

Millwood Board of Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes September 4, 2025

On September 4, 2025, the Millwood Board of Fire Commissioners held a special meeting at 7:30 PM in Millwood Station 1. Attending were Commissioners: Alan Schapiro, Anthony Olenik, Dan Puszka, Michael Wolfensohn; Treasurer Vicki Gillespie, Secretary Joe McConnell; Assistant Chief Greg Santone

Chairman Schapiro called the meeting to order.

Public Comment – None

Work Session

The Board conducted a special meeting for the preparation of the 2026 Budget.

The Board will adopt the proposed 2026 District Budget at its September 29th Regular Meeting.

The Board discussed the District's Insurance Carrier's notification to increase the 2026 property, equipment, and vehicle deductibles. It was agreed to explore other insurance carriers for competitive bids.

Commissioner Olenik made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Puszka at 8:45 PM. All in favor.

Respectively submitted,

Joseph P. McConnell
Fire District Secretary

Correspondence: North Castle Fire District No. 2 Annual Inspection Dinner Invitation.

MILLWOOD FIRE DISTRICT

SUMMARY OF 2026 BUDGET

Appropriations	\$ 2,085,276
less:	
estimated revenues	\$ -
estimated unexpended balance	\$ -
Total	\$ -
To be raised by property tax:	\$ 2,085,276

ESTIMATED REVENUES

	Actual 2024	Anticipated 2025	Budget Amt 2026
State Aid	\$50,000	\$0	\$0
Federal aid	\$0	\$0	\$0
Insurance Proceeds	\$130,852	\$9,645	\$0
Interest on Deposits	\$18,643	\$30,000	\$0
Rentals	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
Refunds	\$951	\$0	\$0
Sale of Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
Misc	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	<u>\$202,246</u>	<u>\$41,445</u>	<u>\$0</u>

ADOPTED 09/29/2025

Millwood Fire District 2026 Budget: Appropriations

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Actuals	2025 Budget	2025 Proj YE	2026 Budget
Payroll	42,539	48,044	68,838	70,000	70,000	70,000
Firematic Equipment purchases	70,530	84,801	177,663	129,000	129,804	100,000
Firematic Other Expenses	494,588	467,229	528,112	688,388	692,556	742,310
Hydrant Fee	68,740	69,429	70,122	70,986	70,986	71,694
Judgements/Claims/Tax Certioraries	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Service Award Program	129,353	140,852	145,897	154,863	149,891	163,769
Workers Comp Insurance	42,716	41,020	26,371	42,250	42,250	28,240
Soc Sec/Medicare/MTA taxes(payload)	3,254	3,675	5,266	7,000	7,000	7,000
Physicals	22,048	20,641	22,688	24,900	24,900	28,000
Accident & Health Insurance	6,119	6,119	6,119	6,119	6,119	6,200
Fire House Project Bond Service	562,406	561,438	560,406	564,281	564,281	563,063
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	1,442,293	1,443,247	1,611,483	1,762,787	1,762,787	1,785,276
Transfer to Reserves*	560,000	400,000	450,000	250,000	250,000	300,000
GRAND TOTAL	2,002,293	1,843,247	2,061,483	2,012,787	2,012,787	2,085,276

*Note: 2026 BudgetReserves will be allocated \$300,000 to Equipment Reserve.

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Millwood Fire District 2026 Budget: Appropriations - Firematic Expenses

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Actuals	2025 Budget	2025 Proj YE	2026 Budget
Office supplies	2,267	2,653	2,987	3,200	3,200	3,500
Training	6,598	9,538	7,119	15,000	15,000	15,000
Association Dues	1,365	1,365	1,460	2,000	2,000	2,000
Dress Uniforms	3,205	1,538	2,228	6,100	6,100	7,500
Inspections	11,889	14,138	13,696	20,000	20,000	20,000
Public Information (legal notices, etc.)	1,530	1,717	2,357	3,500	2,696	2,000
Electric	34,222	29,898	32,989	35,000	39,000	42,000
Heating	32,201	31,193	33,305	35,000	36,000	35,000
Maintenance Supplies	1,028	1,297	1,653	-	974	-
Phone/Cable/cell	15,902	16,381	16,343	17,000	18,000	17,000
Bldg & Grnd Maintenance & Water Usage	109,744	105,773	111,512	265,150	261,191	248,043
Security	864	889	889	2,000	2,000	-
Firematic Equip maintenance	101,362	71,705	102,841	128,000	132,972	182,000
Equip maintenance paid by Insurance	23,489	27,809	53,379	-	-	-
Diesel, Gasoline & Oil	24,069	23,453	20,953	25,000	25,000	25,000
Computer Hardware	1,615	4,239	4,388	7,100	7,100	7,500
Computer Software	9,008	6,508	7,378	9,000	9,000	10,000
Consultants	11,759	7,821	17,394	7,500	7,500	17,500
Siren Maintenance	-	1	-	-	-	-
Radio Maintenance	1,199	2,085	765	-	2,000	-
Officer's Bond	928	928	1,002	1,100	1,085	1,100
Insurance: Commercial	57,758	71,216	61,931	69,400	69,400	74,667
Legal and Audit	28,173	19,560	16,355	23,000	18,000	18,000
Admin Misc	14,413	15,524	15,189	14,338	14,338	14,500
GRAND TOTAL	494,588	467,230	528,112	688,388	692,556	742,310

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Millwood Fire District

Worksheet

Computation of statutory spending limitation for 2025

Assessed Valuations (AV)	Equalization rates (ER)	Full Valuations (AV/ER)
318,922,123	13.95%	2,286,180,093
	Total Full Valuations	2,286,180,093
	less first million of FV	(1,000,000)
	Excess over first million of full valuation	2,285,180,093
	multiply excess by .001	0.001
	Expenditures permitted on full valuation above \$1,000,000	\$ 2,285,180
	add expenditures permitted on full valuation below first \$1,000,000	\$ 2,000
	Statutory spending limitation for 2025	\$ 2,287,180
	Add exclusions from Statutory Spending Limitation:	
	Hydrant tax	\$ 70,986
	Interest & principle payable	\$ 564,281
	Payroll	\$ 70,000
	Social Security	\$ 7,000
	Worker's Comp Ins. VFBL	\$ 42,250
	LOSAP	\$ 149,891
	Insurance: accident & health	\$ 6,119
	Insurance: cancer	\$ 3,900
	Compromised claims/judgments	\$ 5,000
	Insurance: commercial/marine	\$ 65,500
	Fuel	\$ 25,000
	Annual audit	\$ 13,000
	Insurance proceeds Use	\$ 804
	Reserve Funds Contribution	\$ 250,000
	Total exclusions from Spending Limitation	\$ 1,273,731
	Add spending authorized by voters in excess of statutory spending limitation	\$ -
	Sum of Statutory Spending Limitation, Exclusions and Excess Spending authorized by voters	\$ 3,560,911
	less budget appropriations	\$ 2,012,787
	Statutory Spending Limitation Margin	<u>\$ 1,548,124</u>

Estimated Fund Balance

As of

August 31, 2024

Estimated as of 08/03/2025

ASSETS

Current Assets

Total Bank Accounts + Petty Cash

\$4,113,024.69

Reserves

2,609,393.12

General Fund

1,503,631.57

2025 Unspent Appropriations

733,533.13

Unappropriated Unreserved Fund Balance*

770,098.44

***Includes \$490,000 needed for cash flow requirements in 2026**