TOWN OF LAKE SANTEETLAH

May 26, 2026 at 12:00 PM
Location: Town Hall, 16 Marina Drive
Lake Santeetlah, NC 28771
Budget Hearing

AGENDA

Meeting called to order

Approval of the Agenda

New Business:

1. Proposed Budget for 2026/27 fiscal year

Request for Public Comment

Announcements:

- Council Meeting June 16, 2025 at 12:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned

Town of Lake Santeetlah
General Fund

Line Number	Budget Line Item	Proposed Budget 25 26 adpoted 06/10/25	actual as of May 22 26	Proposed Budget 26/27 at .209%	Proposed Budget 26/27 at .250%	rate .209
1						**Millage Rates**
2	***REVENUE***	80/20		80/20		assed value of 133,647,666 for 24/25
3	Ad Valorem Tax	$ 270,454.07	$ 251,646.83	$ 273,732.00	$ 329,119.00	98% collection rate over all
4	Ad Valorem Tax Prior Years	$ 5,000.00	$ 4,848.57	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00	
5	DMV Tax Refund	$ 2,000.00	$ 1,520.94	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	
6	Franchise Taxes	$ 12,000.00	$ 13,711.58	$ 16,000.00	$ 16,000.00	
7	Investment Earnings	$ 3,000.00	$ 5,996.74	$ 6,500.00	$ 6,500.00	
8	Misc. Income	$ 4,800.00	$ 8,315.73	$ 4,000.00	$ 4,000.00	**$3,790.00 income from directory**
9	Powell Bill	$ 9,700.00	$ 10,592.41	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	
10	Sales Tax Refund	$ 600.00	$ 1,311.63	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	
11	Sales & Use Tax Distribution	$ 130,000.00	$ 111,521.60	$ 120,000.00	$ 120,000.00	
12	Solid Waste Disposal Distribution		$ 23.91			
13	Transfer Reserves	$ 30,000.00		$ 75,000.00	$ 75,000.00	
14	Carry Over			$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	
15	Zoning Application	$ 400.00	$ 50.00	$ 300.00	$ 300.00	
16	Donation for front entrance					
17	**TOTAL REVENUE**	**$ 467,954.07**	**$ 409,539.94**	**$ 523,532.00**	**$ 578,919.00**	
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20	***ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES***					
21	Advertising	$ 1,000.00		$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	
22	Cell Phone (public Works)	$ 2,028.00	$ 1,555.04	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00	
24	Computer Tech Support	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,460.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00	
25	Election	$ 7,500.00	$ 4,927.58			
26	Donations	$ 2,000.00	$ 1,800.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	
27	Friends of the Library	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00	to friends of the library
28	Dues & Subscriptions	$ 1,300.00	$ 962.89	$ 1,300.00	$ 1,300.00	
29	Zoom Meeting	$ 165.00	$ 159.90	$ 165.00	$ 165.00	
30	Part-Time Contract Help	$ 3,200.00	$ 212.50	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	
31	Office Equipment, Supplies	$ 4,685.00	$ 4,046.16	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00	
32	Office Financial Software Hosting Fee	$ 2,560.00	$ 2,560.00	$ 2,560.00	$ 2,560.00	
33	Edmunds Software Annual Fee	$ 3,800.00	$ 3,800.00	$ 3,800.00	$ 3,800.00	
34	Equipment Maintenance					
35	Internet Webpage Service	$ 150.00		$ 200.00	$ 200.00	
36	Continuing Education	$ 2,000.00		$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	

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37	Mileage/Travel Expense	$ 1,000.00	$ 81.06	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	
38	Meals & Allowance Entertainment	$ 500.00	$ -	$ 500.00	$ 500.00	
39	Telephone/Internet service	$ 1,600.00	$ 1,581.43	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	
40	Hometown Tax Quarterly Reports	$ 2,400.00	$ 810.00	$ 2,400.00	$ 2,400.00	
41	Website re-design or re-do	$ 4,000.00	$ -			
42	Copier	$ 1,650.00	$ 1,970.31	$ 1,650.00	$ 1,650.00	
43	New Directory	$ 2,800.00	$ 3,345.83	$ 3,500.00	$ 3,500.00	
44	Payroll	$ 108,711.52	$ 94,731.66	$ 114,973.00	$ 114,973.00	5% increase for all
45	Payroll Taxes	$ 11,500.00	$ 7,180.21	$ 9,000.00	$ 9,000.00	
46	Retirement - State 457 Plan	$ 10,871.15	$ 9,473.13	$ 11,498.00	$ 11,498.00	
47	Payroll Services - Edmunds	$ 2,240.00	$ 3,050.00	$ 2,240.00	$ 2,240.00	
48	Insurance - Workman's Comp	$ 1,464.00	$ 1,627.81	$ 1,600.00	$ 1,600.00	
49	Employee Bonus	$ 4,000.00	$ 4,000.00	$ 4,000.00	$ 4,000.00	
50	Employee Health Insurance - 2 employees	$ 6,720.00	$ 6,160.00	$ 7,680.00	$ 7,680.00	Increase to $800.00 each for Scott & Kim, If Scott needs it from Dec to June. Kala doesn't need it
51	*Disability insurance Long/Short term*	$ 1,112.16	$ 1,167.22	$ 1,300.00	$ 1,300.00	
52	*Dental and Vision*	$ 1,303.78	$ 1,110.22	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00	
53	Zoning Administrator	$ 4,000.00	$ 922.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	
54	Land Sale Expense					
55	Postage	$ 450.00	$ 325.75	$ 450.00	$ 450.00	
56	**TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES**	**$ 202,210.61**	**$ 162,520.70**	**$ 193,516.00**	**$ 193,516.00**	
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59	***GOVERNING BODY***					
60	Annual Legal Fees	**$ 35,000.00**	**$ 38,514.68**	**$ 35,000.00**	**$ 35,000.00**	
	Litigation			**$ 75,000.00**	**$ 75,000.00**	
61	Audit Expense	$ 10,500.00	$ 9,686.72	$ 10,600.00	$ 10,600.00	
62	Council Meeting Supplies	$ 1,000.00	$ 662.26	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	
63	Planning Board Expense	$ 6,000.00	$ 1,972.01	$ 4,000.00	$ 4,000.00	
64	All Insurance for Town and Council	$ 6,400.00	$ 6,428.51	$ 7,000.00	$ 7,000.00	
65	Councilmembers Meeting Fee	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 2,400.00	$ 2,400.00	Kevin and Ralph
66	Scholarship Donation by Council	$ 4,800.00	$ 4,800.00	$ 3,600.00	$ 3,600.00	
67	Mayor's Meeting Fee					
68	**TOTAL GOVERNING BODY**	**$ 64,900.00**	**$ 63,064.18**	**$ 138,600.00**	**$ 138,600.00**	
69						
70	***CAPITAL OUTLAY***					
71	Danger Tree Removal					
72	**TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY**	**$ -**		**$ -**		
73						
74	**FIRE PROTECTION**					

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75	Santeetlah Fire Department	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00
76	**TOTAL FIRE PROTECTION**	**$ 5,000.00**	**$ 5,000.00**	**$ 5,000.00**	**$ 5,000.00**
77					
78	**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**				
79	Electricity	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,548.81	$ 3,300.00	$ 3,300.00
80	Maintenance				
81	Utilities Gas	$ 750.00	$ 569.15	$ 800.00	$ 800.00
82	Maintenance to Buildings	$ 12,067.19	$ 12,065.86	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00
83	Utilities Water				
84	**TOTAL PUBLIC BUILDINGS**	**$ 15,817.19**	**$ 15,183.82**	**$ 5,100.00**	**$ 5,100.00**
85					
86	***PUBLIC SAFETY***				
87	Contract Public Safety	$ 10,500.00	$ 8,050.00	$ 7,200.00	$ 7,200.00
88	Street Lights	$ 8,500.00	$ 9,599.06	$ 9,000.00	$ 9,000.00
89	**TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY**	**$ 19,000.00**	**$ 17,649.06**	**$ 16,200.00**	**$ 16,200.00**
90					
91	***ROADS & GROUNDS - POWELL BILL***				
92	Paving	$ 10,767.19	$ 10,592.42	$ 10,593.00	$ 10,593.00
93	Powell Bill Map - Annual			$ 650.00	$ 650.00
94	Snow Removal - Powell Bill				
95	**TOTAL ROADS & GROUNDS POWELL BILL**	**$ 10,767.19**	**$ 10,592.42**	**$ 11,243.00**	**$ 11,243.00**
96					
97	***ROADS & GROUNDS - GENERAL***				
98	Repairs & Maintenance	$ 4,000.00	$ 2,524.02	$ 4,000.00	$ 4,000.00
99	Supplies	$ 5,500.00	$ 2,854.17	$ 5,500.00	$ 5,500.00
100	Employee Uniform	$ 600.00	$ 111.00	$ 600.00	$ 600.00
101	Paving	$ 60,000.00	$ 60,000.00	$ 35,000.00	$ 35,000.00
102	Equipment				
103	Leaf Removal	$ 8,900.00	$ 9,000.00	$ 9,000.00	$ 9,000.00
104	Contract Mowing	$ 7,700.00	$ 3,300.00	$ 7,700.00	$ 7,700.00
105	Danger Tree Removal	$ 1,300.00	$ 1,385.00	$ 1,300.00	$ 1,300.00
107	Beautification	$ 500.00	$ 197.88	$ 500.00	$ 500.00
108	**TOTAL ROADS & GROUNDS GENERAL**	**$ 88,500.00**	**$ 79,372.07**	**$ 63,600.00**	**$ 63,600.00**
109					
110	***CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS***				
111	Salter				
112	Gate Mechanics				
113	**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**				
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115	**CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS - ROADS**	**$ 40,000.00**	**$ 40,000.00**	**$ 41,809.00**	**$ 49,517.00**	**15% of Ad Valorem Tax**
116						
117	***MANIERRE PUBLIC PARK***					
118	Electricity	$ 450.00	$ 356.28	$ 500.00	$ 500.00	
119	Maintenance	$ 350.00		$ 475.00	$ 475.00	
120	**TOTAL PUBLIC PARK**	**$ 800.00**	**$ 356.28**	**$ 975.00**	**$ 975.00**	
121						
122	***TRUCK EXPENSE***					
123	Truck Maintenance	$ 3,200.00	$ 1,506.47	$ 3,200.00	$ 3,200.00	
124	New Truck Payment					
125	Gas Expense - Truck	$ 4,500.00	$ 3,704.40	$ 5,200.00	$ 5,200.00	
126	Reserve Acct for New Truck					
127	**Total Truck Expense**	**$ 7,700.00**	**$ 5,210.87**	**$ 8,400.00**	**$ 8,400.00**	
128						
129	County Contract to Collect Taxes	$ 14,000.00				
130	**TOTAL TAX COLLECTION**	**$ 14,000.00**	**$ -**			
131	**Available to move to Fund Balance Reserve**	**$ 116.27**		**$ 46,089.00**	**$ 99,184.15**	
132	**TOTAL EXPENSES**	**$ 467,954.07**		**$ 528,532.00**	**$ 583,919.00**	
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132	**TOTAL REVENUE**	$ 467,954.07	$ 401,187.74	**$ 528,532.00**	**$ 583,919.00**	**Total Income**
133	**TOTAL EXPENSE**	$ 467,954.07	$ 361,150.00	**$ 528,532.00**	**$ 583,191.00**	**Total Expenses**
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	A	B	C	G	H	I	J
1	Line Number		Budget Line Item	Proposed Budget 25/26	actual As of May 22 26	Proposed 26 27	80/20 split between water and general for split bills
2							
3			***REVENUE***				
4	2		Consumption Charge	$ 18,900.00	$ 11,283.18	$ 18,900.00	
5	3		Investment Earnings	$ 100.00	$ 1,084.99	$ 1,200.00	
6	4		Miscellaneous Income	$ 100.00	$ 429.66	$ 100.00	
7	5		Base Rate	$ 122,760.00	$ 93,000.00	$ 122,670.00	
8	7		Late Fees/ Convenience fees	$ 500.00	$ 1,185.00	$ 1,400.00	
9			Carry Over Funds			$ 4,500.00	
10	8		ARPA Funds				
11	9		**TOTAL REVENUE**	**$ 142,360.00**	**$ 106,982.83**	**$ 148,770.00**	
12	10						
13	11		***DEBT SERVICE***				
14	12		UCB loan for water upgrades - principal	$ 20,001.00	$ 16,666.70	$ 29,000.00	
15			UCB Loan for water - Interest	$ 6,100.00	$ 2,596.23	$ 3,000.00	
16	13		**TOTAL DEBT SERVICES**	**$ 26,101.00**	**$ 19,262.93**	**$ 32,000.00**	
17	14						
18	15		***ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES***				
19	16		Audit Expense	$ 2,600.00	$ 2,400.00	$ 2,600.00	
20	17		Cell Phone - Public Works	$ 508.00	$ 147.57	$ 508.00	
21	18		Dues & Subscriptions - NC Rural Water	$ 600.00	$ 320.00	$ 600.00	
22			*Travel - Mileage & Meals Reimbursement*	$ 250.00	$ 92.87	$ 250.00	
23			*Continuing Education*	$ 500.00		$ 500.00	
24	19		Office Supplies	$ 2,000.00	$ 1,216.20	$ 2,000.00	
25			copier			$ 500.00	
26			Bank service charges				
27	20		Computer tech support		$ 505.00	$ 600.00	
28			Part-time contract help	$ 800.00		$ 500.00	
29	38		Postage	$ 650.00	$ 247.32	$ 300.00	
30	37		Edmunds Utility Software & WIPP system	$ 700.00	$ 700.00	$ 700.00	
31			Edmunds Hosting fee (split)	$ 640.00	$ 640.00	$ 640.00	
32			Edmunds water billing software	$ 2,600.00	$ 2,600.00	$ 2,600.00	
33	39		Telephone/Internet	$ 650.00	$ 525.55	$ 500.00	
34			Hometown Tax Quarterly Reports	$ 600.00		$ 600.00	

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35	22		Payroll	$ 28,302.88	$ 23,682.94	$ 28,744.00	5% increase
36	23		Payroll Taxes	$ 3,250.00	$ 1,795.01	$ 3,500.00	
37	24		Employee Bonus	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	
38			Payroll Services - Edmunds	$ 560.00	$ 560.00	$ 560.00	
39	25		Employee Health Insurance	$ 1,680.00	$ 1,540.00	$ 1,920.00	$800.00 emply ins for kim and scott, 6 mon for scott
40	26		Retirement State 457 Plan	$ 2,857.67	$ 2,368.47	$ 2,875.00	
41	27		Workers Comp	$ 400.00	$ 550.00	$ 550.00	
42	29		Life, ST LT Disability	$ 278.04	$ 282.89	$ 400.00	
43	30		Dental Vistion	$ 325.94	$ 269.72	$ 500.00	
44	34		N Sight Annual maintenance	$ 568.00		$ 568.00	
45	36		New Software for water read	$ 4,443.00	$ 1,380.31	$ 4,443.00	
46	40		**TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES**	**$ 56,763.53**	**$ 42,823.85**	**$ 58,458.00**	
47	41						
48	42		**CAPITAL OUTLAY**				
49	43		Capital Outlay				
50			Other	$ 4,500.00		$ 4,500.00	inspect tanks
51			**TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY**	**$ 4,500.00**		**$ 4,500.00**	
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53	45		***WATER DISTRIBUTION EXPENSES***				
54	46		Chemicals	$ 4,000.00	$ 1,945.02	$ 4,500.00	
55	47		Contract Operator	$ 16,200.00	$ 14,850.00	$ 16,200.00	
56	**49**		Lab Testing	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,625.00	$ 3,600.00	
57			Chemical Pumps	$ 3,000.00			
58	**50**		Maintenance	$ 5,500.00		$ 5,500.00	
59	51		Supplies/Equipment	$ 5,000.00	$ 3,936.69	$ 5,000.00	
60	52		Taxes/Licenses/Permits	$ 500.00	$ 549.00	$ 560.00	
61	53		Truck Maintenance	$ 700.00	$ 370.62	$ 700.00	
62	48		Gas Expense - Truck	$ 1,500.00	$ 721.49	$ 2,100.00	
63	54		Utilities Electric	$ 6,500.00	$ 6,982.11	$ 7,000.00	
64	55		Water Repairs - long term				
65	56		Danger Tree Removal	$ 500.00			
66	58		Water line Discovery				
67	59		Well Field Lease	$ 1,600.00	$ 8,456.70	$ 1,700.00	

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68	60		**TOTAL DISTRIBUTION EXPENSES**	**$ 47,500.00**	**$ 40,436.63**	**$ 46,860.00**	
69	61						
70	62		Transfer to reserves	**$ 7,495.47**		**$ 9,754.00**	
71	63		TOTAL			**$ 148,770.00**	
72	64						
73							
74	65		**TOTAL REVENUE**	**$ 142,360.00**	**$ 106,970.04**	**$ 148,770.00**	**Total Income**
75	67		**TOTAL EXPENSE**	**$ 142,360.00**		**$ 148,770.00**	**Total Expenses**
76	68						
77	69						