

In La Crosse, two years of relative property tax relief have been welcomed by taxpayers. Mayor Matt Harter agrees that it's going to be tough to make it three years in a row for a zero property tax levy rate increase this year. Hard to achieve in the face of looming revenue cuts from the state. Hard, but not impossible, he says. Harter believes efficiencies in how city hall operates along with advances in technology can help the city get to another flat levy rate increase.

This week, governor Walker outlined a two year budget plan that cuts more than a billion dollars in local government aid. But the governor's plan also restricts property tax increases. All of which would have to be approved by the legislature.