CITY OF ONEIDA WATER DEPARTMENT

CITY OF ONEIDA WATER DEPARTMENT PROPOSED BUDGET REVIEW FOR 2027

- PAST EXPENSE REVIEW
- FUTURE EXPENSE REVIEW
- RATE PROJECTION & COMPARISON

PRESENTED ON OCTOBER 27, 2026

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ACCOUNT	BUDGETED 2026	BUDGETED 2027	% CHANGE	COMMENTS	2027 BUDGET VISUAL
101 SALARIES	$ 1,196,053.51	$ 1,311,887.60	9.7%	contractural union rates	
102 OVERTIME	$ 35,000.00	$ 60,000.00	71.4%	past years budget transfers	
200 EQUIPMENT	$ 131,325.00	$ 144,350.00	9.9%	outdated tools and equipment	
300 MAT-SUPPLIES	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	0.0%		
302 GAS EQUIP MAINT	$ 52,867.00	$ 54,517.00	3.1%		
307 OTHER CHEMICALS	$ 4,200.00	$ 5,000.00	19.0%	general inflation markup	
308 CHLORINE	$ 104,650.00	$ 78,838.28	-24.7%	adjusted utilization and steady pricing patterns	
309 CAUSTIC SODA	$ 66,000.00	$ 27,390.00	-58.5%	adjusted utilization and steady pricing patterns	
310 LIQUID ALUM	$ 74,800.00	$ 107,525.00	43.8%	considerable price increase nationwide	
311 PHOSPHATES	$ 74,460.00	$ 51,691.20	-30.6%	adjusted utilization and steady pricing patterns	
319 GENERAL MAIN.	$ 79,070.00	$ 86,977.00	10.0%	general inflation markup	
324 METERS & PARTS	$ 68,350.00	$ 135,566.20	98.3%	old meter system outdated, fast tracking replacements	
401 UTILITIES	$ 93,321.92	$ 210,000.00	125.0%	steady increases, pump station upgrades	
402 TELEPHONE	$ 3,552.60	$ 3,907.86	10.0%	general utility markup	
403 CONTRACT AGREE	$ 70,755.00	$ 22,388.00	-68.4%	consolidated amounts into office tech expense	
404 POSTAGE	$ 14,575.75	$ 15,243.30	4.6%		
408 COMMITTEES	$ 780.00	$ 1,000.00	28.2%	general inflation mark-up, maintain certifications	
413 TRAINING	$ 5,550.00	$ 5,550.00	0.0%	new certifications and employee training	
415 LAB TEST & EXAM	$ 32,400.00	$ 32,400.00	0.0%		
416 TRAVEL & MEALS	$ 2,800.00	$ 6,000.00	114.3%	accounts for overtime increase	
427 INFRASTURE IMPROVEMENT	$ 100,000.00	$ 100,000.00	0.0%		
431 TAXES	$ 440,000.00	$ 561,000.00	27.5%	property tax bill markup with trajectory	
436 CONTINGENCY	$ 70,000.00	$ 50,000.00	-28.6%	reduced for minor savings	
441 INSURANCE	$ 84,321.53	$ 105,677.39	25.3%	general liability markup	
444 OFFICE TECHNOLOGY EXPENSE	$ 5,000.00	$ 64,771.27	1195.4%	consolidated amounts and accurate cost share	
801 SOCIAL SECURITY	$ 74,541.13	$ 86,537.00	16.1%	externally driven	
802 MEDICARE	$ 17,432.95	$ 20,239.00	16.1%	externally driven	
806 RETIREMENT	$ 137,696.49	$ 208,504.05	51.4%	externally driven	
804 WORK COMPENSATION	$ 46,068.07	$ 35,555.47	-22.8%	externally driven	
805 HEALTH INSURANCE	$ 382,033.36	$ 533,811.10	39.7%	externally driven	
800 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	$ 13,550.00	$ 13,550.00	0.0%		
600 LEASED VEHCLES	$ 38,549.16	$ 40,238.68	4.4%	service vehilce lease upgrades	
600 & 700 DEBT SERVICE	$ 975,436.00	$ 1,213,295.00	24.4%	increase payment to debt service with dam project	

PROPERTY TAXES

TAX PARCEL	TOWN/ CITY	SCHOOL DISCTRICT	2025 TOWN/ COUNTY	2025 SCHOOL TAX	2026 TOWN/ COUNTY	2026 SCHOOL TAX	TOWN/ COUNTY % CHANGE	SCHOOL TAX % CHANGE
662.000-9999-232.850/1883	VERONA	VVS	$ 7,803.83	$ 19,905.42	$ 7,986.34	$ 20,670.51	2.3%	3.8%
662.000-9999-232.850/1881	VERONA	ONEIDA	$ 1,154.44	$ 3,238.39	$ 1,184.40	$ 3,132.20	2.6%	-3.3%
112.000-1-43	ANNSVILLE	CAMDEN	$ 11.95	$ 13.09	$ 14.15	$ 14.98	18.4%	14.4%
111.000-1-13.1	ANNSVILLE	ROME	$ 3,816.31	$ 5,331.06	$ 4,517.00	$ 6,884.54	18.4%	29.1%
111.000-1-13 (Reservoir)	ANNSVILLE	CAMDEN	$ 31,689.71	$ 34,727.78	$ 37,508.12	$ 39,731.89	18.4%	14.4%
131.000-1-1 (WTP)	ANNSVILLE	CAMDEN	$ 88,020.09	$ 96,458.50	$ 104,181.05	$ 110,357.72	18.4%	14.4%
112.000-1-39.1 (Dam)	ANNSVILLE	CAMDEN	$ 54,046.00	$ 59,227.35	$ 63,969.15	$ 67,761.74	18.4%	14.4%
93.000-2-19	ANNSVILLE	CAMDEN	$ 179.50	$ 216.03	$ 197.57	$ 247.16	10.1%	14.4%
613.089-0009-232.85-1001	ROME	ROME	$ 2,609.66	$ 4,068.77	$ 2,668.81	$ 4,150.84	2.3%	2.0%
613.089-0009-232.85-1002	ROME	VVS	$ 1,127.79	$ 1,766.34	$ 1,153.36	$ 1,794.92	2.3%	1.6%
660.001-3-1	VERNON	ONEIDA	$ 3,667.61	$ 10,700.52	$ 3,643.10	$ 10,680.32	-0.7%	-0.2%
660.089-6-1	VERNON	ONEIDA	$ 56.13	$ 194.56	$ 55.81	$ 194.19	-0.6%	-0.2%
660.001-3-3	VERNON	ONEIDA	$ 233.39	$ 680.82	$ 231.83	$ 679.64	-0.7%	-0.2%
660.001-3-2	VERNON	ONEIDA	$ 666.83	$ 1,945.53	$ 662.37	$ 1,941.86	-0.7%	-0.2%
74.000-1-6.1	FLORENCE	CAMDEN	$ 472.99	$ 690.80	$ 462.31	$ 712.87	-2.3%	3.2%
74.000-1-8	FLORENCE	CAMDEN	$ 2,454.75	$ 3,585.15	$ 2,399.37	$ 3,699.73	-2.3%	3.2%
56.000-1-13	FLORENCE	CAMDEN	$ 1,436.92	$ 2,098.63	$ 1,404.52	$ 2,165.69	-2.3%	3.2%
75.000-1-1	FLORENCE	CAMDEN	$ 1,055.23	$ 1,541.18	$ 1,031.45	$ 1,590.43	-2.3%	3.2%
		TOTAL	$ 200,503.13	$ 246,389.92	$ 233,270.71	$ 276,411.23	16.3%	12.2%

- Properties with largest assessment highlighted in blue: the Water Treatment Plant, Reservoir, and Glenmore Dam. Currently working towards lower assessments for potential future cost savings.
- For Annsville parcels, some assessed values increased and equalization rates decreased, resulting in higher costs.

UTILITY COSTS

- 2025 January through October National Grid totaled $126,753
- 2026 January through October National Grid totaled $148,702
- That is a 17% increase in one year.
- * National Grid expects another 5% increase through next year
- From last year, three new pumps were installed at our Lake Street Pump Station. The electrical consumption was substantially high due to drier conditions this past year. Budget transfers were made to allocate for the costs so the difference in cost was projected into the 2027 budget.

* Referenced from (https://cnycentral.com/news/local/national-grid-winter-bill-forecast-higher-electric-bills-slight-drop-in-gas-costs)

CHEMICAL COSTS

- 2025 Chemical costs totaled $215,265
- 2026 Chemical costs from bids and up-to-date allocations totaled $236,780
- That is a 10% increase
- *Chemical prices are projected to remain elevated due to ongoing global market pressures

* Referenced from (https://www.spglobal.com/market-intelligence/en/news-insights/research/2026/10/commodity-price-watch-october-2026?utm)

REVENUE (RECOMMENDED)

Projected Water Sales & other revenue = $5,236,411

Budgeted Expenses = $5,528,543

Taking from Water Fund Balance = **$292,132**

Proposed Rate Increases:

- Quarterly – 10%
- Monthly – 10%
- Wholesale – 20%
- Minimum Charge – from $22 to $30

- Accounts for loss of Verona WD
- Other WD supply increases are projected
- Allows room for City and other district development
- Approximately 15% of capacity will be available, based upon NYSDEC Water Withdrawal of 4.0 MGD

- Infrastructure improvements, equipment upgrades, and emergency transmission break contingency funding are all drivers of maintaining a healthy fund balance

WATER & SEWER BILL COMPARISON WITH 10% (RECOMMENDED)

QUARTERLY	2026 RATE			2027 RATE			DIFFERENCE
CONSUMPTION	WATER	SEWER	TOTAL	WATER	SEWER	TOTAL	PER QUARTER
(100'S CU. FT.)			NET			NET	
0	$22.00	$10.69	$32.69	$30.00	$10.69	$40.69	$8.00
5	$45.10	$48.49	$93.59	$55.43	$48.49	$103.92	$10.33
10	$68.20	$86.29	$154.49	$80.85	$86.29	$167.14	$12.65
15	$91.30	$124.09	$215.39	$106.28	$124.09	$230.37	$14.97
**20	$114.40	$161.89	$276.29	$131.70	$161.89	$293.59	$17.30
25	$137.50	$199.69	$337.19	$157.13	$199.69	$356.82	$19.62
30	$160.60	$237.49	$398.09	$182.55	$237.49	$420.04	$21.95
35	$183.70	$275.29	$458.99	$207.98	$275.29	$483.27	$24.28
40	$206.80	$313.09	$519.89	$233.40	$313.09	$546.49	$26.60
45	$229.90	$350.89	$580.79	$258.83	$350.89	$609.72	$28.93
50	$253.00	$388.69	$641.69	$284.25	$388.69	$672.94	$31.25

** average residential house

- Water Rate increase from $4.620 to $5.085 per 100 cubic feet of metered water
- Minimum charge increase from $22 to $30
- Sewer rates unchanged

REVENUE

Projected Water Sales & other revenue = $5,236,411

Budgeted Expenses = $5,528,543

Taking from Water Fund Balance = **$539,758**

Proposed Rate Increases:

- Quarterly – 5%
- Monthly – 5%
- Wholesale – 10%
- Minimum Charge – from $22 to $30

- Accounts for loss of Verona WD
- Other WD supply increases are projected
- Allows room for City and other district development
- Approximately 15% of capacity will be available, based upon NYSDEC Water Withdrawal of 4.0 MGD

WATER & SEWER BILL COMPARISON WITH 5%

QUARTERLY CONSUMPTION (100'S CU. FT.)	2026 RATE WATER	2026 RATE SEWER	2026 RATE TOTAL NET	2027 RATE WATER	2027 RATE SEWER	2027 RATE TOTAL NET	DIFFERENCE PER QUARTER
0	$22.00	$10.69	$32.69	$30.00	$10.69	$40.69	$8.00
5	$45.10	$48.49	$93.59	$54.27	$48.49	$102.76	$9.17
10	$68.20	$86.29	$154.49	$78.53	$86.29	$164.82	$10.33
15	$91.30	$124.09	$215.39	$102.80	$124.09	$226.89	$11.49
**20	$114.40	$161.89	$276.29	$127.06	$161.89	$288.95	$12.66
25	$137.50	$199.69	$337.19	$151.33	$199.69	$351.02	$13.82
30	$160.60	$237.49	$398.09	$175.59	$237.49	$413.08	$14.99
35	$183.70	$275.29	$458.99	$199.86	$275.29	$475.15	$16.16
40	$206.80	$313.09	$519.89	$224.12	$313.09	$537.21	$17.32
45	$229.90	$350.89	$580.79	$248.39	$350.89	$599.28	$18.49
50	$253.00	$388.69	$641.69	$272.65	$388.69	$661.34	$19.65

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- Sewer rates unchanged

HISTORY OF RATE INCREASES

- 2025-2026: 0%
- 2024-2025: 10%
- 2023-2024: 15%
- 2022-2023: 0%
- 2021-2022: 0%
- 2020-2021: 2%

REVENUE WITHOUT RATE INCREASE

Projected Water Sales & other revenue = $4,607,176

Budgeted Expenses = $5,528,543

Taking from Water Fund Balance = $921,367

- Water Fund Balance at beginning of 2027= $5,377,374
- Expenses expected to slightly increase each year
- Equates to increased amount of funds taken from the Water Fund annually
- How long until Water Fund is zero without increasing revenue?
- $5,377,5374 - $921,367 = $4,456,007 (fund balance at end of 2027)
- $4,456,007 / $921,367 = 4.8 years (if taking similar amounts from fund balance each year)

WATER BILL COMPARED TO MVWA & OCWA (WITH 10%)

Quartlery Usage	City of Oneida	MVWA	Difference
0	$30.00	$90.15	$60.15
5	$55.43	$90.15	$34.73
10	$80.85	$94.76	$13.91
15	$106.28	$117.80	$11.53
**20	$131.70	$140.85	$9.15
25	$157.13	$163.89	$6.77
30	$182.55	$186.94	$4.39
35	$207.98	$209.98	$2.00
40	$233.40	$233.03	-$0.37
45	$258.83	$256.07	-$2.76
50	$284.25	$279.12	-$5.13

Quartlery Usage	City of Oneida	OCWA	Difference
0	$30.00	$48.45	$18.45
5	$55.43	$64.12	$8.70
10	$80.85	$79.80	-$1.05
15	$106.28	$98.02	-$8.25
**20	$131.70	$121.51	-$10.19
25	$157.13	$145.00	-$12.13
30	$182.55	$168.49	-$14.06
35	$207.98	$198.67	-$9.31
40	$233.40	$230.01	-$3.39
45	$258.83	$261.36	$2.53
50	$284.25	$292.70	$8.45

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45	$248.39	$256.07	$7.68
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