

**PLBOT (Cont. from 1)**

Lake Christmas.

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**Bass predicts worsening shortfalls**

At the May 24 meeting, Bass presented a detailed analysis of the town's finances. He started by pointing out the current budget for the General Fund is \$2.96 million, but the projected revenue for 2022

is only \$2.56 million. Population growth, rising costs, the lack of a revenue plan, and financial reserves required by the state are all stressing the town's finances. Population growth projections confirm that the town's tax base will remain relatively small, he said.

Next, he examined the town's service departments. The current budget for the Fire Department is \$538,000, but \$1.8 million is needed to reach staffing standards, be able to save for capital improvements projects, and to fund a public safety building. Bass documented a similar shortfall for the Police Department, which is budgeted at \$649,331 but requires \$854,942 to be adequately funded. Bass proceeded through Roads, Parks, Water, and Administration, all with similar shortfalls.

Bass presented projected revenues, starting with \$2.6 million in 2023 and ending with \$3.0 million in 2027. He presented similar projections for the budgets of the Fire, Police, Roads, Parks, and Administration. He predicted the following revenue shortfalls:

- -\$2.08 million in 2023
- -\$2.42 million in 2024



**Above:** At the May 25 Palmer Lake Board of Trustees meeting, Mayor Bill Bass (right) presented certificates to two appointed officials for their years of service to the town. (L to R) Dave Wilson and David Cooper. Wilson has represented the town on the Pikes Peaks Regional Building Department for forty years. Cooper has served for 19 and a half years on the town's Planning Commission. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*

- -\$2.72 million in 2025
- -\$2.42 million in 2026
- -\$3.60 million in 2027

Bass discussed three ways to address the shortfalls: a property tax increase,

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