

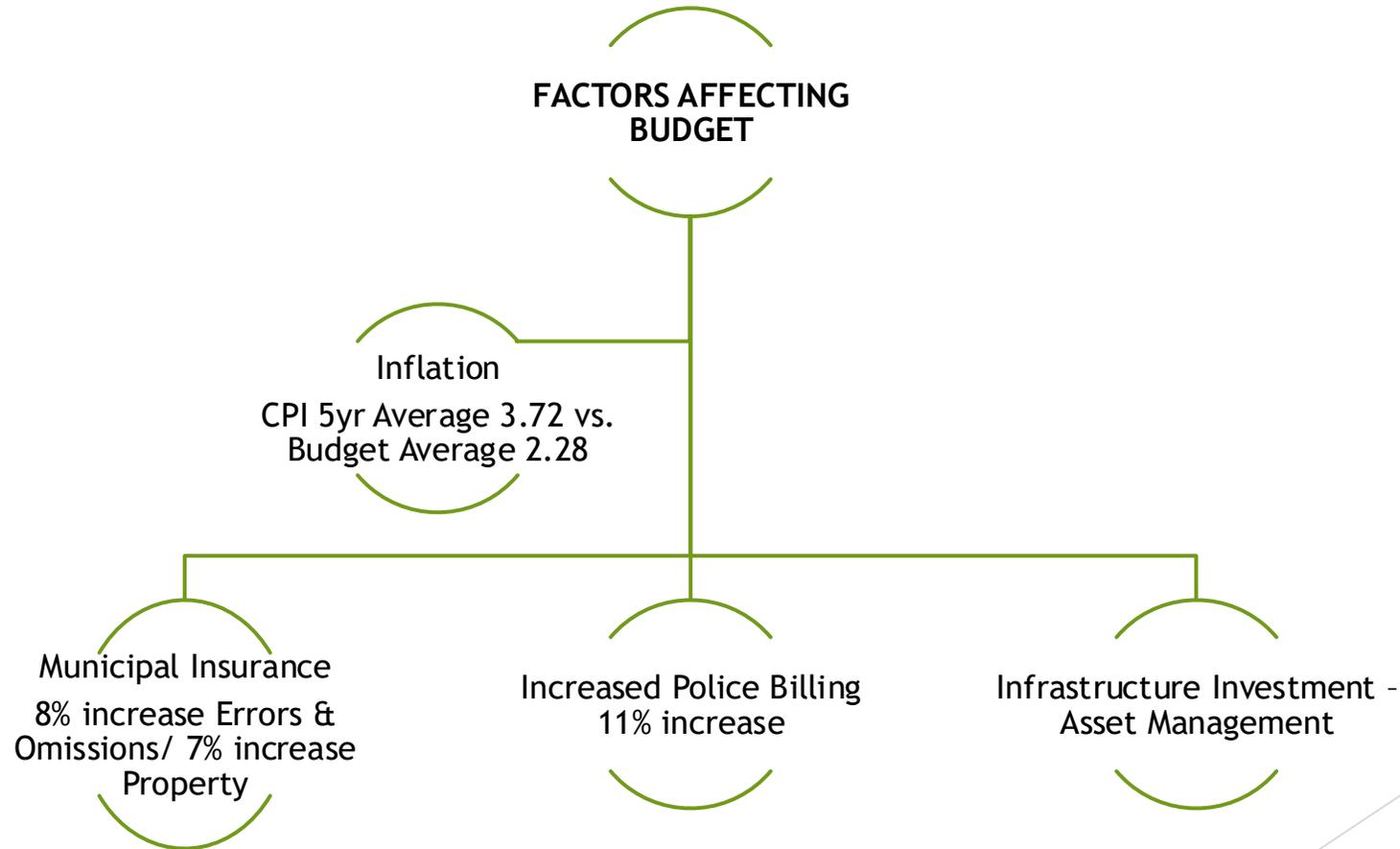


2026 BUDGET

General Operating & Capital
Curbside & Transfer Stations
Water & Wastewater Service

Budget 2026

The Township of Madawaska Valley municipal budget is being presented with a tax rate increase of **4.8%**, requiring **\$5,111,264.00** in taxation to balance the budget.



Factors Affecting Budget

INFLATION

- The consumer price index rose 2.1% on an annual average basis in 2025, following an increase of 2.4% in 2024
- Prices remain elevated, rising 19.9% over the past 5 years – including prices for common goods such as groceries and energy
- The Building Construction Index for 2026 is expected to reflect the ongoing trends in construction costs, influenced by factors such as tariffs, supply chain disruptions, and labour shortages

Fiscal Year	CPI Annual Average	Twp Budget Increase %
2021	3.4	2.1
2022	6.8	2.2
2023	3.9	1.6
2024	2.4	3
2025	2.1	2.5
5 YR AVERAGE	3.72%	2.28 %



Factors Affecting Budget, continued

▶ **INSURANCE RENEWAL**

- ▶ Presented with 8% increase under General Errors & Omissions Liability
- ▶ Also, presented with 7% increase in Property Insurance
- ▶ Property limits saw substantial increase from \$28,188,400 to \$37,899,000
- ▶ 2026 will see the municipality's portfolio placed out for tender
- ▶ Only 3 firms in Ontario that provide municipal insurance

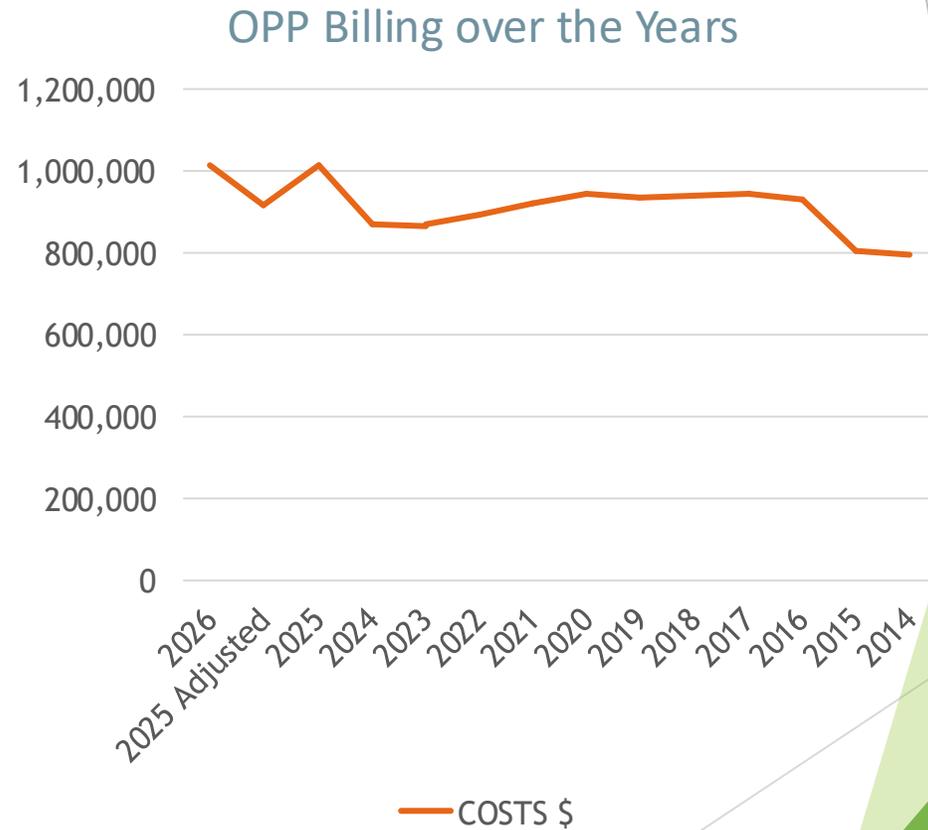
▶ **INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS**

- ▶ The implementation of Asset Management Planning has forced municipalities to look closely at their aging infrastructure and plan for future investment
- ▶ Staff continue to reference the 2021 Building Condition Assessment
- ▶ 2025 saw a renewal of the Roads Needs Study
- ▶ The greatest threat to any municipal government is that future replacement costs of assets will cause taxes to skyrocket
- ▶ The lowest cost scenario in the long-term is preventative maintenance

Factors Affecting Budget, continued

▶ ANNUAL INCREASES TO THE OPP BILLING

- ▶ For many years Councils have been discussing rising costs and inequitable policing costs in service hub communities and the lack of input on annual OPP Billing from the Province
- ▶ 2025 cost = \$916,105
- ▶ 2026 cost = \$1,016,876
- ▶ Province capped the cost increase at 11% for “affordability”



2026 Assessment Change

The Levy Requirement is the amount required from taxation for the municipal budget after all Revenues, Fees/SC, grants, fund transfers have been recorded.

Potential Tax Increase is the potential increase in taxes for a residential property ONLY if it has experienced an increase to assessment as a result of Growth to the property. There is also potential for decrease.



CVA Change results from growth recorded over a tax year. Growth is a result of New Construction, Renovations, Property Value Appeals/Demolitions.

Municipal Budget Summary: 2025 – 2026 Operating & Capital Expenses

DEPARTMENT	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL	2026 BUDGET
General Admin	\$1,605,915	\$1,643,293	\$1,629,098
Protection Services	\$805,398	\$758,559	\$1,765,745 (w/OPP Billing)
With OPP Billing Included	\$1,721,503	\$1,673,074	
Transportation Services	\$4,358,443	\$4,623,835	\$4,597,148
Municipal Properties	\$10,750	\$8,470	\$3,000
Waste Disposal	\$611,123	\$605,379	\$1,251,504
Library Services	\$188,406	\$189,373	\$187,851
Planning & Development	\$147,544	\$174,505	\$144,880
Economic Development	\$104,410	\$101,501	\$80,343
Emergency Preparedness	\$22,923	\$18,197	\$20,248
Parks, Recreation & Facilities	\$1,765,817	\$1,651,464	\$2,039,618
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,536,832	\$10,689,092	\$11,719,435

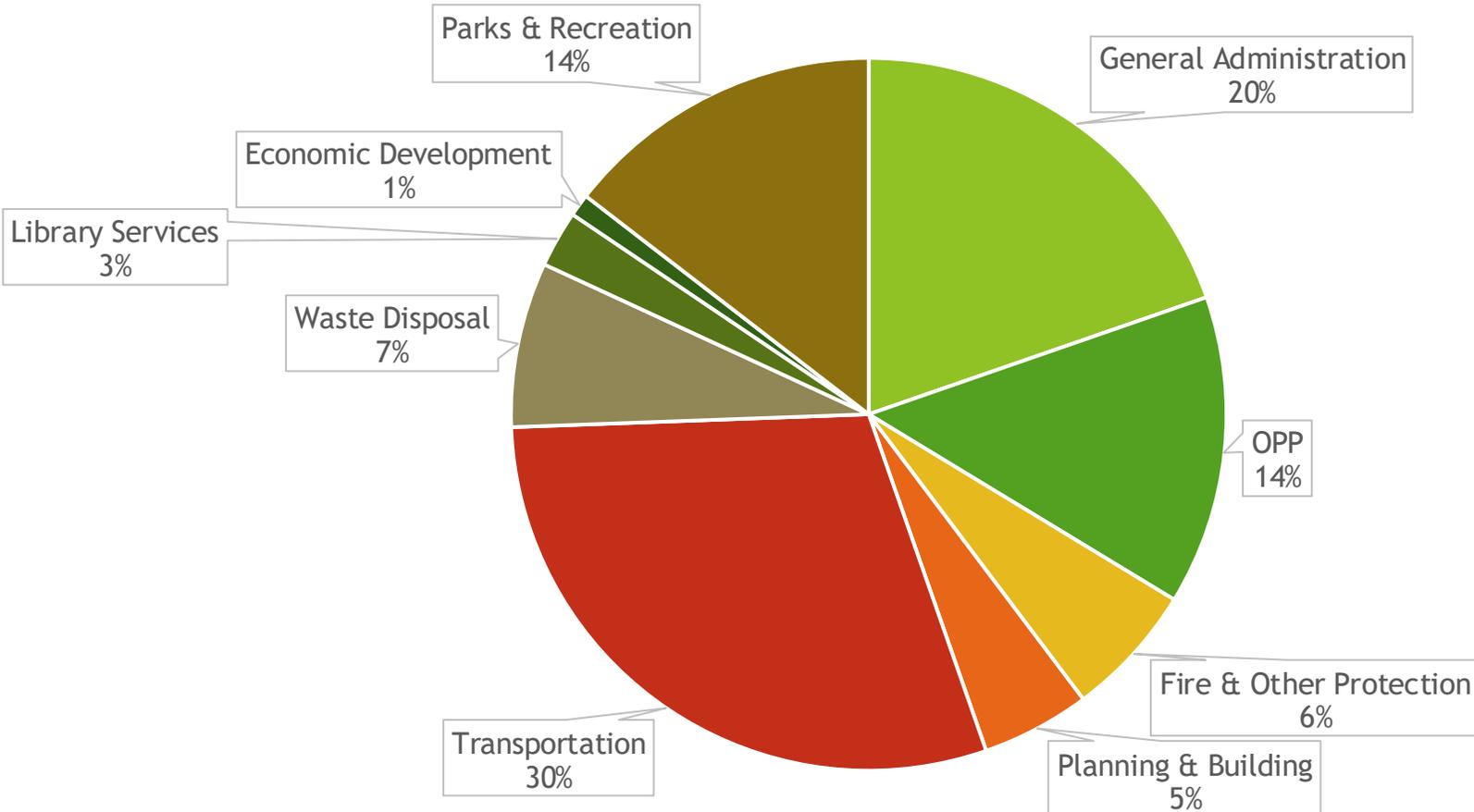
Municipal Budget Summary:

Expenses – Revenue = Required Taxation

REVENUES	2025 BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL	2026 BUDGET
Total Revenues	\$3,839,645	\$3,606,333	\$4,529,460
PIL Revenue	\$122,311	\$110,766	\$122,311
OMPF Revenue	\$1,710,900	\$1,710,900	\$1,956,400
Net Expenditures	(6,778,066)	(6,807,648)	(7,189,975)
Taxation Required	\$4,944,855	\$4,985,982	\$5,111,264

Departmental Distribution of Operating Expenses

OPERATING EXPENSES TOTAL - \$7,244,044



- General Administration
- OPP
- Fire & Other Protection
- Planning & Building
- Transportation
- Waste Disposal
- Library Services
- Economic Development
- Parks & Recreation

Breakdown of Tax Billing

(based on \$100,000 of Residential Assessment)

	Municipal Taxes	County Taxes	Education Taxes	TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES
2025 Tax Year	\$470.56	\$435.62	\$153.00	\$1,059.18
+ \$211.91 Levy	\$682.47			\$1,271.09
2026 Tax Year	\$609.23	\$465.24	\$153.00	\$1,227.47
Tax Distribution	49.6%	37.9%	12.4%	-\$43.62



- The overall tax levy for the 2026 fiscal year is increasing by 4.84% compared to 2025
- Per MPAC, median household assessment is **\$158,000 and would approximately equate to \$1,892.14 in total property taxes.**
- 2025 OPP Levy will be reversed/credited in August billing and reapplied as its own separate tax rate this one time
- See report on 2025 & 2026 OPP Billing Reversal on the municipal website or Youtube video of Regular Council Meeting of February 18, 2026

2026 Capital Projects



Transportation - Equipment

- Half Ton to replace Unit 41 (2002 F250) - \$60,000



Road Construction

- Airport Rd (hotmix asphalt, 1.2km) - \$200,000
- Hopefield Rd (2.67km, Kuiack Lk Rd to Opeongo) - \$450,000
- Hildebrandt St (0.62km, hotmix) - \$100,000
- Connecting Link (full length resurfacing) - \$590,208



Road Construction - Other

- Ski Hill Pit Rehabilitation - \$15,000 (2025 project carryover)
- Sidewalk Repairs (Siberia/St Francis Memorial Drive) - \$20,000
- Various Roads Gravel Resurfacing - \$150,000 (Kowal Rd, Carmel Hill Rd, Serran Rd, Peplinski Rd, Coulas Rd, Upper Rosenthal Rd, stockpile)

2026 Capital Projects, continued



General Admin

- Election - \$40,000
- Office Elevator Controller Upgrade - \$118,998
- Sharepoint Security - \$10,000
- Carpet & Trim Replacement - \$0.00 - RFQ



Fire Protection

- Wildfire Equipment (hose, bags, nozzles) - \$8,000
- Bunker Suits (2) - \$5,000



Waste Disposal

- Bark Lake Compactor - \$600,000
- Rubber Blasting Mats for Cover (3) - \$9,000

2026 Capital Projects, continued



Parks

- Permanent seasonal lighting - C.O. Gazebo - \$5,000
- Crooked Slide Park Repair - \$0.00 - RFQ
- Wooden Water Tower Repair - \$100,000 - RFQ
- Portable Stage - \$15,000
- Permanent Lighting at Railway Station - \$10,000



PJYCC & Murray Memorial Park

- Fence Repair - Hardball Field - \$8,000
- PJYCC Sound System - \$35,000
- Ballfield Lighting - \$20,000
- LED Lighting Ice Surface - \$25,000
- Elevator Repairs - \$110,000
- Door Repairs for Accessibility - \$20,000
- Ice Plant Upgrades - \$3,000

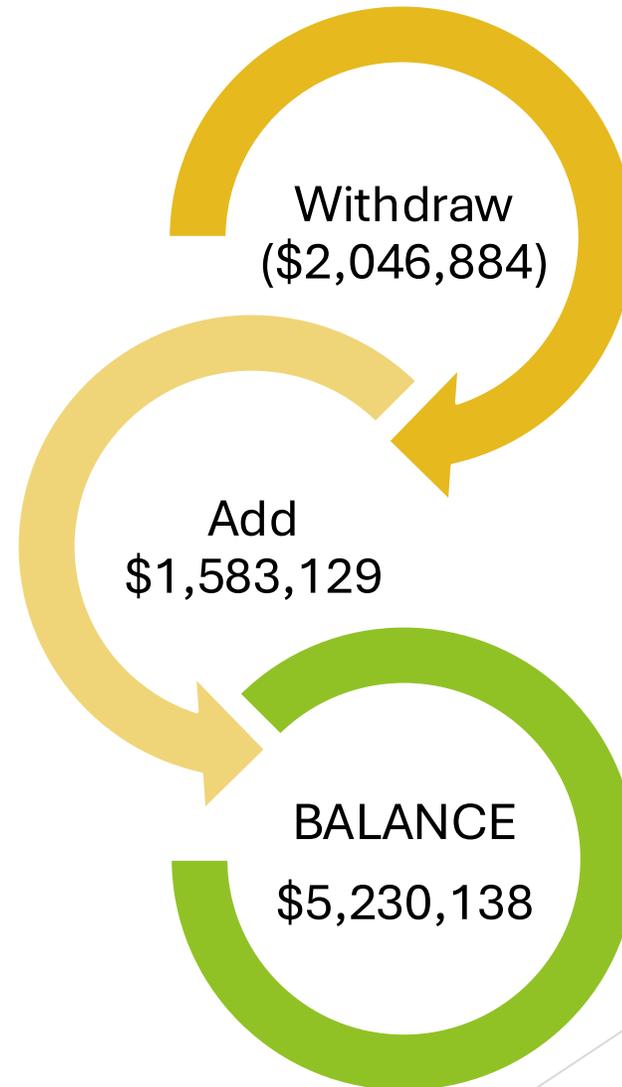


C.O. Hall

- Combermere Outdoor Rink Replacement - Boards, Pad, Lighting - \$300,000 (\$25,000 donation from C.O. Recreation Committee fundraising efforts)

Reserve & Reserve Funds

- The Township of Madawaska Valley has OBLIGATORY & DISCRETIONARY RESERVES, DEFERRED REVENUES & SURPLUS ACCOUNTS
- The Township continues to be mindful of the preservation of Reserve Funds for anticipated future capital costs
- It is important to ensure appropriate utilization of Reserve Funds in budget planning and continuing with additions to them. By preserving reserves in the budget, this better positions the next Council to face the challenges of replacing aging infrastructure
- This budget does not draw down on reserves to lower the tax rate



Curbside Pickup Area Rate



- ▶ This rate applies **ONLY** to all Residential, Commercial, Institutional and Industrial Units located in the former Village of Barry's Bay and outlying area that receive this service
 - ▶ 2026 Curbside Area Rate: (decrease 13.5% from 2025)
 - ▶ Residential Rate = \$160.00
 - ▶ Small Industrial, Commercial & Institutional Single Stream Charge = \$120
 - ▶ Small Industrial, Commercial & Institutional Charge = \$240
 - ▶ Medium Industrial, Commercial & Institutional Charge = \$1,120
 - ▶ Large Industrial, Commercial & Institutional Charge = \$2,240
 - ▶ X-Large Industrial, Commercial & Institutional Charge = \$4,800



Total **Curbside Reserves** balance at \$148,500.00.

Transfer Station Area Rate



- ▶ This rate applies **ONLY** to property assessments in the former Townships of Radcliffe, Sherwood, Jones & Burns who DO NOT receive curbside pickup services
 - ▶ 2026 Transfer Station Rates: (9.55% decrease from 2025 rate)
 - ▶ Residential Charge = \$38.00
 - ▶ Small Industrial, Commercial & Institutional Charge = \$57
 - ▶ Medium Industrial, Commercial & Institutional Charge = \$266
 - ▶ Large Industrial, Commercial & Institutional Charge = \$532
 - ▶ X-Large Commercial Charge = \$1,140



Total Transfer Station Reserves balance at \$214,613.00

Curbside Pickup & Transfer Station

TAKE NOTE:

- ▶ Capital item for purchase – Garbage Truck (\$475,000) to be shared with curbside & transfer station
- ▶ Concerns over the ability to continue to operate organics pickup due to state of curbside pickup truck
- ▶ Direction for staff to prepare for new council term discussions on alternatives to a long-term plan for the Household Organics program including a Household Food Cycler Program
- ▶ Direction to staff to NOT replenish blue box stock, once sold out, Municipal Office will no longer sell



Water & Wastewater Rates



► 2026 Municipal Drinking Water System

- Rate at \$5.36 per cubic metre OR \$80.40 per 15 cubic metre quarterly minimum
- 5.8% increase from 2025 rate
- Rate increase impacted by increased costs of specialized materials to run plant, water main breaks, increases in OCWA Operation Contract
- Total Water System Reserves including Surplus = \$791,687.00

► 2026 Municipal Wastewater Treatment System

- Rate at \$5.92 per cubic metre OR \$88.80 per 15 cubic metre quarterly minimum
- 7.2% increase from 2025 rate
- Rate increase impacted by OCWA Operation Contract increases and costs of specialized materials needed to run the plant
- Total Wastewater System Reserves including Surplus = \$723,066.00

2025 Water & Wastewater Rate Study & Financial Analysis study which can be found on the Township website at www.madawaskavalley.ca

Water & Wastewater Capital Projects

- ▶ Raw Water Intake/Clearwell/Tower Inspection - \$22,000
- ▶ Hydrant & Watermain Repairs - \$10,200
- ▶ Pump Repairs & Parts/ Soda Ash Pallet Ramp Build - \$15,000
- ▶ Chemical Feed System Upgrades/Tower Component Repairs & Electrical Instrumentation/Controls & Equipment Repairs/Supplies - \$28,142

- ▶ Sewage Pumping Station Repairs - \$10,404
- ▶ Pumping Station Pumps Replacement - \$16,000
- ▶ Replacement of Dissolved Oxygen Meters - \$25,000
- ▶ ISAM Tank Cleanout - \$10,000
- ▶ Chemical Feed System Upgrades/UV System & Pump Repairs & Electrical Instrumentation/Controls & Equipment Repairs/Supplies - \$28,053

Questions?

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