Office of

AUBURN SEWERAGE DISTRICT

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The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of the Auburn Sewerage District will be held **in person at the Auburn Sewerage District office at 268 Court Street on Tuesday, October 20th, 2026, at 4:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 18th, 2026.

2. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 15th, 2026.

3. Financial Report Update – ***Mike Bailey***

4. Open Session / Public Comment.

5. New Business
   - 2027 Draft Budget.
   - 2025 Audit and Financial Statement.
   - Charter Merger.

6. LACWA Apportionment & Financials

7. Old Business
   - Washington Pumping Station Update.
   - System-Wide Meter Conversion Status Update.
   - Activity Report.

8. Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) to Discuss a Personnel Matter.

9. Adjourn Regular Meeting.

Upcoming: Sewer Trustee Meeting November 17th, 2026.

The regular meeting of the trustees of the Auburn Sewerage District was held in person at the Auburn Sewerage District office, 268 Court Street, on **Tuesday, August 18th, at 4:00 pm**.

Members present: Stephen Ness (President), Robert Cavanagh (Treasurer), Denis Bergeron, and Denis D'Auteuil.
Also Present: Michael Broadbent (Superintendent) and Mike Bailey (Finance Director).

Agenda Item 1: Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 16th, 2026 – On the **motion of Robert Cavanagh, seconded by Denis Bergeron,** there was a vote **to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16th, 2026.**
Passed 4-0

Agenda Item 2: Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting on July 21st, 2026 – On the **motion of Robert Cavanagh, seconded by Denis Bergeron,** there was a vote **to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 21st, 2026.**
Passed 4-0

Agenda Item 3: Financial Report – The Finance Director, Mike Bailey, provided a verbal presentation of the financial report for the preceding month.

Agenda Item 4: Open Session/Public Comment -As no one from the public was in attendance, the Open Session was closed.

Agenda Item 5: Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A) to Discuss a Personnel Matter – On the **motion of Denis D'Auteuil, seconded by Denis Bergeron, a vote was taken to move the meeting into executive session.**

Agenda Item 6: New Business
Maine Municipal Association 2026 Dividend – The District participates in three self-funded insurance pools through MMA: Workers' Compensation, Property and Casualty, and Unemployment. Due to the District's low utilization, dividend payments were received in the amounts of $3,242 for the Water District and $2,062 for the Sewer District, totaling $5,304. The District has historically distributed the dividend balance to employees, typically through a BBQ recognizing safe work practices, along with a gift or check for each employee from the remaining balance.

There was a **motion by Robert Cavanagh, seconded by Denis Bergeron, to authorize the Superintendent to utilize the MMA Dividend of $2,062 to recognize staff for their excellent work and safe work practices.**
Passed 4-0

2026 Audit Engagement Letter – RHR Smith provided the engagement letter for the 2026 financial statement audit. The quoted fee is $11,960, an increase of $1,560 from the prior year. The increase is primarily due to capacity at the firm. Following the implementation of a new auditing standard last year, approximately 70% of the audit work is now completed during the planning phase. As a result, RHR Smith is requiring a 75% retainer to reserve the District's 2026 audit engagement, an increase of 50% from the prior year, for a total retainer of $8,970. The Financial Director noted that the firm remains competitive at this price based on their experience and rates reported by peer organizations.

There was a **motion by Denis Bergeron, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, to authorize the Superintendent to engage with RHR Smith for the 2026 financial statement audit and authorize the payment of the retainer to reserve our spot in the schedule.**
Passed 4-0

Agenda Item 7: Lewiston Auburn Clean Water Authority Apportionment and Financials
Cost Apportionment – As a result of another dry month, the apportionment for the third quarter is set at 60/40.

LACWA Operations Report – The plant continues to operate efficiently. Biosolids delivery, digestion, and cogeneration operations are all running well. The CSO Tank Project is nearing completion, with startup testing of the new tank and associated facilities now underway.

Agenda Item 8: Old Business
Washington Street Pumping Station Update – The project has experienced a minor delay due to a longer-than-anticipated lead time for the pump station wet well. Sargent is currently planning to mobilize during the first week of September.

System-Wide Meter Conversion Update – Hydrocorp and EJP continue to do an excellent job with meter installations. As of August 13th, the District has replaced approximately 40% of the system. Staff has begun sending reminder notices to customers who have previously received notifications but have not yet scheduled an appointment. Initial notices have also been sent to the largest remaining group of customers. Current replacement totals are 2,442 of 6,258 residential meters and 101 of 262 large-diameter meters.

Charter Merger Update – The Draft Merged Charter was submitted to Verrill Law for review. Jim Cohen will serve as the lead attorney in updating the documents and preparing them for approval. He anticipates the work will take approximately three weeks to complete and has experience with several similar projects and the associated process.

Activity Report – The Superintendent, Michael Broadbent, provided a verbal presentation on the preceding month's activity report.

Staff has requested a cost estimate from Insituform, Inc. to reline several sewer mains, including Western Avenue, Webster Street, Cyr Street, Walnut Street, Chestnut Street, Bearce Street, and Temple Street.

On the motion of **Denis Bergeron, seconded by Robert Cavanagh, there was a vote to authorize the Superintendent to spend up to $240,000 to hire a contractor to reline sewer mains on Western Avenue and on Webster Street and side streets, including Cyr, Walnut, Chestnut, Bearce and Temple.**
Passed 4-0

Agenda Item 9: Meeting Adjournment – On the **motion of Denis Bergeron, seconded by Denis D'Auteuil, there was a vote to adjourn the meeting.**
Passed 4-0

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Spence
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Due to insufficient attendance, the regular meeting of the Trustees of the Auburn Sewerage District scheduled for **Tuesday, September 15th, at 4:00 p.m.** was not held.

The next meeting will be held on October 20th, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Spence

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AUBURN SEWERAGE DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
PERIOD ENDING - September 30, 2026

	9/30/2026	12/31/2025		9/30/2026	12/31/2025
Property, Plant and Equipment:					
Plant in Service	39,201,159.98	43,037,577.98	**Equity Capital**	21,929,114.25	21,329,958.82
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(19,870,468.36)	(19,606,073.71)			
	19,330,691.62	23,431,504.27	**Long Term Debt**	5,899,092.59	4,137,618.34
Construction Work In Progress	4,925,782.31	101,724.76	**Equipment Leases**	93,401.11	61,477.65
Current Assets:			**Current Liabilities:**		
Cash/Money Market	3,380,738.77	2,247,273.15	Current Portion of LTD	557,177.43	443,065.36
Accounts Receivable	274,465.30	386,937.23	Accounts Payable	166,318.82	356,658.80
Construction Assessments	0.00	0.00	Accrued Interest & Other	29,808.17	78,398.33
City of Auburn Debt	124,177.94	144,874.28	Customer Deposits	17,605.00	15,815.00
Inventory	43,976.78	90,216.43	Pre-Treatment Costs	(11,375.15)	(19,500.12)
PrePaids	12,452.93	961.97	Accrued LAWPCA	(81,752.76)	0.00
Total Current Assets	3,835,811.72	2,870,263.06	**Total Current Liabilities**	677,781.51	874,437.37
Investments:					
CD's	507,104	0			
Total Investments	507,104	0			
Deferred Charges	0.00	0.00			
Total Assets	28,599,389.46	26,403,492.18	**Total Equity & Liabilities**	28,599,389.46	26,403,492.18

AUBURN SEWERAGE DISTRICT
OPERATING STATEMENT - TRUSTEES' REPORT
NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

	September	2026	Y-T-D THRU September 2026		
	YTD - 2025	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
REVENUES:					
Metered Income	$3,139,612	$4,331,600	3,300,568	3,248,700	$51,868
Industrial Surcharge	24,319	43,000	29,777	32,250	(2,473)
Shared Debt with City	20,696	42,000	20,696	20,696	0
Jobbing & Mdse. - NET	47,351	60,000	21,800	45,000	(23,200)
Sewer Assessments	10,500	29,506	15,755	22,130	(6,375)
Finance Charges	4,336	6,500	8,054	4,875	3,179
Interest Income	45,823	70,000	27,847	52,500	(24,653)
Industrial Treatment Sampling	31,885	45,000	31,875	33,750	(1,875)
Capacity Fees (SDS)	14,250	46,413	15,255	34,810	(19,555)
Other income	0	0	16,659	0	16,659
TOTAL REVENUES	**3,338,772**	**4,674,019**	**3,488,286**	**3,494,710**	**(6,424)**
			74.63%	**66.67%**	**< Standard**
EXPENSES:					
Payroll	406,689	729,768	413,479	547,326	(133,847)
Employee Benefits	180,023	291,609	171,195	218,707	(47,512)
Maint. of Sewers	27,458	69,574	26,629	52,181	(25,552)
Lift Stations	90,590	123,143	85,773	92,357	(6,584)
Maint. of Buildings	50,422	60,724	53,483	45,543	7,940
Maint. of Trucks	21,411	31,600	12,337	23,700	(11,363)
Office Expense	28,012	87,477	33,856	65,608	(31,752)
Collection Expense	300	(325)	(1,538)	(244)	(1,294)
General Expense	8,456	10,669	9,106	8,002	1,104
Insurance	39,216	61,360	35,374	46,020	(10,646)
Legal & Accounting Fees	16,628	16,147	15,823	12,110	3,713
Billing Expense	52,453	162,726	133,992	122,045	11,948
L.A.W.P.C.A.	1,565,010	2,127,129	1,631,126	1,595,347	35,779
SUB-TOTAL	**2,486,668**	**3,771,601**	**2,620,634**	**2,828,701**	**(208,067)**
Interest	125,328	221,560	146,988	166,170	(19,182)
TOTAL EXPENSES	**2,611,996**	**3,993,161**	**2,767,622**	**2,994,871**	**(227,249)**
			69.31%	**66.67%**	**< Standard**
Bonds - Principal Payments	151,672	506,235	409,398	409,398	0
SURPLUS FROM OPERATIONS	**575,104**	**174,623**	**311,266**	**90,442**	**220,825**

AUBURN SEWER - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sewer Metered Revenue - Versus Prior Year

Month	2026	2025	MTD Change	%	YTD Change	%
January	$372,790	$368,576	$4,213	1.1%	$4,213	1.14%
February	$361,920	$327,577	$34,342	10.5%	$38,556	5.54%
March	$332,021	$339,120	($7,099)	-2.1%	$31,457	3.04%
April	$362,079	$357,697	$4,382	1.2%	$35,838	2.57%
May	$347,974	$328,875	$19,099	5.8%	$54,937	3.19%
June	$355,204	$339,666	$15,539	4.6%	$70,476	3.42%
July	$390,729	$367,388	$23,341	6.4%	$93,816	3.86%
August	$397,950	$348,772	$49,178	14.1%	$142,995	5.15%
September	$379,902	$361,940	$17,962	5%	$160,956	5.13% *
October		$385,093	($385,093)	-100.0%	($224,137)	-6.36%
November		$365,348	($365,348)	-100.0%	($589,485)	-15.15%
December		$284,803	($284,803)	-100.0%	($874,287)	-20.94%
Year-to-Date:	$3,300,568	$4,174,855				

Sewer Metered Revenue - Versus Budget

Month	2026	BUDGET	MTD Change	%	YTD Change	%
January	$372,790	$384,705	($11,915)	-3.1%	($11,915)	-3.10%
February	$361,920	$341,912	$20,008	5.9%	$8,093	1.11%
March	$332,021	$351,814	($19,793)	-5.6%	($11,700)	-1.08%
April	$362,079	$378,924	($16,845)	-4.4%	($28,546)	-1.96%
May	$347,974	$367,936	($19,962)	-5.4%	($48,508)	-2.66%
June	$355,204	$348,553	$6,651	1.9%	($41,856)	-1.93%
July	$390,729	$351,675	$39,054	11.1%	($2,802)	-0.11%
August	$397,950	$348,742	$49,208	14.1%	$46,406	1.61%
September	$379,902	$384,030	($4,128)	($0)	$42,278	1.30%
October	$0	$355,401	($355,401)	-100.0%	($313,122)	-8.66%
November	$0	$377,706	($377,706)	-100.0%	($690,829)	-17.31%
December	$0	$340,203	($340,203)	-100.0%	($1,031,032)	-23.80%
Year-to-Date:	$3,300,568	$4,331,600				

Sewer Metered Gallons Sold

Month	2026	2025	MTD Change	%	YTD Change	%
January	37,391,279	40,978,761	(3,587,482)	-8.75%	(3,587,482)	-8.75%
February	40,712,621	46,883,540	(6,170,919)	-13.16%	(9,758,402)	-11.11%
March	39,251,680	44,263,147	(5,011,467)	-11.32%	(14,769,868)	-11.18%
April	39,455,897	41,691,007	(2,235,110)	-5.36%	(17,004,978)	-9.78%
May	37,620,355	41,161,483	(3,541,128)	-8.60%	(20,546,106)	-9.56%
June	40,344,581	44,379,274	(4,034,693)	-9.09%	(24,580,799)	-9.48%
July	38,891,120	43,568,105	(4,676,985)	-10.73%	(29,257,784)	-9.66%
August	45,471,012	44,489,507	981,505	2.21%	(28,276,278)	-8.14%
September	43,549,975	49,581,943	(6,031,968)	-12.17%	(34,308,246)	-8.64%
October		47,900,641	(47,900,641)	-100.00%	(82,208,887)	-18.48%
November		48,552,949	(48,552,949)	-100.00%	(130,761,837)	-26.50%
December		36,633,505	(36,633,505)	-100.00%	(167,395,342)	-31.58%
Year-to-Date:	362,688,520	530,083,862				

Sewer Gross Payroll

Month	2026	Budget	MTD Change	%	YTD Change	%
January	$35,216	$63,037	($27,821)	-44%	($27,821)	-44.14%
February	$44,331	$54,057	($9,726)	-18%	($37,547)	-32.07%
March	$43,615	$65,399	($21,784)	-33%	($59,331)	-32.51%
April	$53,487	$63,199	($9,712)	-15%	($69,043)	-28.10%
May	$40,359	$65,787	($25,428)	-39%	($94,471)	-30.33%
June	$44,129	$52,687	($8,558)	-16%	($103,029)	-28.29%
July	$51,077	$64,617	($13,540)	-21%	($116,569)	-27.19%
August	$41,575	$64,950	($23,375)	-36%	($139,944)	-28.34%
September	$59,960	$54,882	$5,078	9%	($134,866)	-24.58%
October		$62,859	($62,859)	-100%	($197,725)	-32.34%
November		$67,624	($67,624)	-100%	($265,349)	-39.07%
December		$50,670	($50,670)	-100%	($316,019)	-43.30%
	$413,749	$729,768				

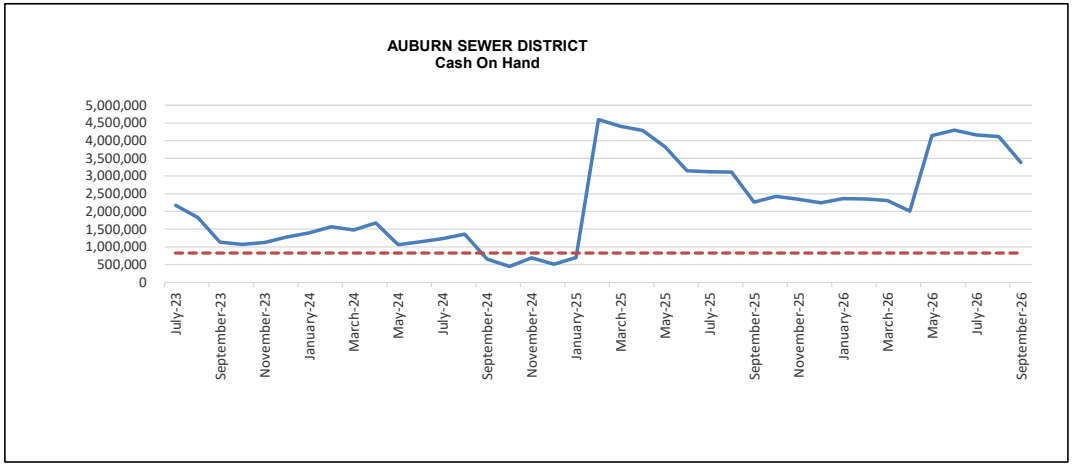
SEWER Capital Spending Versus Budget

Capital Expenses - 2026	*Budget	*YTD Actual
Equipment Trailer	25,000.00	23,629.50
Crew Truck #37	100,000.00	108,276.36
Conduit Bender	5,500.00	3,120.50
W-3 Generator	50,000.00	7,293.42
W-7, Control Pane	5,000.00	4,206.62
Fixed Asset Software	$7,500	
Office improvements	$5,000	
4 Computers, I-pad	$3,600	$1,758
Rav4	$30,000	$28,939
Excavator	$65,437	$64,454
Equipment	**297,036.50**	**241,677.42**
Merrow Rd	50,000.00	50,085.00
Taylor Brook	200,000.00	33,591.46
CSO Master Plan/Riverside CSO and Interceptor Modifications	-	30,249.01
Infiltration Studies	100,000.00	
Relining Projects/Vortex Rehab Work	274,000.00	37,179.83
Paving Projects	102,000.00	190,500.07
Washington Street Pumping Station	2,200,000.00	324,237.28
Facilities Study	13,750.00	18,262.50
Projects (total includes benefit costs on labor)	**2,939,750.00**	**684,105.15**
Total Capital	**$3,236,787**	**$925,783**

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AUBURN SEWER DISTRICT
CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Aging	Current	30 day	60 day	90 day	120 day	Finance Chgs	Other	Totals
September	**$ 193,778.34**	**$ 49,392.38**	**$ (5.83)**	**$ 5,125.30**	**$ 26,167.83**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 274,458.02**
	70.6%	*18.0%*	*0.0%*	*1.9%*	*9.5%*	*0.0%*	*0.0%*	
August	245,538.83	32,189.97	9,043.96	7,264.12	20,044.59	-	-	314,081.47
July	193,142.38	36,233.61	11,293.82	(1,728.82)	28,381.11	-	-	267,322.10
June	179,240.40	36,891.10	9,879.99	5,295.21	17,876.30	-	-	249,183.00



Memo

To: Sewer District Trustees

From: Michael Broadbent, Superintendent

CC: Files

Date: 10/15/2026

Re: Discussion of October Agenda Items

Sewer Trustees

Financial Report Highlights

Financial Update: Revenues are at budget and expenses are under budget. On the revenue side, interest income is under budget due to a decrease in cash as a result of funding the storm surge tank in full throughout 2025 and not having those funds earning interest in 2026. The metered income from rates is above budget as the rate increase and meter changeout efficiencies are starting to take effect. On the expense side, payroll and benefits are under budget due to previously vacant positions and the allocation of labor to projects (particularly paving projects ($35k), Washington St pump station ($8k), W3 generator ($4.5k), Riverside CSO ($2k), and Rehab Work ($2k)) in addition to other expense accounts such as jobbing. Interest expense is under budget as we began recognizing interest expense on the $2.3 million pump station bond issued in May while the budgeted interest expense is for the full year. LACWA expenses are slightly over budget due to some payroll costs related to LACWA ($36k) being accounted for in this account in addition to our monthly payment. There were $600K in LACWA debt service payments and $350k in ASD debt service payments made in September and cash on hand has decreased as a result. Cash on hand of $3.4 million is sufficient to service existing debt and fund operations.

New Business

2027 Draft Budget Review- Included with the packet is the draft 2027 Budget. This version of the budget includes updated LACWA expenses, updated health insurance costs and our final equipment and capital expectations.

The goal is to get the Budget approved before the end of 2026, we'll have two more meetings to do so. If there are shared Items we need to discuss with the Water Board, we could always schedule a workshop in November. At this time, I do not see the need for that. If the Board is happy with the current draft and there are no changes at the November meeting, the budgets can be approved at that time. I will need to know before the November meeting to schedule a public hearing.

2025 Audit and Financial Statement- The 2025 Audit is now complete, printed copies of the Audit will be handed out at the meeting when we go over the final document. Overall, the Auditors have no deficiencies to present, and staff is happy with the final product.

Charter Merger Update- Included within the packets is a draft version of a merged charter between the two Districts. I did receive several comments from two trustees. I've forwarded those comments to Jim Cohen for discussion and inclusion. By the time of the October meeting, I anticipate having a draft with those comments and suggestions incorporated.

The goal is to get this draft charter approved by the Boards at the October Trustee Meetings. The Draft Charter will then be sent to our partners at the City of Auburn, the City of Lewiston and for review by several state agencies. Assuming no objections we can proceed with finding a bill sponsor prior to the end of 2026.

Lewiston Auburn Clean Water Authority

Cost Apportionment- Apportionment remains at 60% Lewiston to 40% Auburn, this is slightly skewed towards Auburn. This is due to the dry weather and lack of CSO flows. The Authority is proposing to leave the apportionment at 60/40 to close out the year. Any discrepancy will be sorted out through the audit process.

LACWA Operations Report- The plant is running well; they did have two effluent violations over the past month. They isolated the issue and developed internal controls to control future issues. Septage receiving revenue remains above average. Staff is in the process of taking down digester #1 for a full cleaning and valve maintenance. This process takes about two months. Cogeneration continues to go well, the authority is preparing for a generator replacement of one of their units.

The CSO tank is ready and awaiting a comprehensive test with a natural high flow event. There are only a few punch list items that Sergeant continues to work on.

Old Business

Washington Street Pumping Station, Update- There were some continued delays with the design and layout of the station wet well. Those issues have now been resolved and the contractor is set to start excavation

System-Wide Meter Conversion Status Update- As of October 9th, the District has replaced nearly 75% of our water meters. The installers have done a wonderful job managing the appointments and the challenges associated with this task.

The District is seeing an increase in water sales and we've had an increase with customer interactions. The meter software sends five to ten daily alerts of leaks and water loss. The District is in the process of establishing the customer portal, we hope to have that available before the end of 2026.

The installers will be leaving door hanger notices starting October 13th. There are around 1,200 customers who were sent at least four forms of communication with no response. The next step after this will be disconnection notifications for failure to allow access.

Activity Report- The water and sewer crews continue to assist with the Hydro Corp meter replacement project, excavating and repairing service boxes/valves that are found to be inoperable when it is necessary to turn off water during the meter installation.

Insituform, Inc. completed camera work and line cleaning on Western Avenue, Webster Street, Cyr Street, Walnut Street, Chestnut Street, Bearce Street and Temple Street. Relining work is scheduled to begin soon. Some segments will not be relined due to being in better condition than expected or not having suitable access at both ends (Temple St. and Bearce St.).

Vortex completed camera work on Pleasant Street and Cascades Drive. No significant issues were found.

Upcoming Meetings: Regular meeting on November 17th, 2026.

AUBURN
SEWERAGE DISTRICT
2027 BUDGET

DRAFT - October 20, 2026

Trustees:

Stephen Ness, President
Robert Cananagh, Treasurer
Denis D'Auteuil, Mayor's Rep
Denis Bergeroen
Patrick DeFilipp
Vacant
Vacant

Officers:

Mike Broadbent, Superintendent
Mike Abbott, District Engineer
Mike Bailey, Finance Director

10/14/2026

AUBURN SEWERAGE DISTRICT
2027 Estimated Budget

Rate Increase 1.5%
Meter Changeout Benefit 10%

	Actual 2023	Actual 2024	Actual 2025	Budget 2026	YTD 2026 as of 7-31-2026	Projected 2026	BUDGET 2027	Notes
Metered Sales - Residential	$2,325,338	$2,602,625	$2,640,925	$2,702,820	$1,582,228	$2,756,704	$3,160,950	2461-000, 2461-100
Metered Sales - Commercial	803,983	866,747	$867,513	900,115	$519,743	$938,508	$1,038,335	
Metered Sales - Industrial	442,145	495,284	$495,722	514,351	$296,996	$529,502	$593,334	
Metered Sales - Public Authorities	179,724	206,368	$206,551	214,313	$123,748	$220,626	$247,223	
Total Metered Sales	**$3,751,189**	**$4,171,024**	**$4,210,711**	**$4,331,600**	**$2,522,716**	**$4,445,339**	**$5,039,842**	
Industrial Surcharges	52,462	40,631	29,763	43,000	21,968	$37,660	30,787	3 Year Avg 2465-000
City of Auburn - Shared Debt	41,392	41,392	41,392	42,000	24,145	$41,392	42,000	From Debt Schedule
Jobbing & Miscellaneous	8,316	(14,689)	28,690	60,000	11,377	19,503	11,168	Jobbing (shown net 2017 for 2415-000, 2416-000, 2426-000
Assessments	11,349	48,148	25,225	29,506	12,010	20,589	31,320	3 Year Avg 2462-000
Finance Charges	6,408	5,935	5,505	6,500	5,565	9,541	6,993	3 Year Avg 2427-500
Interest Income	13,623	176,403	51,184	70,000	19,321	33,121	21,000	Lower estimate as funds are . 2419-000
Industrial Pre-Treatment Fees	50,400	42,500	42,510	45,000	24,792	42,500	42,500	Per LAWPCA 2421-000
Sewer Capacity Fees	37,239	73,875	28,875	46,413	11,610	19,903	40,884	3 Year Avg 2433-000
Total Revenues	**$3,972,379**	**$4,585,218**	**$4,463,855**	**$4,674,019**	**$2,653,504**	**$4,669,548**	**$5,266,496**	
Payroll	512,375	584,559	533,229	653,768	312,214	535,224	677,589	See salary tab
Employee Benefits	272,678	184,465	229,914	286,609	124,247	212,995	261,185	See Schedule - Includes estimated 2% increase in healthcare premiums
Employee Recognition	0.0	0.0	2,143.7	5,000.0	1,637.5	2,807	5,000	$10,000 split between water a 2630-300
Maintenance of Sewers	109,666	65,725	133,824	69,574	23,115	39,625	79,725	See Backup Schedule
Maintenance of Lift Stations	74,372	115,989	129,445	123,143	69,362	118,906	140,922	See Backup Schedule
Maintenance of Buildings	51,256	62,313	37,327	60,724	44,485	76,261	62,168	See Backup Schedule
Maintenance of Vehicles	36,373	33,155	27,171	31,600	8,833	12,280	17,600	See Backup Schedule 2650-124, 2650-125, 2650-127
Office Expense	30,597	61,815	51,730	87,477	43,178	74,020	56,284	See Backup Schedule
Collection Expense	(1,400)	575	151	(325)	1,115	1,911	879	Cost of liens - Net. - 3 year av 2675-850
General Expense	4,000	11,017	10,182	10,669	5,226	8,959	11,088	See Backup Schedule
Insurances	57,728	56,697	51,870	61,360	30,096	51,594	58,500	See Backup Schedule
Legal & Accounting	7,351	48,443	20,456	16,147	5,683	9,743	19,377	See Schedule 2632-800
Billing Expense	88,292	68,270	74,108	162,726	112,228	192,391	225,863	See Backup Schedule
LAWPCA - Treatment	2,018,701	1,818,476	1,877,028	2,127,129	1,266,732	2,171,541	2,388,695	LACWA budget - Assumed 1. 2690-000
Sub - Total	**$3,261,988**	**$3,111,501**	**$3,178,578**	**$3,695,602**	**$2,048,153**	**$3,508,257**	**$4,004,874**	
Interest (bonds and leases)	185,668	170,141	166,872	221,560	108,686	186,320	269,547	See Backup Schedule. CY bond interest prorated.
Total Expenses	**$3,447,656**	**$3,281,642**	**$3,345,449**	**$3,917,162**	**$2,156,840**	**$3,694,576**	**$4,274,421**	
Net from Operations	**$524,723**	**$1,303,576**	**$1,118,406**	**$756,857**	**$496,664**	**$974,971**	**$992,075**	
Debt Reduction (bonds)	558,962	516,494	518,065	532,108	133,027	532,108	604,731	See Backup Schedule
Surplus from Operations	**($34,239)**	**$787,082**	**$600,341**	**$224,749**	**$363,637**	**$442,863**	**$387,344**	
General Equipment	113,080	131,750	140,115	206,600	206,600	206,600	226,850	See Backup Schedule
Capital Projects	424,000	585,000	5,427,672	3,267,614	3,267,614	3,267,614	1,126,430	See Backup Schedule
Change in Cash after Capital	($571,319)	$70,332	($4,967,446)	($3,249,465)	($3,110,577)	($3,031,351)	($965,936)	
Total Expenses	**4,543,698**	**4,514,886**	**9,431,302**	**7,923,484**	**5,764,081**	**7,700,898**	**6,232,432**	Total Expenses, Bond Payments, General Equipment

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AUBURN SEWERAGE DISTRICT
2027 Estimated

	Actual 2023	Actual 2024	Actual 2025	Budget 2026	Projected 2026	BUDGET 2027	Notes
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS							
Health Insurance	*189,181*	*132,216*	*152,481*	179,289.7	*179,289.71*	*143,738*	*See Health Schedule, includes allocation from AWD*
FICA	*43,061*	*36,043*	*41,176*	*51,386.11*	*51,386.11*	*52,316*	*FICA = wages X 7.65%*
ICMA 401 Plan	*31,328*	*28,269*	*32,295*	*40,302.83*	*40,302.83*	*41,032*	*6% rate for participants - Payroll*
PFML	*0*	*0*	*0*	*6,526.56*	*6,526.56*	*6,839*	*1% - Payroll*
Unemployment Insurance	*872*	*872*	*872*	*872.00*	*872.00*	*900*	*Maine Municipal*
Clothing, Misc	*2,629*	*17,034*	*10,200*	*17,000.00*	*13,000.00*	*16,000*	*Clothing, Other Misc, Time for training and external training costs*
MSRS Retirement Plan	*2,287*	*1,260*	*2,427*	*360.00*	*330.00*	*360*	*ME-PERS (Billed Monthly from AWD). GTL only starting 2025*
TOTAL:	***$269,358***	***$215,693***	***$239,450***	***$295,737***	***$291,707***	***$261,185***	

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AUBURN SEWERAGE DISTRICT
2027 ESTIMATED BUDGET

	Actual 2023	Actual 2024	Actual 2025	BUDGET 2026	YTD 2026 as of 7-31-26	PROJECTED 2026	BUDGET 2027	Notes
MAINTENANCE OF SEWERS								
Contracted Work, Materials	88,309	28,406	33,878	44,205	8,127	13,931	25,405	*T Berry, Road Openings, Paving, Manholes, Maint - (3yr Avg)*
Other	21,357	37,319	99,946	25,368	14,988	25,694	54,320	*Equipment Rentals,Dig Safe, Vortex, RR Crossings - (3yr Avg)*
TOTAL:	**$109,666**	**$65,725**	**$133,824**	**$69,574**	**$23,115**	**$39,625**	**$79,725**	
MAINTENANCE OF LIFT STATIONS								
Electricity	41,688	73,437	83,077	80,445	55,897	95,823	102,531	*Power @ Lift Stations - 7% increase. CMP delivery charges increasing, but supply charges locked in thru 2028.*
Repairs	26,339	36,937	40,753	37,422	7,165	12,283	29,991	*Power Products, Supplies, - (3yr Avg)*
All Other	6,345	5,615	5,615	5,276	6,300	10,800	8,400	*Landscaping, Lawn Mowing - 20% increase in 2026 with new contract, reflected in 2026 amounts.*
TOTAL:	**$74,372**	**$115,989**	**$129,445**	**$123,143**	**$69,362**	**$118,906**	**$140,922**	
MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS								
Miscellaneous	3,269	4,011	3,393	3,556	2,792	4,786	4,063	*Misc - (3yr Avg)*
Electricity	3,612	5,458	5,372	5,592	3,242	5,559	5,948	*Power for garage + barn. 7% increase. CMP delivery charges increasing, but supply charges locked in thru 2028.*
Heat	8,387	8,817	4,766	10,000	5,990	10,269	11,000	*Natural Gas for Building (Unitil)*
Supplies	17,103	17,981	9,719	18,430	12,533	21,484	16,395	*Towels, Rags, Janitorial Supplies, Security, Fire Extinguishers (3 yr avg)*
Repairs, Maintenance	18,885	26,046	14,078	23,146	19,928	34,163	24,762	*Office Cleaning, Maintenance, Trash Removal, Thayer. (3 yr avg)*
TOTAL:	**$51,256**	**$62,313**	**$37,327**	**$60,724**	**$44,485**	**$76,261**	**$62,168**	
OFFICE EXPENSE:								
Computer Support	11,343	42,032	34,800	66,177	23,767	40,744	31,373	*NDS, SCADA, Website, IT Services. (3 yr avg)*
Mailing Costs	2,673	2,700	2,235	1,882	3,684	6,315	3,750	*Postage, postage meter rental*
Electricity	1,875	2,729	2,843	4,163	1,969	3,376	3,612	*Power for 268 Court Street - 7% increase. CMP delivery charges increasing, but supply charges locked in thru 2028.*
Supplies	2,270	2,425	1,976	2,872	2,349	4,026	2,907	*Paper, toner, forms, etc. - 3 yr Average*
Telephone	2,524	1,979	1,639	2,609	3,697	6,338	3,614	*Office Phone Lines - 3 yr average*
Membership/Service Fees	3,009	3,000	2,484	2,353	2,325	3,986	3,332	*Maine Municipal Assoc., Trustee Fees - 3 year average*
Miscellaneous	3,250	3,250	2,691	4,439	2,519	4,318	3,606	*Bank fees, Ads, Newsletters, Training. 3 year average*
Machine Maint. Contract	1,972	2,000	1,656	1,643	1,550	2,657	2,210	*Copier lease/maintenance - 3 year average*
Answering Service	1,682	1,700	1,407	1,339	1,318	2,259	1,880	*Answering service off hours - 3 year average*
TOTAL:	**$30,598**	**$61,815**	**$51,730**	**$87,477**	**$43,178**	**$74,020**	**$56,284**	

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AUBURN SEWERAGE DISTRICT
2027 ESTIMATED BUDGET

	Actual 2023	Actual 2024	Actual 2025	BUDGET 2026	YTD 2026 as of 7-31-2026	PROJECTED 2026	BUDGET 2027	Notes
GENERAL EXPENSE:								
Equipment Maintenance	4,000	9,291	9,015	8,669	5,226	8,959	9,088	*Power Products, Other - 3 year average*
Other Misc	0	1,727	1,167	2,000	0	0	2,000	*Misc.*
TOTAL:	**$4,000**	**$11,017**	**$10,182**	**$10,669**	**$5,226**	**$8,959**	**$11,088**	
INSURANCE EXPENSE								
Workman's Compensation	16,618	14,365	8,866	14,626	4,562	7,821	10,351	*3 year average*
Commercial Package	32,500	31,272	30,468	34,003	17,298	29,654	32,620	*Assumes 10% Increase*
Auto	4,535	4,832	4,758	5,242	2,906	4,982	5,481	*Assumes 10% Increase*
Property	4,075	6,228	7,778	7,489	5,329	9,136	10,049	*Assumes 10% Increase*
TOTAL:	**$57,728**	**$56,697**	**$51,870**	**$61,360**	**$30,096**	**$51,594**	**$58,500**	
LEGAL & ACCOUNTING:								
Accounting	0	35,773	0	0	0	0	0	*MRWA*
Audit	5,400	7,600	12,144	10,400	5,683	9,743	13,000	*Auditor (RHR Smith) and Proliant Weekly Invoices - Based on signed EL.*
Legal	2,251	5,071	8,313	5,747	0	0	6,377	*Skelton, Taintor & Abbott/Verrill (3 yr Avg)*
TOTAL:	**$7,651**	**$48,443**	**$20,456**	**$16,147**	**$5,683**	**$9,743**	**$19,377**	
BILLING EXPENSE								
Other	50,000	38,661	52,088	100,000	58,333	100,000	100,000	*Meter Reads Paid to AWD. Increased in CY due to meter changeout*
Billing Items	38,292	29,608	22,020	59,226	53,878	92,363	122,363	*NDS Billing, Customer Notices, Munilink, KAMSTRUP Services*
Bad Debts	0	0	0	3,500	17	29	3,500	*Write-Off Bad Debts*
TOTAL:	**$88,292**	**$68,270**	**$74,108**	**$162,726**	**$112,228**	**$192,391**	**$225,863**	

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	Actual 2024	Actual 2025	Projected 2026	BUDGET 2027	Notes
VEHICLES: SEWER					
Unit #40, 2016 Ford F350 P/U - (Replace 2027)	8,265	5,044	12,102	6,000	*Gas & Maintenance*
Unit #57 - 2023 Rav4 - Purchased April 2026 (Replace	0	0	178	5,000	*Gas & Maintenance*
Unit #58 - 2026 Ford F350 (Replace 2036)	0	0	0	6,000	*Gas & Maintenance*
All Other Vehicle Related	21	0	0	600	*Durand Flusher/Other*

AUBURN SEWERAGE DISTRICT - LONG TERM DEBT PAYMENT SCHEDULE

	2007		2009		2009-ARRA		2017		2022		2025 Loader Lease		2026A - WS Pump Station		2026 Excavator Lease		2027 Bond		2027 Dump Truck Lease		TOTAL		
Year	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Yearly Totals
2003																					0.00	0.00	0.00
2004																					0.00	0.00	0.00
2005																					0.00	0.00	0.00
2006																					0.00	0.00	0.00
2007																					0.00	0.00	0.00
2008	59,832.00	34,491.60																			59,832.00	34,491.60	94,323.60
2009	60,801.00	24,421.09			41,392.68	19,657.13															102,193.68	44,078.22	146,271.90
2010	61,786.00	24,325.87	27,223.00	9,544.46	82,785.36	39,314.26															171,794.36	73,184.59	244,978.95
2011	62,787.00	23,316.43	27,497.00	8,766.22	82,785.36	21,726.76															173,069.36	53,809.41	226,878.77
2012	63,805.00	22,290.68	27,776.00	7,024.23	82,785.36	4,139.26															174,366.36	33,454.17	207,820.53
2013	64,837.00	21,248.17	28,056.00	6,742.18	82,785.36	4,139.26															175,678.36	32,129.61	207,807.97
2014	65,889.00	20,188.95	28,339.00	6,457.30	82,785.36	4,139.26															177,013.36	30,785.51	207,798.87
2015	66,955.00	19,112.41	28,625.00	6,169.54	82,785.36	4,139.26															178,365.36	29,421.21	207,786.57
2016	68,041.00	18,018.56	28,915.00	5,878.94	82,785.36	4,139.26															179,741.36	28,036.76	207,778.12
2017	69,142.00	16,906.87	29,206.00	5,585.30	82,785.36	4,139.26	0.00	12,233.87													181,133.36	38,865.30	219,998.66
2018	70,263.00	15,777.28	29,502.00	5,288.79	82,785.36	4,139.26	50,000.00	28,232.00													232,550.36	53,437.33	285,987.69
2019	71,401.00	14,629.34	29,800.00	4,989.24	82,785.36	4,139.26	50,000.00	27,602.00													233,986.36	51,359.84	285,346.20
2020	72,557.00	13,462.77	30,100.00	4,686.63	82,785.36	4,139.26	50,000.00	26,892.00													235,442.36	49,180.66	284,623.02
2021	73,733.00	12,277.38	30,405.00	4,381.02	82,785.36	4,139.26	50,000.00	26,097.00													236,923.36	46,894.66	283,818.02
2022	74,928.00	11,072.75	30,711.00	4,072.26	82,785.36	4,139.26	50,000.00	25,207.00		61,497.00											238,424.36	105,988.27	344,412.63
2023	76,141.00	9,848.56	31,022.00	3,760.47	82,785.36	4,139.26	50,000.00	24,232.00	200,000.00	136,660.00											439,948.36	178,640.29	618,588.65
2024	77,375.00	8,604.60	31,335.00	3,445.47	82,785.36	4,139.26	50,000.00	23,177.00	200,000.00	131,720.00											441,495.36	171,086.33	612,581.69
2025	78,628.00	7,340.44	31,652.00	3,127.34	82,785.36	4,139.26	50,000.00	22,037.00	200,000.00	126,380.00	5,475.64	4,174.31									448,541.00	167,198.35	615,739.36
2026	79,902.00	6,055.84	31,971.00	2,805.93	82,785.36	4,139.26	50,000.00	20,807.00	200,000.00	120,680.00	6,132.72	3,517.23		37,320.69	22,722.46	292.83					473,513.54	195,818.78	669,332.33
2027	81,197.00	4,750.43	32,295.00	2,481.37	82,785.36	4,139.26	50,000.00	19,522.00	200,000.00	115,320.00	6,868.65	2,781.31	83,257.19	83,971.56	20,774.23	2,291.06	29,873.1	49,321.6	17,680.3	5,519.1	604,730.86	290,097.62	894,828.48
2028			32,620.00	2,153.41	82,785.36	4,139.26	50,000.00	18,167.00	200,000.00	109,620.00	7,692.89	1,957.07	85,480.16	81,748.60	21,889.81	1,175.46	31,401.5	47,793.2	18,770.8	4,428.6	530,640.50	271,182.59	801,823.09
2029			32,950.00	1,822.22	41,392.48	4,139.26	50,000.00	16,674.50	200,000.00	103,700.00	8,616.03	1,033.92	87,745.38	79,483.36			33,008.0	46,186.7	19,928.5	3,270.8	473,640.47	256,310.73	729,951.21
2030							50,000.00	15,085.00	200,000.00	97,560.00			90,096.96	77,131.80			34,698.8	44,497.9	21,157.7	2,041.7	395,951.44	236,296.37	632,247.81
2031							50,000.00	13,288.00	200,000.00	91,280.00			92,601.65	74,627.10			36,472.0	42,722.7	22,462.7	736.7	401,536.25	222,654.55	624,190.80
2032							50,000.00	11,485.50	200,000.00	84,860.00			95,250.06	71,978.68			38,337.9	40,856.8			383,587.98	209,160.95	592,748.93
2033							50,000.00	9,599.00	200,000.00	78,340.00			98,088.51	69,140.24			40,299.4	38,895.3			388,387.87	195,974.57	584,362.44
2034							50,000.00	7,739.00	200,000.00	71,408.00			101,060.59	66,166.16			42,361.2	36,833.5			393,421.74	182,146.70	575,570.44
2035							50,000.00	5,849.00	200,000.00	64,196.00			104,233.90	62,994.86			44,528.4	34,666.3			398,762.33	167,706.12	566,468.45
2036							50,000.00	3,890.00	200,000.00	56,710.00			107,631.92	59,596.82			46,806.6	32,388.1			404,438.51	152,584.92	557,023.43
2037							50,000.00	1,955.00	200,000.00	49,002.00			111,246.36	55,980.40			49,201.3	29,993.4			410,449.66	136,930.79	547,380.45
2038									200,000.00	41,220.00			115,227.71	52,001.04			51,718.5	27,476.2			366,946.24	120,697.19	487,643.43
2039									200,000.00	33,188.00			119,583.73	47,665.02			54,364.6	24,830.1			373,928.28	105,683.16	479,611.44
2040									200,000.00	25,026.00			124,264.97	42,983.78			57,146.0	22,048.7			381,410.92	90,038.52	471,449.44
2041									200,000.00	16,806.00			129,246.00	37,980.76			60,069.6	19,125.1			389,317.64	73,911.81	463,229.45
2042									200,000.00	8,450.00			134,578.19	32,650.56			63,142.9	16,051.8			397,721.11	57,152.33	454,873.44
2043													140,265.46	26,963.30			66,373.4	12,821.3			206,638.89	39,784.56	246,423.45
2044													146,341.76	20,887.00			69,769.2	9,425.5			216,110.98	30,312.47	246,423.45
2045													152,851.04	14,377.70			73,338.8	5,855.9			226,189.79	20,233.64	246,423.43
2046													159,816.46	7,412.28			77,090.9	2,103.8			236,907.36	9,516.07	246,423.43
2047																					0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	1,400,000.00	########	########	99,182.32	1,655,707.00	155,204.83	1,000,000.00	359,730.87	4,000,000.00	1,623,823.00	34,785.93	13,483.85	2,278,852.00	1,103,043.71	65,386.50	3,759.37	1,000,000.01	583,893.78	100,000.00	15,996.81	##########	4,186,391.82	##########

PAYROLL SUMMARY

AUBURN WATER DISTRICT		2026 Budget	2027 PROPOSED
Base Salaries & Wages		1,397,051	**1,651,512**
Overtime (based on historical)		73,523	**80,574**
Stand-By Duty Pay		62,451	**68,440**
Temporary/Summer Help		5,020	**7,168**
Potential Discretionary Step Increases in Pay Plan		17,425	**24,365**
Reimbursement from LWD for Watershed Mgr		(46,199)	**(49,469)**
Reimbursement from LWD for UV Plant Mgr		(57,846)	**(63,949)**
LWD Reimbursement from Education and Outreach		**(29,106)**	**(31,721)**
Incentive payout		**34,000**	**37,261**
Longevity bonuses		0	**4,537**
	TOTAL:	**$1,456,319**	**$1,728,718**

AUBURN SEWERAGE DISTRICT		2026 Budget	2027 PROPOSED
Base Salaries & Wages (Including Bonuses)		652,656	**683,872**
Overtime (based on historical)		26,353	**28,881**
Stand-By Duty Pay		11,195	**12,268**
Temporary/Summer Help		4,000	**4,000**
Potential Discretionary Step Increases in Pay Plan		13,037	**10,456**
Incentive payout		16,000	**17,600**
Longevity bonuses		0	**1,512**
	TOTAL:	**$729,768**	**$758,589**
	Combined Water & Sewer =	**$2,186,087**	**$2,487,307**

Allocation of Gross Labor:

Sewer	$758,589
To Projects	(75,000)
To Jobbing	(1,000)
To Training	(5,000)
Net to Payroll	$677,589

HEALTH INSURANCE SUMMARY

CURRENT (2026) Health Insurance Cost
PLAN = PPO-2000

Employee	District	Plan	Monthly Total Premium	Monthly Employee Cost	Monthly District Cost
1	AWD	EE	$1,022.31	$283.69	$738.62
2	AWD	EE	$1,022.31	$153.35	$868.97
3	AWD	Family	$3,169.17	$475.38	$2,693.79
4	AWD	EE	$1,022.31	$153.35	$868.97
5	AWD	Emp & Sp.	$2,044.62	$306.69	$1,737.93
6	AWD	EE	$1,022.31	$153.35	$868.97
7	AWD	Family	$3,169.17	$475.38	$2,693.79
8	AWD	Emp & Child	$1,891.28	$283.69	$1,607.59
9	AWD	Emp & Sp.	$2,044.62	$306.69	$1,737.93
10	AWD	Emp & Child	$1,891.28	$283.69	$1,607.59
11	AWD	EE	$1,022.31	$153.35	$868.97
12	AWD	Family	$3,169.17	$475.38	$2,693.79
13	AWD	None	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
14	AWD	EE	$1,022.31	$153.35	$868.97
15	AWD	Family	$3,169.17	$475.38	$2,693.79
16	AWD	EE	$1,022.31	$153.35	$868.97
17	AWD	EE	$1,022.31	$153.35	$868.97
18	AWD	Family	$3,169.17	$475.38	$2,693.79
19	AWD	Emp & Sp.	$2,044.62	$306.69	$1,737.93
1	ASD	EE	$1,022.31	$153.35	$868.97
2	ASD	None	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
3	ASD	EE	$1,022.31	$153.35	$868.97
4	ASD	EE	$1,022.31	$153.35	$868.97
5	ASD	EE	$1,022.31	$153.35	$868.97
6	ASD	Family	$3,169.17	$475.38	$2,693.79
7	ASD	EE	$1,022.31	$153.35	$868.97
8	ASD	Family	$3,169.17	$475.38	$2,693.79
9	ASD	None	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
28		**MONTHLY EXPENSE:**	$45,390.66	$6,938.94	$38,451.72
		ANNUAL EXPENSE:	$544,687.96	$83,267.34	$461,420.63

ASD Annual share:	*25.3%*	$116,788.94
AWD Annual Share:	*74.7%*	$344,631.69
TOTAL:		**$461,420.63**

PROJECTED (2027) Cost with Cross/Anthem Balance Funded
PLAN = PPO-2000 **102.00%**

Monthly Total Premium	Monthly Employee Cost	Monthly District Cost
$1,042.76	$156.41	$920.07
$1,042.76	$156.41	$915.27
$3,232.55	$484.88	$2,781.40
$1,042.76	$156.41	$914.97
$2,085.52	$312.83	$1,805.52
$1,042.76	$156.41	$932.07
$3,232.55	$484.88	$2,802.40
$1,929.11	$289.37	$1,686.67
$2,085.52	$312.83	$1,803.72
$1,929.11	$289.37	$1,680.37
$1,042.76	$156.41	$926.37
$3,232.55	$484.88	$2,786.50
$0.00	$0.00	$27.73
$1,042.76	$156.41	$914.37
$3,232.55	$484.88	$2,775.70
$1,042.76	$156.41	$914.97
$1,042.76	$156.41	$915.27
$3,232.55	$484.88	$2,781.40
$2,085.52	$312.83	$1,800.42
$1,042.76	$156.41	$914.97
$0.00	$0.00	$27.73
$1,042.76	$156.41	$915.27
$1,042.76	$156.41	$914.97
$1,042.76	$156.41	$915.57
$3,232.55	$484.88	$2,797.00
$1,042.76	$156.41	$918.87
$3,232.55	$484.88	$2,780.50
$0.00	$0.00	$27.73
$46,298.48	$6,944.77	$40,297.85
$555,581.72	$83,337.26	$483,574.14

ASD share:	*25.3%*	$122,551.56
AWD Share:	*74.7%*	$361,022.59
TOTAL:		**$483,574.14**

Set Up HRA Account

12 Single (EE)	**$6,000.00**	**$72,000.00**
5 Emp/Sp/Child	**$12,000.00**	**$60,000.00**
7 Family	**$12,000.00**	**$84,000.00**
HRA Fees - AWD	**$1,412.00**	**$1,412.00**
HRA Fees - ASD	**$932.00**	**$932.00**
	Total =	**$218,344.00**

Worst Case - 100% Utilization

		$218,344.00
		$483,574.14
		$701,918.14
ASD Cost:	**25.3%**	**$177,886.19**
AWD Cost:	**74.7%**	**$524,031.96**
	TOTAL PLAN COST:	**$701,918.14**

Estimates based on 37% HRA Utilization

	ASD Share:	**$20,254.02**
	AWD Share:	**$59,665.98**
		$79,920.00
ASD Cost:	**25.3%**	**$143,737.58**
AWD Cost:	**74.7%**	**$422,100.57**
	TOTAL PLAN COST:	**$565,838.14**

AUBURN WATER DISTRICT
AUBURN SEWERAGE DISTRICT
2027 Equipment Budget

Equipment Budget	COST	AWD SHARE	ASD SHARE	Notes
Vehicles, Equipment, facilities				
Court Street Office, HVAC controllers	60,000	30,000	30,000	
Truck #41 Replacement - 1-Ton Utility Truck	85,000	85,000		
Truck #40 Repalcement 1-ton dump with plo\	90,000		90,000	
Misc Tools - Water	10,000	10,000		
Misc Tools - Sewer	6,000		6,000	
Vactor Nozzle Set	8,000		8,000	
Misc Tools - Utility Services	6,500	3,250	3,250	
ARE Truck Cap for Truck #45	3,500	3,500		
Skid Steer	70,000	35,000	35,000	
Mid-Size Hammer	15,000	7,500	7,500	
Ipswich Tank Inspection/Hydraulic Model	22,000	22,000		
Lewiston Junction Lift Station	27,000		27,000	
Chris UV Plant Items	20,000	20,000		*Split with LWD*
Drone	1,500	750	750	
Portable Generator Hookups - Cimino & Pola	12,000	12,000		
Scada Monitoring of Fuel Levels - 12 Genera	4,000	2,000	2,000	
Pipe Threader	4,000	2,000	2,000	
Omni Tower SCADA Antenna for Ipswich	5,000	5,000	0	
	$449,500	**$238,000**	**$211,500**	
Office & Administrative				
Office Improvements	$10,000	$5,000	$5,000	
Computers	$7,200	$3,600	$3,600	
Phone System - Main Office	$3,500	$1,750	$1,750	
Charter Merger - Rebranding and Supplies	$10,000	$5,000	$5,000	
Office & Admin Sub-Total	**$30,700**	**$15,350**	**$15,350**	
	$480,200	**$253,350**	**$226,850**	

AUBURN WATER DISTRICT
AUBURN SEWERAGE DISTRICT
2027 Project Capital Improvement Projects (not budgeted in regular O&M)

Water District Projects

	Main Replacement FT	BUDGET COST	Notes
Shepley Street	1800	$540,000	
Gamage Ave	4410	$1,323,000	
Forest Ave (City Reconstuction)	377	$94,000	
Water Treatment Pilot		$26,000	*Split with LWD*
Lake Auburn Dock Replacement		$37,500	*Split with LWD*
2027 Paving Projects		$60,000	
MILEAGE TOTAL:	1.25	**WATER TOTALS:**	**$2,080,500**

Sewer District Projects

	Main Replacement FT	BUDGET COST	Notes
Shepley St Full Replacement	1826	$547,800.00	
Gamage Ave Relining	4410	$242,550.00	
Harris St (City Reconstuction)	551	$28,000.00	
Forest Ave (City Reconstuction)	358	$18,000.00	
Prospect St (City Reconstruction)	329	$13,000.00	
Fairmount Ave (City Reconstruction)	529	$27,000.00	
PACP Inspections	63360	$190,080.00	
2027 Paving Projects		$60,000.00	
MILEAGE TOTAL:	**13.52**	**SEWER TOTALS:**	**$1,126,430**

DRAFT: September 17, 2026

An Act to Merge the Auburn Water District and the Auburn Sewerage District into the Auburn Water & Sewer District

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. P. & S.L. 1923, c.60, as further amended by P.&S.L. 1941, c. 24, P.&S.L. 1965, c. 214, P.&S.L. 1969, c. 23, and P.&S.L. 1982, c. 24, c. 99, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. Territorial limits; ~~name;~~ corporate name; purpose.

The ~~following territory and the people therein, namely: All the territory and people constituting the city of Auburn except that portion of said city and the people therein within the following boundaries, to wit: Beginning at the junction of the Holland road, so-called, with the South River road, so-called; thence westerly by said Holland road to its junction with the Old Danville road. So-called; thence southerly by said Old Danville road to its junction with the Pownal road, so-called, thence southerly by said Pownal road to the Durham town line; thence northeasterly by said Durham town line to the Androscoggin river; thence northerly by said Androscoggin river to a point opposite said Holland road; thence westerly to the junction of said Holland road and said South River road at the point of beginning; shall constitute a public municipal corporation under the name of the~~ Auburn Water District, established by private and special law 1923, chapter 60, as subsequently amended, and the Auburn Sewerage District, established by private and special law 1917, chapter 193, as subsequently amended, are hereby merged together as a single body politic and corporate under the name Auburn Water & Sewer District, referred to in this act as the "district." The district shall be bounded in the same manner and be constituted by the same people as the City of Auburn. The district is responsible for the following purposes for which it is authorized to undertake:

1. ~~for~~For the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of ~~said~~ the district and of contiguous territory not already served, with ~~pure~~ safe drinking water for domestic, sanitary and municipal purposes~~.~~, including public and private fire protection. The district is authorized to construct, maintain and operate such systems of water storage and conveyance, including water distribution piping and appurtenances for the purpose of continuing or improving delivery of water throughout the district. The district may also construct, maintain, and operate such drinking water treatment facilities as it may deem necessary in connection with said system; and for the purpose of providing safe drinking water to the public. All incidental rights, powers, and privileges necessary to the accomplishment of the ~~main object herein set forth~~ foregoing purposes are granted to the ~~corporation hereby created~~ district.

2. For the purpose of providing a system for the disposition of sewage, the district is authorized to construct, maintain and operate such systems of sewerage and sewage disposal and to lay, make and maintain such common sewers as the board may from time to time deem necessary for the purpose of disposing of sewage. The district may also construct, maintain and operate such works as it may deem necessary in connection with said system; and for the purpose of guarding against pollution of waters, and otherwise protecting the public health, and may lay,

Commented [JC1]: It appears from other provisions in the ASD charter that some "drain" related services may be provided. Query whether we need to clarify that the "sewerage services" provided by the district include some drain related service? This is important to clarify because there are provisions in the charter that talk about the district's authority relative to "sewer" services, and if those provisions need to cover drain services as well, then we will want to be very clear in the charter. Note in particular Section 11-B of this draft.

make and maintain such sewer collection and pumping facilities as it deems best. The district shall not be required, however, to construct, connect or maintain any drain, storm sewer, septic tank, or other installation which is not connected to and integrated with its then existing main sewerage system.

Sec. 2. Title to all property of Auburn Water Commissioners and city of Auburn to vest in Auburn Water & Sewer District.

1. All transfers of property, funds, documents and any other items to the Auburn Water District undertaken by the Auburn Water Commissioners and the City of Auburn pursuant to private and special law 1923, chapter 60, section 2 shall remain in full force and effect and shall be deemed to have been made to the district upon the effective date of this act.~~At the time this act takes effect, the title of the Auburn Water commissioners, the corporation heretofore charged with the control and management of the water system in said district, and the title of the city of Auburn, to the entire plant, property and franchises, rights and privileges, including all lands, buildings, waters, water rights, dams, reservoirs, pumping stations, pipes, aqueducts, machinery, fixtures, hydrants, tools, apparatus and appliances, used or capable of being used for the purpose of maintaining a public water supply, together with all sinking funds, current funds, moneys, bills and accounts receivable, and all books, plans and documents, shall vest in and become the property of said Auburn Water district. Said city of Auburn and said Auburn Water commissioners shall each make, execute and deliver to said Auburn Water district, within thirty days after this act takes effect, such deeds and conveyances of real property and rights and interests therein, and such transfer, assignment and delivery of personal property, funds, moneys, bills and accounts receivable, books, plans and documents, as shall effectuate the purpose and intention of this section.~~

2. Title to all personal property, real property, assets, benefits, and liabilities of the Auburn Sewerage District, including, without limitation, all lands, buildings, pipes, machinery, fixtures, tools, apparatus, and appliances used or capable of being used for the purpose of maintaining a public sewerage system or such other operations or services for which the Auburn Sewerage District are authorized to undertake, together with all sinking funds, current funds, moneys, bills and accounts receivable, easements, rights of way, and all books, plans, and documents of the Auburn Sewerage District, passes to and vests in the district upon the effective date of this act. The district shall assume all obligations of the Auburn Sewerage District, including all outstanding bonds and loans. In the event any of the foregoing property or funds are deemed not to transfer by operation of law under this paragraph, the Auburn Sewerage District shall expeditiously make, execute, and deliver to district such deeds and conveyances of real property and rights and interests therein, and such transfer, assignment and delivery of personal property, funds, moneys, bills and accounts receivable, books, plans and documents, as shall effectuate the purpose and intention of this section. The consideration for said transfer being that the district upon the transfer shall become obligated to pay all sewer loans of the former Auburn Sewerage District.

Sec. 3. Auburn Water & Sewer District to assume all liabilities of old corporation and Auburn Sewer District, obligations of bonds and contracts not impaired.

~~As consideration for the transfer and conveyance of the property and rights described in the foregoing section, said Auburn Water district shall assume all the existing indebtedness and all liability of every nature of the city of Auburn and of the Auburn Water commissioners incurred prior to the time when this act takes effect in the establishment, maintenance, operation, extension and improvement of the present water system in the city of Auburn, and all outstanding bonds issued for any and all of said purposes, whether issued by said city of Auburn or by said Auburn Water commissioners, shall be and become legal and binding obligations of said Auburn Water district, and nothing herein shall be construed to impair the obligation of said bonds or the right of the holders thereof.~~ All assumptions of indebtedness and liability assumed by the Auburn Water District from the city of Auburn and the Auburn Water Commissioners incurred pursuant to private and special law 1923, chapter 60, section 3, including bonds related to the establishment of the water system, if any, shall remain in full force and effect and shall be deemed to be assumed by the district upon the effective date of this act. All valid contracts existing between ~~said~~ the Auburn Water commissioners and any person, firm or corporation, which contracts were ~~shall be~~ assumed and carried out by the ~~said~~ Auburn Water district pursuant to private and special law 1923, chapter 60, section 3, if any, shall remain in full force and effect and shall be deemed assumed by the district upon the effective date of this act.

In addition, all valid contracts existing between the former Auburn Sewerage District and any person, firm or corporation shall be assumed and carried out by the district. The district shall maintain its books and records in a manner that creates separate divisions for its water and sewerage operations. These divisions must maintain the assets, liabilities, operating revenues, and expenses in a manner that allows the public utilities commission to set rates for the district's water operations. The assets and liabilities of the Auburn Water District must be maintained in the books and records of the district's water division. The assets and liabilities of the former Auburn Sewerage District must be maintained in the books and records of the district's sewerage division.

All powers and duties conferred by the general laws of the state upon the Auburn Water District with respect to the water system, and upon the Auburn Sewerage District with respect to the sewer system, except as otherwise provided in this act, are vested in the district. No contracts, rights, liabilities, takings, assessments, suits or other matters now existing or pending are affected by this act. The district shall in all respects and for all purposes be the successor of the former Auburn Water District and the former Auburn Sewerage District in all matters covered by this act.

Sec. 4. Trustees; ~~mayor of Auburn a trustee ex-officio; present trustees to serve out terms; trustees to be elected by city council; vacancies.~~ organization.

~~All the~~ The affairs of ~~said~~ the district shall be managed by a board of trustees, referred to in this act as the "board." The board shall be comprised of seven members, one of whom shall be the mayor of Auburn as an ex-officio voting member. The remaining six trustees shall be appointed by the Auburn City Council, referred to in this act as the "city council." The initial board shall be selected from among a group that includes the members of the governing boards of the Auburn Water District ~~shall be managed by a board of seven trustees, which in the first instance shall be the~~ and the former Auburn Sewerage District immediately prior to the effective date of this act.

Commented [JC2]: As we discussed, this section changes terms to 3 years, staggered by 2 each. We also came up with a system to create the initial board, and board seats, based on tenure. This can obviously be changed as needed.

In the event there are more than six individuals in this group, the six individuals with the longest uninterrupted length of service on their respective boards shall be selected by the city council to comprise the initial board of trustees of the district. If there are fewer than six individuals in the group, the city council may appoint as many other individuals necessary to fill the six seats of the initial board. Of the initial board, the two members ~~of the Auburn Water Commissioners, including the mayor of the city of Auburn holding office at the time this act takes effect. The six trustees, exclusive of the mayor of the city of Auburn, shall each hold office according to the respective~~ with the longest uninterrupted length of service on their respective boards shall serve a term of three years. The two with the second longest uninterrupted length of service on their respective board shall serve a term of two years. The two with the third longest uninterrupted length of service on their respective boards shall serve a term of one year. In the event two or more of the initial trustees has an equal length of uninterrupted service, as necessary to assign seats on the initial board, service in a seat of a particular tenure may be determined by lot. Once the initial board is established, each trustee's terms of office ~~which they now hold as members of the Auburn Water Commissioners, and upon the expiration of said term of office one trustee~~, expires at the end of March of the year in which their board seat is set to expire, or until a successor is duly appointed. Trustees shall thereafter be ~~elected~~ appointed annually in the month of March, or as soon thereafter as reasonably practical, by the city council ~~of the city of Auburn~~ to serve for a term of ~~four~~ three years. The mayor of the city of Auburn shall by virtue of ~~his~~ their office be a trustee of the~~said Auburn Water District~~ district during ~~his~~ their term as mayor. The city council ~~of the city of Auburn~~ may at any time fill any vacancy in ~~said~~ the board ~~of trustees, exclusive of the mayor of said city,~~ caused by death, resignation or otherwise~~, or in the first instance by the refusal to act of any member or members of the Auburn Water Commissioners above denominated~~; in such case, however, the trustee so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired term of the trustee whose office is made or left vacant. ~~From and after the organization of the board of trustees as above provided, and the transfer to said Auburn Water District of the water system as provided in section two of this act, the rights and powers of the Auburn Water Commissioners to the control and management of said water system shall cease and terminate.~~ Any resident of the district may be appointed to serve as trustee except that no person holding the office of trustee may also be a member of the city council.

Sec. 5. Organization of board ~~seal, by-laws; trustees to elect superintendent, treasurer and clerk, and employ other agents, etc., annual report.~~; officers.

~~Said~~As soon as practicable after the city council appoints the initial board as provided in section 4, the board shall meet to select from among their members a president, a vice president, a treasurer, and clerk. Thereafter, the board ~~of trustees~~ shall ~~organize by electing one of their number president at a meeting to be held within thirty days after this act takes effect, and annually thereafter~~ hold an annual meeting in the month of March ~~subsequent to~~ after the ~~appointment~~ appointments of trustees to the board by the city council as provided in section 4, or during such month that the city council has made appointments to the board. ~~of the city of Auburn as herein provided.~~ The purpose of the annual meeting is for the board to select from among the trustees a president, vice president, treasurer and clerk. A trustee may hold more than one officer position, except that a trustee cannot serve as both president and vice president. ~~Said~~ The trustees shall adopt a corporate seal and such bylaws as are necessary for their own convenience and the proper management of the affairs of ~~said Auburn Water District.~~ the district.

Commented [JC3]: We made some suggestions in this section about board officer composition, the role of the board vis a vis the superintendent, removing the board having authority to hire employees other than the superintendent, and modify the provision about annual accounting to be more like a financial report than an actual accounting of every expenditure. Happy to discuss and further modify.

~~Said trustees shall choose annually a superintendent, treasurer and clerk, and employ from time to time such other officers,~~ agents ~~and servants as they deem necessary. Said officers, agents and servants~~ The trustees may appoint a superintendent to undertake the management of the district who shall perform such duties as shall be designated by the trustees, and be subject to removal by the trustees at all times. The treasurer and clerk shall give such bond, if required by law, the amount of which shall be set at a level as the trustees may require. At the annual meeting, the~~Said~~ trustees shall ~~annually in the month of March,~~ compile ~~and print~~ a statement of the condition of the property and finances of ~~said~~ the district~~, with an~~ that accounts for ~~of~~ all receipts and expenditures.

Sec. 6. Powers; ~~municipal~~ district court ~~of Auburn~~ given jurisdiction to enforce by-laws.

~~Said Auburn Water~~ The district shall have power to adopt by-laws, not inconsistent with the general laws of the state, to prevent pollution of the water of Lake Auburn and to preserve the purity of said water, and may prescribe penalties for the violation thereof, which ~~said~~ by-laws shall have the same force and effect as municipal ordinances, and the ~~municipal~~ district court located in ~~of~~ the city of Auburn shall have jurisdiction of violations thereof, and if no such court is located in the City of Auburn, then it shall be the district court closest to the City of Auburn. ~~Said Auburn Water~~ The district shall have power and authority to complain ~~by bill in equity~~ to the supreme judicial court in Maine to enjoin, prevent or restrain any persons, firms or corporations from polluting the water of Lake Auburn, provided such pollution shall tend to corrupt or impair the quality of the water of said Lake Auburn for domestic purposes, or render it injurious to public health.

Sec. 7. Right of eminent domain conferred.

1. The ~~said Auburn Water~~ district, for the purposes of its incorporation, is hereby authorized to take and hold, as for public uses, by purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, any land or interest therein, or water rights necessary for erecting and maintaining dams, for collecting, storing and holding water, for flowage, for power, for pumping its water supply through its mains, for reservoirs, for guarding against pollution and for preserving the purity of the water and ~~water shed,~~ watershed, for laying and maintaining pipes, aqueducts and other structures, for taking, distributing, discharging and disposing of water and for rights of way or roadways to its sources of supply, its dams, power and pumping stations, reservoirs, mains, pipes, aqueducts, structures and lands.

2. The district shall, for the purposes of this act, have power to take from time to time by right of eminent domain, or to acquire by purchase or otherwise, any lands, water rights, private drains or sewers, rights of way, or other easements in the city, public or private, necessary for operation and maintenance or for the expansion of the sewer collection system; and may construct such sewers and drains under or over any water course, bridge, railroad, railway, highway or other way, in such manner as not unnecessarily to obstruct the same; and may enter upon and dig up any private land or way for the purpose of constructing such systems, laying such sewers and drains, and maintaining and repairing the same, and may take any other action necessary or proper in carrying out the purposes of this act. When lands, water rights, rights of way or other easements are taken, the district shall, within thirty days after the taking, cause to be

recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Androscoggin, a description of the same as certain as is required in a conveyance of land, with a statement of the purpose for which the same were taken, signed by a majority of its trustees; and upon such recording the fee in the lands, rights of way or other easements so taken, shall vest in the district. All damages sustained by any person or corporation by reason of such taking, or through any action of said district under this act, shall be paid by the district. Within fourteen days after the recording of the description of the land the district shall submit to the person or corporation whose land is taken an offer in writing to pay an amount found by the trustees of the district to represent fair compensation for the land or property rights taken. The offer of the trustees as to the amount of damages due shall be final and binding upon all parties unless, within sixty days from the date on which such offer is made, an appeal is taken from the determination of the trustees to the superior court in Androscoggin county or where the property is located, in the same manner as is provided with respect to civil appeals from the action of governmental or administrative boards, agencies, or commissions, except in those respects in which such proceedings would be inconsistent with the express provisions of this charter.

Sec. 8. Plans of location to be filed in registry of deeds; may correct locations and file new descriptions; notice to be given of all entries.

In exercising from time to time the right of eminent domain conferred upon it by law, the ~~said Auburn Water~~ district shall file in the office of the county commissioners of Androscoggin county and cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds in said county plans of the location of all lands or interests therein or water rights, to be taken, with an appropriate description and the names of the owners thereof, if known. When for any reason the district fails to acquire property which it is authorized to take and which is described in such location, or if the location so recorded is defective and uncertain, it may at any time correct and perfect such location and file a new description thereof; and in such case the district is liable in damages only for property for which the owner had not previously been paid, to be assessed as of the time of the original taking, and the district shall not be liable for any acts which would have been justified if the original taking had been lawful. No entry shall be made on any private lands, except to make surveys, until the expiration of ten days from such filing, whereupon possession may be had of all said lands or interests therein or water rights so taken, but title thereto shall not vest in said district until payment therefor.

Sec. 9. Assessment of damages by county commissioners; procedure on appeals.

If any person sustaining damages by any taking as aforesaid shall not agree with the ~~said~~ district upon the sum to be paid therefor, either party, upon petition to the county commissioners of Androscoggin county, may have ~~said~~ such damages assessed by them; the procedure and all subsequent proceedings and right of appeal thereon shall be had under the same restrictions, conditions and limitations as are or may be by law prescribed in the case of damages by the laying out of highways.

Sec. 10. Authorized to erect and maintain pumping stations, dams, etc.

~~Said Auburn Water~~ The district is hereby authorized to erect, construct and maintain all power and pumping stations, dams, reservoirs, mains, aqueducts, storage tanks, structures, roadways and fixtures necessary and convenient for its corporate purposes.

Sec. 11. Authorized to lay pipes in streets.

~~Said Auburn Water~~ The district is hereby authorized to lay in and through the streets, roads, ways and highways of the city of Auburn and across private lands therein; and to maintain, repair and replace all such pipes, mains, aqueducts and fixtures as may be necessary and convenient for its corporate purposes associated with the provision of water service; and whenever said district shall lay any pipe, aqueduct or main in any street, road or way it shall cause the same to be done with as little obstruction as practicable to the public travel, and shall at its own expense without unnecessary delay cause the earth and pavement removed by it to be replaced in proper condition.

The district is further authorized to lay in and through the streets, roads, ways and highways of the city of Auburn and across private lands therein such systems of sewerage and sewage disposal and to lay, make and maintain such common sewers as the board may from time to time deem necessary for the purpose of disposing of its sewage. The district may also lay in and through the streets, roads, ways and highways of the city of Auburn and across private lands therein such works as it may deem necessary in connection with drains and related services that the district is authorized to undertake.

Sec. 11-A. Assessment of abutters related to sewer service.

When any extension of or addition to the existing sewer system has been completed, the board shall determine which parcels of land are benefited thereby and assess upon the owners thereof or persons in possession such sum not exceeding the amount of such benefit to be paid toward defraying the costs of the extension of or addition to the sewer system, the total of such assessments may not exceed the cost of such extension or addition. Any person may, within thirty days of receiving notice of an assessment, make written application to the trustees for an abatement, setting forth the grounds for their request. Abatements shall be granted in cases of error in computation where the assessment is arbitrary, discriminatory or has no reasonable relation to the benefit conferred upon the parcel of land in question. An appeal from the decision of the trustees may be taken to the Androscoggin county commissioners in the same manner provided for appeals from assessments of municipal taxes. Whenever after the effective date of this act, in order to provide for sewage disposal, it shall become necessary to construct sewerage disposal tanks or treatment plants other than a treatment plant designated to service a substantial portion of the entire municipal sewer system then, until the full cost thereof has been recovered by the district, the owners of estates benefited thereby shall pay to the district such additional sum or sums as the district shall fix and determine to be the proportional part of the cost of such construction by which each dwelling house or other structure is connected into such sewerage disposal tank or treatment plant. The remainder of the cost of such system, or systems, shall be borne by the district. No other sewer from any estate or part of an estate shall be entered into a common sewer except upon such terms and conditions as the district shall fix and determine. Any person whose estate does not abut a street upon which an existing sewer line is laid and is

not located in an area into which an extension of an existing sewer line is presently contemplated, may petition the trustees of the district nevertheless to extend an existing sewer line to some specified point at which they can access it. Such petition shall further state the petitioner's willingness to pay such portion of the cost of said construction in addition to their assessment as may be agreed upon between the petitioner and the district. Upon receipt of such a petition, the trustees of the district may, if they find that the cost of the construction requested would not otherwise be justified because of the community benefit conferred, which finding shall be noted in the permanent records of the district, authorize such construction upon such terms as may be agreed upon between the petitioner and the district. Partial refunds to the petitioner of the amount expended by them in excess of 50% of the cost of such extension may be made by the district where additional connections to the extended portion of the sewer line occur within 10 years from the date of completion of the original construction. The amount of any such refund shall be derived by calculating the estimated additional revenue to be received by the district from the newly connected customer multiplied times an investment factor to be determined and revised from time to time, if necessary, by the trustees of the district. Where costs of construction have been advanced by more than one petitioner, refunds shall be apportioned among them according to the amount of their advances.

Sec. 11-B. Sewer operations; drains; building connections

For the purpose of guarding against pollution of waters, and otherwise protecting the public health, the district may lay, make and maintain such main drains as it deems best, may deepen, widen and clear of obstruction any brook, stream or water course within the limits of the city, and straighten, alter or divert the courses or channels thereof. The district shall not be required, however, to construct or maintain any drain, storm sewer, septic tank or other installation which is not connected to and integrated with its then existing main sewerage disposal system; nor shall it be required to construct or connect storm drains with sanitary systems not integrated with its then existing main sewerage system. Every building within the district intended for human habitation or occupancy or with facilities for discharge or disposal of commercial or industrial waste which is accessible to a sewer or drain of the district shall be connected with the district's sewerage system by the owner or person against whom taxes on the premises are assessed, in the most direct manner possible within ninety days of receiving a request to do so from the Auburn health officer with a separate connection, if feasible, for each such building. The ninety-day time limit may be extended upon request for good cause shown. Existing buildings already served by a private sewer or drainage system shall not be required to connect with any such sewer or drain of the district if it functions in a satisfactory and sanitary manner and does not violate the state plumbing code or any other law or ordinance applicable thereto. A building shall be deemed to be accessible to a sewer or drain of the district for the purposes of this section if it or any private sewer or drain directly or indirectly connected thereto shall at any point come within 100 feet of a sewer or drain connected to the sewerage system of the district provided, however, that this section shall not be applied to require the owner of any such building to acquire any real property or easement therein for the sole purpose of making such connection. In any event, no person, firm or corporation shall enter the district's sewerage system without first having obtained a permit from the district and payment of any entrance charge established on that location together with any assessment due or estimated to become due as a result of an extension of the existing sewerage system past the property in question, and any charge for construction of a lift station to

convey sewage to the sewer collection system. Payment of any such previously unpaid assessment shall be a condition of connecting with the district's sewer system whether or not the applicant was the owner of the real estate in question at the time that the assessment was made. The district may also decline to begin construction of any sewer project until of the estimated cost of construction has been paid in by the abutting property owners.

Sec. 12. Crossings of railroad ~~regulated~~related to water service.

In case of any crossing of any railroad by facilities associated with water service by the district, unless consent is given by the company owning or operating such railroad as to place, manner and conditions of the crossing, within thirty days after such consent is requested by said district, the public utilities commission shall determine the place, manner and conditions of such crossing; and all work within the limits of such railroad location shall be done under the supervision and to the satisfaction of such railroad company, but at the expense of the district.

Sec. 13. May issue bonds and borrow money and issue notes; bonds and notes legal investment for savings banks.

The ~~Auburn Water~~ district is hereby authorized~~, with the permission of the city council of the city of Auburn first obtained, and under the further permission and direction of the public utilities commission,~~ to issue bonds ~~for the purpose of paying or refunding the indebtedness assumed by said district in the acquisition of the property and rights of the Auburn Water commissioners and the city of Auburn in the creation of said district, and from time to time~~ for the further purpose of the purchase or acquisition of ~~other~~ property and rights, of making extensions, additions and improvements to its water ~~system~~ and sewerage systems, and to the existing sources of water supply and of securing additional sources of each water supply. ~~Said Auburn Water~~ The district is also authorized to borrow money for temporary purposes and to issue therefor the interest-bearing negotiable notes of the district, which said notes shall be payable ~~not~~ no later than one year from the date thereof. ~~Said~~ Such notes and bonds shall be legal obligations of ~~said Auburn Water~~ the district, which is hereby declared to be a quasi-municipal corporation within the meaning of section one hundred and five, chapter fifty-one, of the revised statutes, and all the provisions of said section and acts amendatory thereof shall be applicable thereto. Said notes and bonds shall be legal investments for savings banks. Every issue of bonds shall be payable within a term of thirty years.

Sec. 14. Bonds, now payable; sinking fund may be created.

Bonds issued by the ~~said Auburn Water~~ district under authority of this act shall be payable in such annual installments as will extinguish each issue ~~in~~ within thirty years from its date; and the amount of such annual installment in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of said issue payable in any subsequent year; or in lieu of such provision for serial payments, the ~~said Auburn Water~~ district shall create a sinking fund by setting aside annually from its income such amount as shall be sufficient with interest accumulations to extinguish and pay at maturity any issue of bonds which contain no provision for serial payment as aforesaid. The money so set aside shall be devoted to the purchase or retirement of the obligations of the ~~said~~ district or invested in securities legal for savings banks in the state of Maine.

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Sec. 15. Property exempt from taxation.

The property ~~ri~~ghts and franchises of ~~said~~ the district shall be forever exempt from taxation.

Sec. 16. Rates, now established and paid.

1. Rates for water service. All individuals, firms and corporations, public or private, other than the city of Auburn, shall pay to treasurer of said district the rates established by its board ~~of trustees~~ for the service used by them, which shall be uniform within the territory supplied by the district and shall be subject to the approval of the Public Utilities Commission. ~~Beginning October 1, 1961, the~~ The city of Auburn shall pay for the service used by it in its public and school buildings such meter rate as shall be fixed by its board of trustees and such sum for each public fire hydrant payable on an annual basis as the board ~~of trustees of the district and the city of Auburn,~~ may from time to time, determine by contract to extend for such period of time as shall be fixed thereby, ~~or the sum of $30 for each such hydrant for which water is supplied by the district each year, whichever is greater, all~~ to be subject to the approval of the Public Utilities Commission. ~~Said~~ Such rates shall be so established as to provide revenue for the following purposes:

1. To pay current expenses for operating and maintaining the water system.
2. To provide for the payment of the interest on the indebtedness created by the district related to the water system.
3. To provide each year a sum equal to not less than 1% nor more than 5% of the entire indebtedness created by the district, which sum shall be turned into a sinking fund and there kept and used for the extinguishment of ~~said~~ such indebtedness. The money set aside for the sinking fund until used for the retirement of the obligations of the district related to the water system may be placed at interest in any bank or trust company or invested in such securities as savings banks or fiduciaries or trustees are now or hereafter allowed to hold. Provided, however, that the trustees may, in their discretion and in lieu of the establishment of a sinking fund, issue the bonds of the district to mature as provided ~~by section 13.~~ in the previous sections.

If any surplus remains at the end of the year, it may be used for the improvement of the water system or turned into ~~the~~ a sinking fund related to the water system.

2. Sewer rates. All persons, firms, and corporations, whether private, public, or municipal, shall pay to the district the rates and other lawful charges established by the trustees for the sewer or drainage service used or available to the real estate owned or occupied by them. Such rates may include a charge for the district to remain in readiness to serve against the owners or occupants of all real estate whether improved or not abutting or reasonably accessible to the sewers and drains of the district even though such premises are not actually connected thereto.

Rates and other lawful charges shall be uniform within the district whenever the cost of installation and maintenance of sewers and their appurtenances and the cost of service is substantially uniform. The district may, however, establish a higher rate or other lawful charge in

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areas where, for any reason, the cost to the district of construction and maintenance, or the cost of sewer service, exceeds the average, but such higher rate, or other lawful charges shall be uniform throughout the sections in which they apply.

The rates established may be based or computed upon the quantity of water used, the number and size of drain or sewer connections the number and kind of plumbing fixtures in use in the premises connected with the drain or sewer, the number or average number of persons residing or working in or otherwise connected with such premises, the type or character of such premises, or upon any other factor bearing a reasonable relation to the nature and extent of the facilities and service furnished. Rates applicable to industrial plants obtaining all or part of their water supply from sources other than the public water supply may be determined by gauging or metering or in any other manner approved by the trustees of the district. In cases in which the character of the sewage from any industrial plant, building or premises is such that it imposes an unusual burden upon the drain or sewer or upon any facility to which such sewage is piped for treatment, an additional charge fairly reflecting such additional burden may be made therefor or the trustees may in their discretion require that such sewage be treated according to prescribed specifications before being discharged into any drain or sewer maintained by the district.

Prior to adoption of a new rates, the trustees shall publish the proposed rules for circulation in the city of Auburn and by holding a public hearing thereon at a public meeting place in the city of Auburn not less than seven days after publication of the proposed rules and regulations, such publication also to state the time and place of the meeting. After adoption of such rules and regulations, copies of the same shall be printed and made available upon request to ratepayers or prospective ratepayers of the district.

The rates and other lawful charges shall be established so as to provide revenue for the following purposes:

1. To pay estimated expenses of operating and maintaining the sewerage system during the ensuing year including any assessment which may be levied by the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority for sewage treatment and disposal.
2. To provide for the payment of interest and principal on indebtedness of the district related to the sewer system.
3. To provide for a sinking fund in accordance with provisions of section 2.

If any surplus remains at the end of the year, it may be transferred to the sinking fund. After adoption of the new rates, any rate-payer may within thirty days after receipt of his bill for sewer charges make written application to the trustees for an abatement setting forth the grounds of his request. Notice mailed to the last known address of the ratepayer shall be presumed to have been delivered in the ordinary course of the mail. Abatements shall be granted in case of error in computation or where the rate is arbitrary or bears no reasonable relation to the volume and kind of sewage discharged into the sewer system. An appeal from the decision of the trustees may be taken to the Androscoggin county commissioners in the same manner provided for appeals from assessments of municipal taxes.

~~Sec. 17. Local referendum provided for; form of ballots.~~

~~This act shall take effect when approved by a majority of all legal voters of the city of Auburn voting at a special meeting to be held on the second Monday in September in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-three. Said meeting shall be called, held and conducted and the results thereof determined in the manner provided for municipal elections in said city of Auburn. The city clerk of the city of Auburn shall prepare suitable ballots upon which shall be printed the following question: "Shall the act to incorporate the Auburn Water District, enacted by the people of Maine at the eighty-first legislature in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-three, be accepted?" with the words Yes No printed and arranged thereunder substantially so printed herein. The voters shall indicate their choice by a cross placed in the appropriate square.~~

~~Sec. 18. Act to take effect for purposes of election 90 days after adjournment of legislature. This act shall take effect in ninety days after the final adjournment of the legislature, so far as necessary to empower the calling and holding of the special meeting authorized in section seventeen herein.~~

Lewiston Auburn Clean Water Authority

Monthly Cost Apportionment Summary

Cost Apportionment Summary - First Half of 2026

	Lewiston Sewer Division						Auburn Sewerage District				
Month	Initial %	Intial $	Op Data %	Op Data $	Difference $		Initial %	Intial $	Op Data %	Op Data $	Difference $
January	62.00%	$168,359.80	62.12%	$168,685.66	($325.86)	#####	38.00%	$103,188.27	37.88%	$102,862.41	$325.86
February	*62.00%*	*$168,359.80*	*59.41%*	*$161,326.71*	*$7,033.10*	####	*38.00%*	*$103,188.27*	*40.59%*	*$110,221.36*	*($7,033.10)*
March	62.00%	$168,359.80	62.82%	$170,586.50	($2,226.69)	#####	38.00%	$103,188.27	37.18%	$100,961.57	$2,226.69
April	62.00%	$168,359.80	59.33%	$161,109.47	$7,250.33	#####	38.00%	$103,188.27	40.67%	$110,438.60	($7,250.33)
May	62.00%	$168,359.80	60.45%	$164,150.81	$4,209.00	#####	38.00%	$103,188.27	39.55%	$107,397.26	($4,209.00)
June	62.00%	$168,359.80	63.72%	$173,030.43	($4,670.63)	#####	38.00%	$103,188.27	36.28%	$98,517.64	$4,670.63
Six Month Adjustment			61.31%		$11,269.24				38.69%		($11,269.24)

Cost Apportionment Summary - Second Half of 2026

	Lewiston Sewer Division						Auburn Sewerage District				
Month	Initial %	Intial $	Op Data %	Op Data $	Difference $		Initial %	Intial $	Op Data %	Op Data $	Difference $
July	60.00%	$162,928.84	58.44%	$158,692.69	$4,236.15	#####	40.00%	$108,619.23	41.56%	$112,855.38	($4,236.15)
August	60.00%	$162,928.84	60.12%	$163,254.70	($325.86)	#####	40.00%	$108,619.23	39.88%	$108,293.37	$325.86
September	60.00%	$162,928.84	59.34%	$161,136.62	$1,792.22	#####	40.00%	$108,619.23	40.66%	$110,411.45	($1,792.22)
October	60.00%	*$162,928.84*	*61.00%*	*$165,644.32*	*($2,715.48)*	######	40.00%	*$108,619.23*	*39.00%*	*$105,903.75*	*$2,715.48*
November	60.00%	*$162,928.84*	*61.00%*	*$165,644.32*	*($2,715.48)*	######	40.00%	*$108,619.23*	*39.00%*	*$105,903.75*	*$2,715.48*
December	60.00%	*$162,928.84*	*61.00%*	*$165,644.32*	*($2,715.48)*	######	40.00%	*$108,619.23*	*39.00%*	*$105,903.75*	*$2,715.48*
Six Month Total Adj			59.30%		$5,702.51				40.72%		($5,702.51)
Average / Adjustments year end			60.64%		$16,971.75				39.36%		($16,971.75)

Data on this summary sheet applies to operations cost only, capital expenses are apportioned on a yearly basis and determined by the final year end apportionment for the previous year.

AUBURN SEWERAGE DISTRICT
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT
September 2026

MAINS

Task/Time Spent	Hrs	Location/Description	Break	Plugged	Maint.	Misc.	New
Main Repairs	259	Various - Jetting and cleaning, Vortex support			18	2	
Sewer Backups	6	211 Summer, 147 Wash. (both on owner)				2	
Cave-ins/Sinkholes	30	Broad St. near Riverside (old duct, non-sewer)				1	
Total for Month	295						
Year to Date Total*	1232						
Previous Year Total	192						

* Total hours for previous year are approximate

MANHOLES

Task/Time Spent	Hrs	Location/Description	OK	Cover	Misc.	Frame & Cover	New
Manhole Repairs	1	12 Cornell St.		1			
Total for Month	1						
Year to Date Total	143						
Previous Year Total	227						

SERVICES

Task/Time Spent	Hrs	Location/Description	New	OK	Misc.	On Owner
Investigate Service Issues	4	35 Holly St., Center St. dealerships I/I survey			1	1
Locates	0					
Total for Month	4					
Year to Date Total	92					
Previous Year Total	59					

LIFT STATIONS

Task/Time Spent	Hrs	Location/Description
Lift Station Maintenance	67	All Stations - weekly checks, SCADA controls, misc. maintenance
		Pump maintenance at Lewiston Jct., I/I work at Merrow Rd station
Total for Month	67	
Year to Date Total	947	
Previous Year Total	1009	

OVERFLOWS

Item		Comments
Sanitary Sewer Overflow	0	
CSO-001 Overflow	0	
Year to Date Total	2	
Previous Year Total	3	

WEATHER

Month	Precipitation									
	Snowfall (in.)	Normal Snowfall (in.)	Departure from Normal	Rain (in.)	Normal Rain (in.)	Departure from Normal	Max (°F)	Min (°F)	Avg (°F)	Normal (°F)
January	23.90	**16.50**	7.40	2.07	**1.10**	0.97	41.0	-7.0	17.0	**20**
February	7.50	**14.90**	-7.40	1.17	**1.4**	-0.23	29	11.0	20.0	**23**
March	15.50	**10.40**	5.10	2.75	**2.3**	0.45	41	23.0	32.0	**32**
April	0.40	**2.50**	-2.10	5.20	**3.4**	1.80	52	33.0	42.5	**43**
May	0.00	**0.10**	-0.10	5.69	**3.5**	2.2	63	44.0	53.5	**54**
June	0.00	**0.00**	0.00	3.77	**3.6**	0.2	76	55.0	65.5	**63**
July	0.0	**0.00**	0.00	0.19	**3.2**	-3.0	79	58.0	68.5	**69**
August	0.0	**0.00**	0.00	1.96	**3.1**	-1.1	79	59.0	69.0	**67**
September	0.0	**0.00**	0.00	3.05	**3.3**	-0.3	69	48.0	58.5	**59**
October		**0.40**			**4.2**					**48**
November		**4.60**			**3.7**					**38**
December		**14.60**			**2.1**					**26**
YTD Totals	47.30	64.00		25.85	34.90					

* From https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/cdo-web/search POLAND, ME US USC00176586

DIG SAFE

Month	Total	Contractors	MDOT	APW	School Dept.	Lewiston Water	CMP	AWD	ASD	GAS	Other
January	30	11	0	0	0	0	13	6	0	0	0
February	41	7	0	0	0	0	27	6	1	0	0
March	99	53	1	10	0	0	25	7	1	2	0
April	174	119	8	29	0	0	8	4	0	5	1
May	135	77	3	16	0	0	25	7	0	6	1
June	175	76	0	81	0	0	6	6	0	5	1
July	142	70	2	32	0	0	17	9	0	11	1
August	121	57	3	22	0	0	8	6	0	24	1
September	132	63	0	39	0	0	9	1	0	19	1
October											
November											
December											
YTD Totals	1049	533	17	229	0	0	138	52	2	72	6

DUTY FOREMAN CALLS

(Overtime)

Districts	Total # Calls	High/Low Pressure	Water Quality	Alarms	Service Issue	Leak	Misc.	Hydrants	Meter	Fire Calls
Sewerage District	0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water District	9	0	0	0	4	5	0	0	0	0
Total for Month	9									
Year to Date Total	98									
Previous Year Total	65	0	0	0	4	5	0	0	0	0

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance	74
Plowing and Sanding/Snow Removal (Split with Water District)	0
General Tasks including meetings, paperwork, housekeeping	4
Inventory	0
Operator Training	0