

Worthington Fire District FY 2027 Budget

Revenue line	FY25-26 Adopted	FY26-27 Proposed (FY27)	Inc/Dec	Notes
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	\$724,193	\$738,700	\$14,507	Assumes same 1.90 mill rate with modest grand list growth. (2%)
Water and Sewer Sales	\$976,260	\$1,005,500	\$29,240	Reflects continued growth after FY26 rate changes. (3%)
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0	Selling Water Rate \$4.90/100 CF. Sewer Rate \$5.81 100/CF.
Connection Charges	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	Permits, liens, frozen meter charges, etc.
Interest	\$25,000	\$26,000	\$1,000	Kept conservative.
Fund Balance / Transfers	\$91,623	\$110,569	\$18,946	Slight increase given strong CD/checking balances in the trial balance.
Total Revenues	\$1,829,576	\$1,893,269	\$63,693	Plug to keep budget close to balanced.
				Working total for FY27. (approx.)
Expenditure line	FY25-26 Adopted	FY26-27 Proposed (FY27)		Notes / Basis
Purchase of Water	\$575,000	\$590,000	\$15,000	Reflects continued impact of the rate change to \$4.80 and normal growth.
Sewer - Mattabassett	\$480,000	\$480,000	\$0	Held flat absent new surcharge info.
Salaries & Wages	\$204,975	\$210,700	\$5,725	2.8% COLA on FY26 base.
Fringe Benefits	\$7,570	\$7,800	\$230	Health stipend + pension for Tax Collector.
Social Security	\$16,063	\$16,500	\$437	Scaled with salary increase (7.65%).
Treasurer (Contractor)	\$19,200	\$19,200	\$0	Contract amount unchanged.
Postage & Printing	\$8,500	\$8,800	\$300	USPS increase plus volume.
Data Processing	\$8,000	\$26,700	\$18,700	GIS, network, and software support.
Insurance	\$16,700	\$17,500	\$800	Liability, W/C, bond—modest premium growth.
Maintenance (W & S)	\$250,000	\$260,000	\$10,000	Ongoing main repairs, CBYD, meter replacement program.
Engineering Support	\$8,000	\$8,200	\$200	Field tablets, toner, contracted engineers.
Office Rental	\$26,659	\$27,200	\$541	2% lease escalator.
Electricity	\$7,950	\$8,100	\$150	Office, Seymour Road, meter pits.
Heat (Propane)	\$1,200	\$1,250	\$50	Small increase.
Telephone/Communications	\$7,490	\$7,700	\$210	Internet, landline, cell, voicemail.
Inflow & Infiltration	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$0	Annual inspection plus periodic flow analysis.
General Office Expense	\$4,500	\$4,700	\$200	Supplies, cleaning, alarm monitoring.
Capital Financing (USDA)	\$23,419	\$23,419	\$0	Fixed Annual USDA debt service for meter pits per loan schedule.
Auditing Services	\$12,000	\$12,500	\$500	Audit and accounting.
Legal Services	\$21,000	\$21,500	\$500	Retainer (+small increase), ads, filing fees.
Professional Development	\$350	\$500	\$150	AWWA, Tax Collector's Association, & Training.
Capital Expenditures	\$100,000	\$110,000	\$10,000	Supports capital budget (e.g., I&I repairs, meters, mains).
Contingency	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	Unchanged reserve.
Total Expenditures	\$1,829,576	\$1,893,269	\$63,693	Approximate—slight surplus vs. revenues.