tax base.

Concerns were raised regarding high electric costs. The Village is exploring the possibility of utilizing solar panels as a means to reduce energy expenses.

The cost of required water and sewer testing has increased. Trustee Chuck Conner inquired about the feasibility of conducting in-house testing and what options may be available.

Departments will be encouraged to be more mindful of coding expenses appropriately. Repairs should be itemized by specific parts rather than listed as general supplies, with greater detail provided regarding the purpose and location of use.

Community beautification funding has decreased due to the completion of a grant received in the current budget year. Funding will return to the prior annual amount.

The tax levy rate will remain unchanged.

Service fees for water and sewer will increase as outlined below:

Adjusted Sewer Rates

An additional \$14,000.00 in revenue is needed to balance the sewer budget.

- Village residential sewer service fees will increase by \$5.00 per quarter for 562 units, generating \$11,240.00 in additional revenue. The quarterly rate will increase from \$47.50 to \$52.50.
- Village commercial sewer minimum service fees will increase by \$10.00 per quarter for 34 users, generating \$1,360.00 in additional revenue. The quarterly rate will increase from \$70.00 to \$80.00.

Adjusted Water Rates

An additional \$18,000.00 in revenue is needed to balance the water budget.

- Village residential water service fees will increase by \$7.00 per quarter for 609 units, generating \$17,052.00 in additional revenue. The quarterly rate will increase from \$37.00 to \$44.00.
- Village commercial water minimum service fees will increase by \$5.00 per quarter for at least 39 users, generating \$780.00 in additional revenue. The quarterly rate will increase from \$62.50 to \$67.50.

The total projected revenue increase from water and sewer adjustments is \$17,832.00.

It was noted that the plow truck bond has been paid in full. The BAN for the wastewater project will need to be converted to a long-term bond.

The Village will be required to pass a tax cap override. A public hearing must be scheduled for March, with a vote to follow in April.

The tax levy rate will remain the same as in the previous year.