Compensation and Town Levy Summary

Town of Round Lake
Special Town Meeting of Electors
November 5, 2026

The electors are being asked to set compensation for five elected offices for the April 2027-April 2029 terms and to adopt the Town tax levy payable in 2027. The compensation request does not reopen the pay already set for the other two supervisor seats.

1 Compensation for the April 2027 to April 2029 terms

The Town Chair, two supervisor seats currently at the standard rate, Clerk and Treasurer are on the April 2027 ballot. The proposed compensation package is for those offices for the two-year terms beginning April 20, 2027 and ending in April 2029. It applies to whoever is elected, not just the people holding the offices today.

Elected office	2026 monthly rate	2027 monthly rate	Change or status
Town Chair	$1,321.69	$1,365.31	Proposed 3.3%
Two supervisors at the higher rate	$630.60	**$651.41 Already set**	**No change requested**
Two supervisors at the standard rate	$601.12	$651.41	Proposed about 8.4%
Town Clerk	$3,463.35	$3,743.88	Proposed 8.1%
Town Treasurer	$1,844.15	$1,899.47	Proposed 3.0%

The higher-rate supervisors' pay is already set. Their table row is for comparison only and is not part of this vote.

All amounts are monthly pay per person before deductions and do not include the Town's employer payroll taxes. Compensation should reflect the duties, workload, time and responsibility of each office, rather than the identity of the person serving in it.

Why the electors set compensation

Wis. Stats. 60.10(1)(b)1. and 60.32(1)(a) give the town electors authority to set compensation for elective town offices. Town Board members cannot set their own pay. Electors may delegate pay-setting authority for some other offices under 60.10(2)(k), but this meeting asks the electors to decide the package for the five offices listed above. Under 60.32(4), compensation must be established before the nomination-paper filing deadline for the coming term, not left for a later annual budget decision.

Cost of living adjustment beginning January 2028

The request is to restore the cost-of-living provision removed in 2024 for the offices covered by this vote. The first adjustment would take effect January 1, 2028, separately from the proposed 2027 base rates. No additional cost-of-living adjustment is requested for 2027.

2 Town tax levy payable in 2027

The proposed total Town levy is $411,858.16. This is the 2026 tax levy collected for the 2027 budget. It is the Town's portion only, not the County, school or technical-college portions of the property-tax bill.

Town levy comparison	Amount
Prior Town levy supporting the 2026 budget	$410,428.00
Proposed Town levy supporting the 2027 budget	$411,858.16
Increase	$1,430.16
Percentage increase	0.35%

Why the budget rises more than the levy

The proposed budget totals $1,764,994.82. Other revenue supplies $1,205,554.24 and Undesignated Reserve supplies $147,582.42. The remaining $411,858.16 comes from the proposed Town levy. Large road costs are supported in part by the $500,894.28 Twin Lake Road reimbursement, so the total budget increase is not the same as the tax-levy increase.

Levy limit actual levy and debt service

The levy limit is the most the Town may levy under the state worksheet and any lawful adjustments. The actual levy is the amount the Town adopts and puts on the tax roll. The $411,858.16 above is proposed, not yet an adopted actual levy.

A debt-service levy is the part raised through property taxes for qualifying loan payments. It is part of the total Town levy, not an extra amount to add to the $411,858.16. Loan-payment expenses alone do not establish how much of the levy is for debt.

Certified scheduled 2027 loan payments	Amount
Principal	$43,781.44
Interest	$16,376.83
Total scheduled payments due March 15 2027	$60,158.27