

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS OCT - MAR 2020



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Welcome to the fifth issue of the Town of Palm Beach Dashboard Report on key financial indicators. This issue contains Town audited financial results for the 2019 fiscal year from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, and FY20 financial information.

Our goal is to provide each quarter the latest information about many of the Town's most important data points that describe our Town's financial condition. This summary information is a service to residents, part of our effort to make our current complex financial reporting system more accessible to everyone.

The Dashboard Report is now, and will continue to be, a work in progress. Subsequent quarterly reports will contain updated data based, in part, upon user response. This report contains updated information on the Town's FY20 budget and millage rate and fiscal year end 19 audited financial information and actuarial information.

On the following pages are charts, graphs and flash numbers that describe trends in key aspects of the Town's financial performance. This Dashboard describes trends in General Fund revenues/expenditures; Town reserves; the status of key revenue sources such as construction activity and assessed property valuation; interest and investment income; pension assets and liabilities; and millage rate comparisons.

All of this information is accessible in much greater detail in publicly available reports found on the town's website. If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please contact Jane Le Clainche at (561) 227-6330 or by email at jleclainche@townofpalmbeach.com. We are eager to know what you think!

Sincerely,



Jane Le Clainche



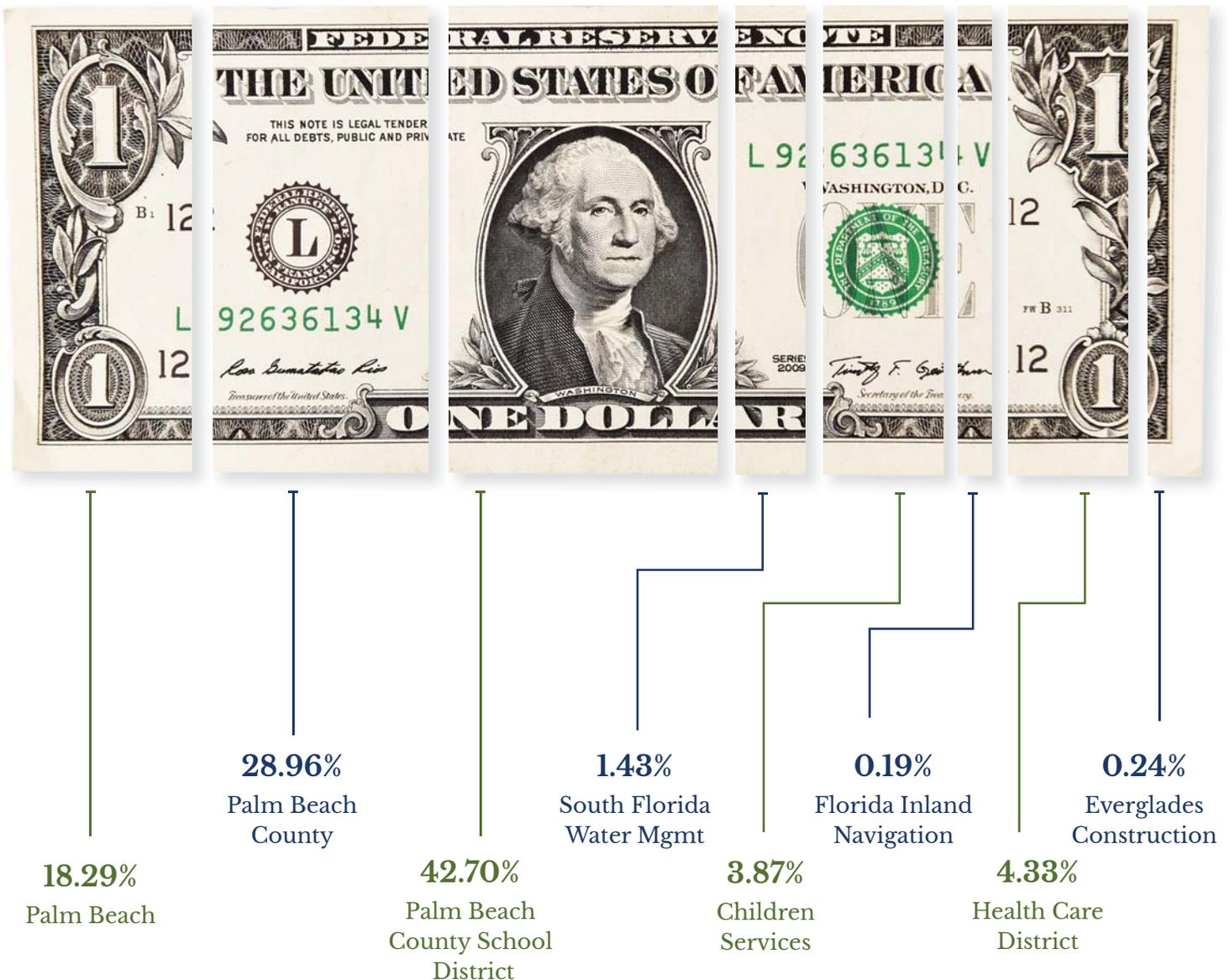
The Dashboard contains the following measures that represent a brief and comprehensive picture of the Town's most important financial indicators. The bullet points below explain the graphs and charts that appear in this report.

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Town Finance News You Can Use

- The Town closed most non essential operations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in mid-March.
- The Town will have revenue shortfalls during the current fiscal year. All recreation activities have been closed since mid-March and the loss of revenue will affect both the General Fund and the Par 3 Golf Course Fund. The Marina was expected to be closed as of May 1st so the impact will be minimal for this fund. Building permit revenues have declined recently and are a matter of concern. Other revenues we are watching closely are parking meter and enforcement revenues, sales tax, and interest earnings.
- Increases in property values as of the end of 2019 will be the basis for the property tax revenue calculation in the FY21 budget. Any declines that may occur in 2020 will affect the property taxes for FY22.
- The Town is eligible for FEMA assistance for COVID -19 pandemic related expenses. We will be applying for any available assistance to offset these unforeseen expenses.
- The budget forecast showed a deficit going into FY21 due to the closure of the Marina and the effects of the compensation and benefit study. Staff has begun to review their FY21 budget proposals and will take steps to minimize the impact of the pandemic recession.
- The Town has strong reserves set aside that will help weather the crisis. As of September 30, 2019, total reserves were \$123 million, with excess reserves in all funds of approximately \$22.7 million. General Fund reserves total \$26,5 million with \$9 million in excess reserves available to stabilize the budget if needed.
- The cost cutting measures taken over the past three years have put the Town in a favorable position to weather the economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 crisis. Staff and the Town Council will continue to work to minimize future expenses while making sure to deliver quality services at the level citizens have come to expect.
- The Marina will be closing in May 2020 for 18 months for construction. A 20 year loan has been secured at a fixed rate of 2.39% and a \$3.325 million FIND Grant was awarded to the Town for the Marina reconstruction project.
- General Fund Revenues through March totalled \$65,725,554, an increase of \$994,793 from the same time last year and General Fund Expenditures totalled \$43,461,481 through March, a decrease of \$688,338 from the same time period last year. Halfway through the fiscal year the Town's budget performance is ahead of last year by \$1.6 million.
- The investment income earned through March 31, 2020, on the Town's excess cash and bond funds of approximately \$216,773,000, was \$2,882,246. Pension and retiree health trust funds are not included in this total.
- The market value of the net assets of the pension trust funds as of March 31, 2020, equal \$209,264,772 down from \$254,026,943 as of December 31, 2019. Preliminary results through March 31, 2020, indicate a fiscal year to date return since October 1st of -9.09%. The recent downturn in the market caused the investments to slide -9.58% in March alone. The effect of losses in FY20 will increase the Town Contribution for FY22.
- The market value of the net assets of the Town's OPEB Trust as of March 31, 2020, equal \$29,343,928 down from \$35,291,484 as of December 31, 2019. Preliminary results through March 31, 2020, indicate a fiscal year to date return since October 1st of -10.64%. March losses were -10.59%.

WHERE DO YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS GO?



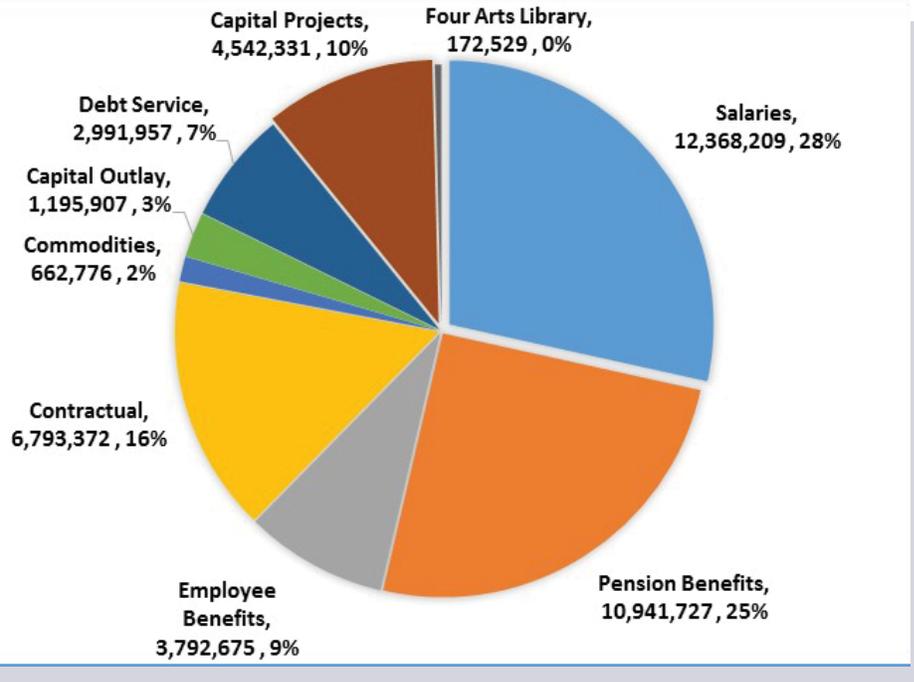
GENERAL FUND

General Fund Revenues and Expenditures

The General Fund is used to account for the day-to-day operations of the Town which are financed from property taxes, fees, licenses, permits, fines and other general revenues. This fund finances Town operations including, police, fire rescue, public works, planning zoning and building and town administration.

	FY2020 Revenues	FY2020 Expenditures	Difference
October	2,085,416	11,301,236	(9,215,820)
November	7,352,807	6,332,582	1,020,225
December	42,911,974	6,927,954	35,984,020
January	4,547,004	7,240,959	(2,693,955)
February	5,018,211	5,894,065	(875,854)
March	3,810,141	5,764,685	(1,954,544)
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
Total	65,725,554	43,461,481	22,264,073

General Fund Expenditures to Date By Type

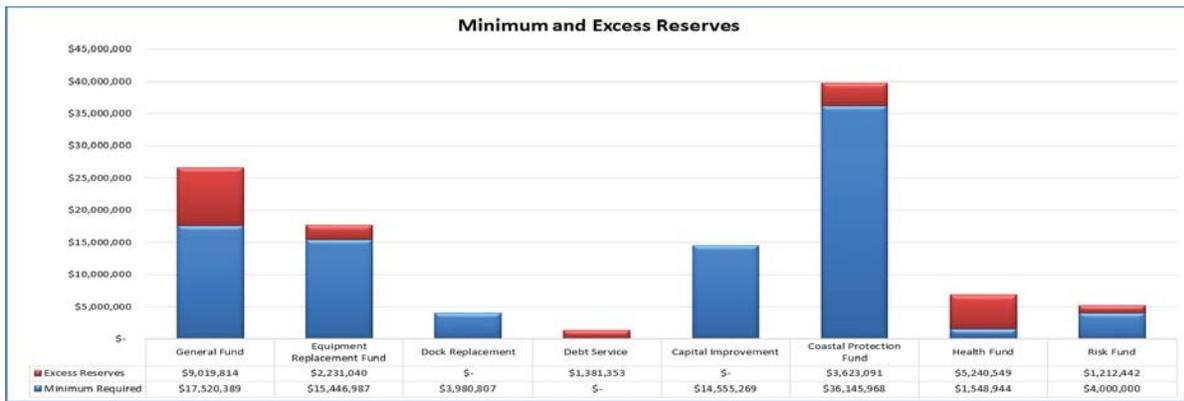


Salaries and Benefits make up 62% of General Fund expenditures, followed by Contractual Services at 16% Capital Projects at 10% and Debt Service at 7%.

RESERVES AND INVESTMENT RESULTS

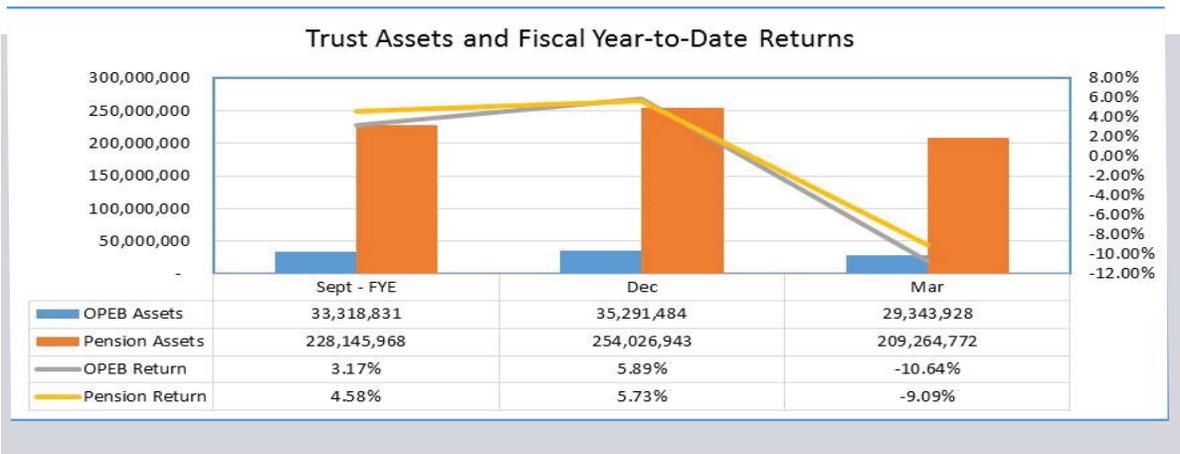
Town Annual Reserve Trends FY15 - Est FY19

The Town's Reserves represent the net assets of each of the Town funds. Most of these funds are invested in short-term fixed income investments. The chart below breaks down annual trends in seven funds over the preceding five years. All Reserves are at or above recommended policy levels as shown in the second chart below. Total reserves excluding trust funds are \$123,610,673, excess reserves over the minimum required total \$22,708,289.



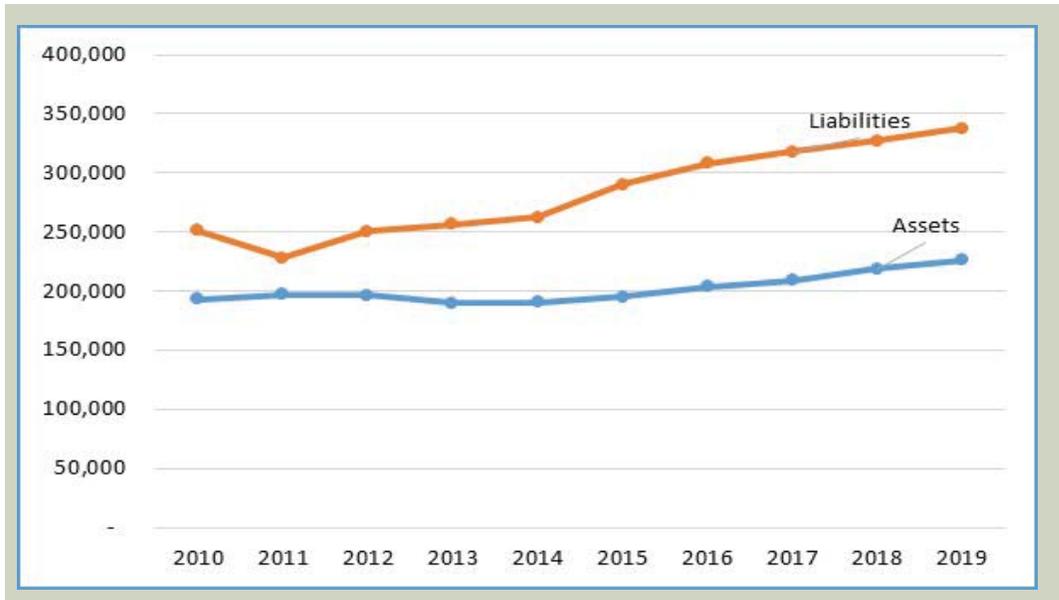
Pension and Retiree Health Trust Assets and Fiscal YTD Returns

Trust assets represent the total market value of assets in the Pension and Retiree Health (OPEB) trust funds. The returns shown are the fiscal year-to-date returns that are reported quarterly.



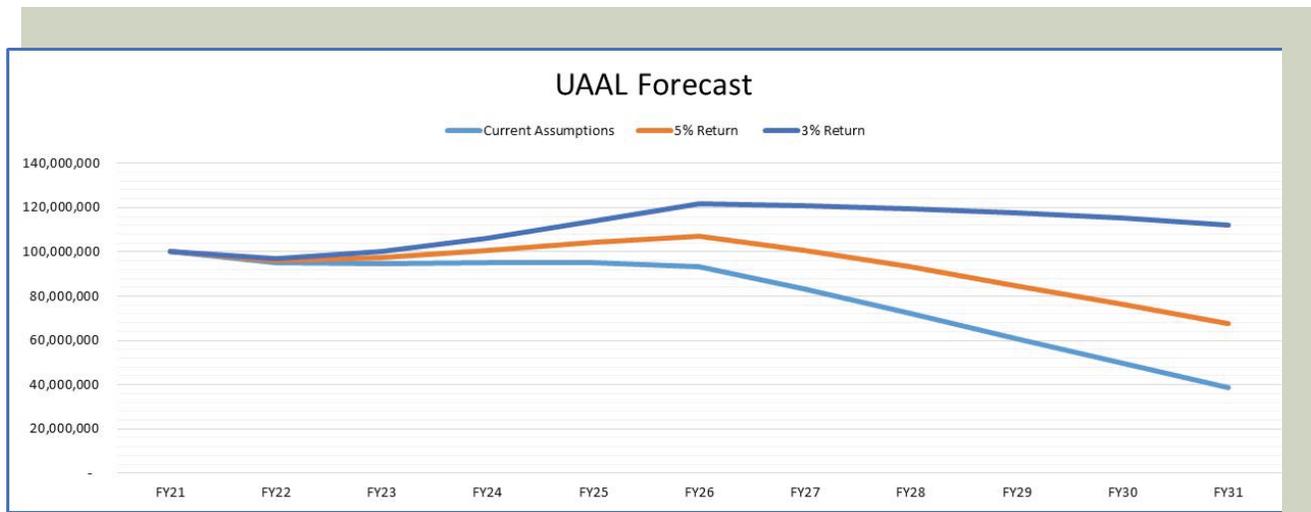
Pension Assets and Liabilities (In Millions)

The chart below represents the trend since 2009 of the assets and pension liabilities for our pension fund. The difference between the two numbers represents the Unfunded Actuarial Liability of \$100,219,557. Pension Assets divided by the Liabilities equal the Funded Ratio of the plan. In 2009 the funded ratio was 80% and by 2019 it had declined to 70%. The actuarial value of plan assets as of September 30, 2019 was \$237,693,298, while the total amount owed to retirees was \$337,912,855 if the entire amount were to be paid at fiscal year end September 30, 2019.



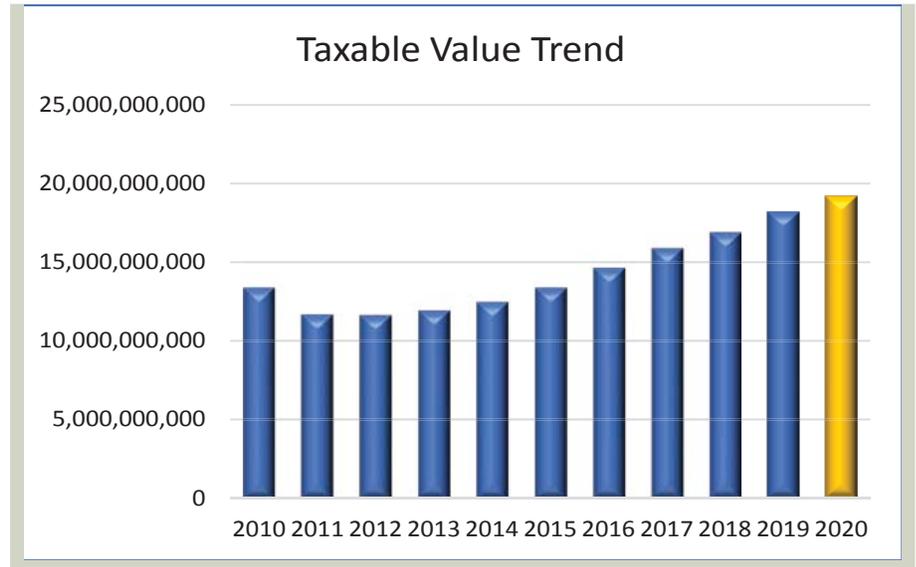
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) Forecast

The chart shows the updated 10-year UAAL Forecast based on the updated amortization schedule under two investment return scenarios, current assumption for returns are 7.1% for FY19, 7% for FY20 and going down to 6% by 2025. The second line assumes a 5% return for all years. Other assumptions include a payroll growth rate of 2.75%, salary increases of 3.5%, and the RP-2000 Mortality Tables. If the current assumptions hold, the Town's funded ratio would improve to 81% funding by 2028.



Taxable Value Trend

Each year the Palm Beach County property appraiser provides each municipality the total taxable value of all parcels within the municipality. The Town's property values have grown significantly since the bottom of the market in 2012. Total taxable values for FY20, increased 5.82% and are now over \$19 billion for the Town.



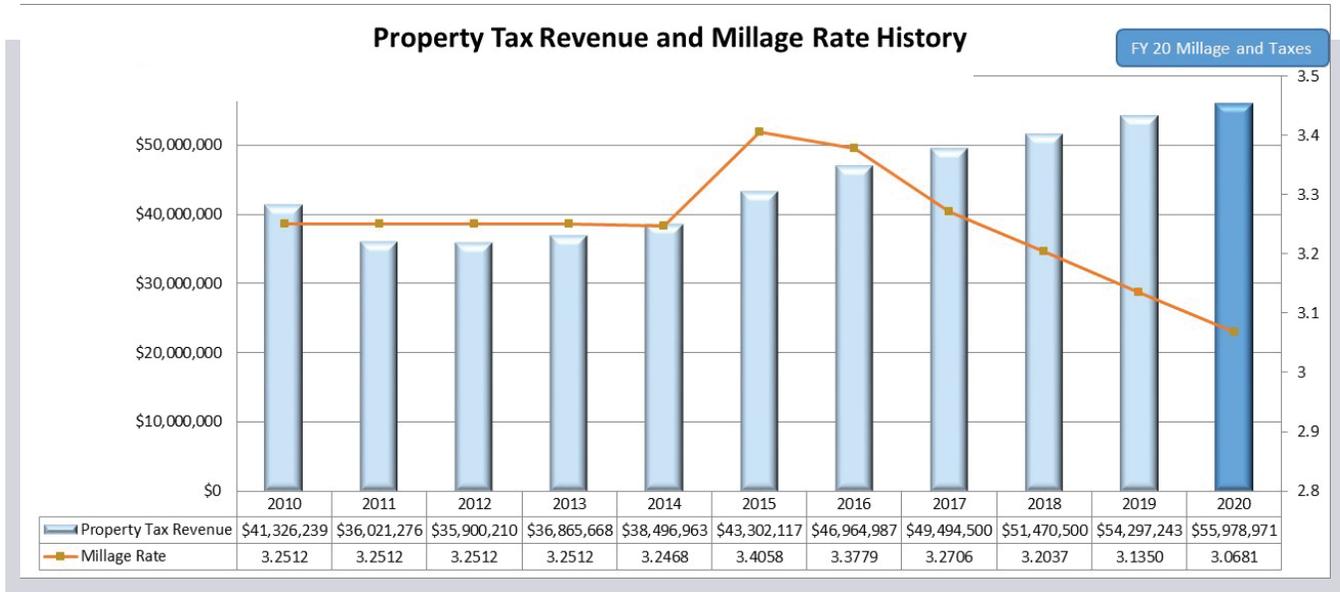
Part of the increase in taxable value is related to construction activity in Palm Beach. The trend over the past 5 years is shown below. Fiscal year 2018 was a record construction year for the Town, and FY19 came close to meeting the FY18 record. We expect FY20 to decline sharply from FY19 levels due to the recent downturn caused by the pandemic.

Construction Valuation

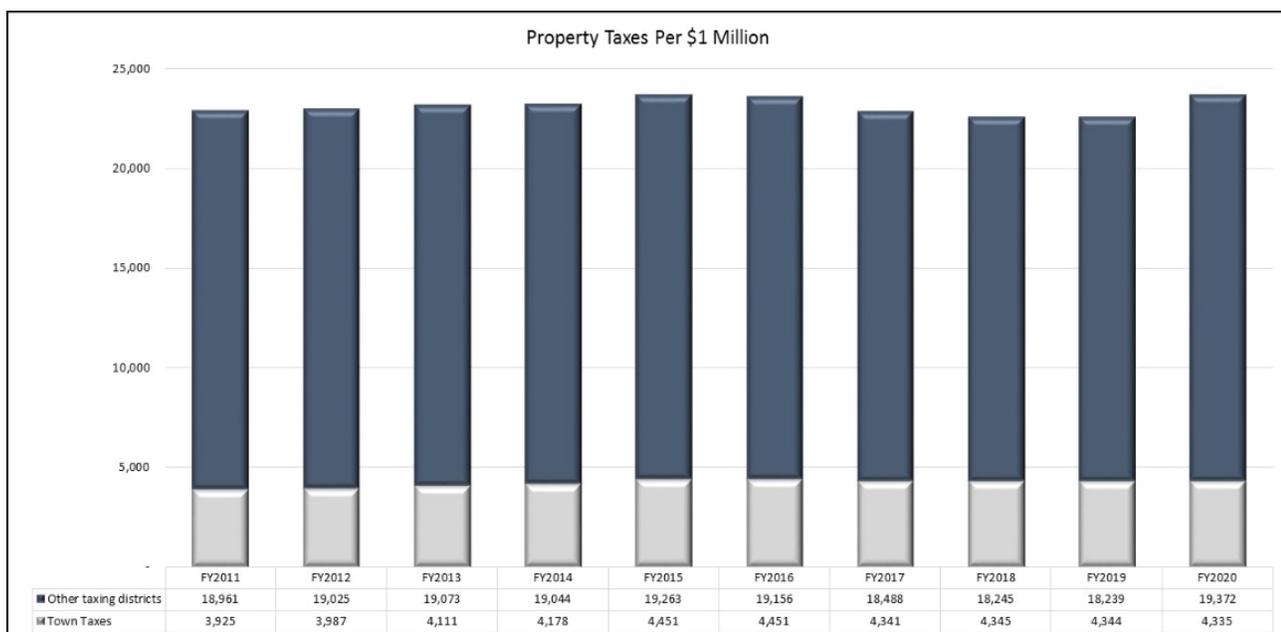


Property Tax Revenue and Millage Rate History

The recent trend in the Town's millage rate is shown below. The Town adopted a reduced millage rate of 3.0681 for FY20.



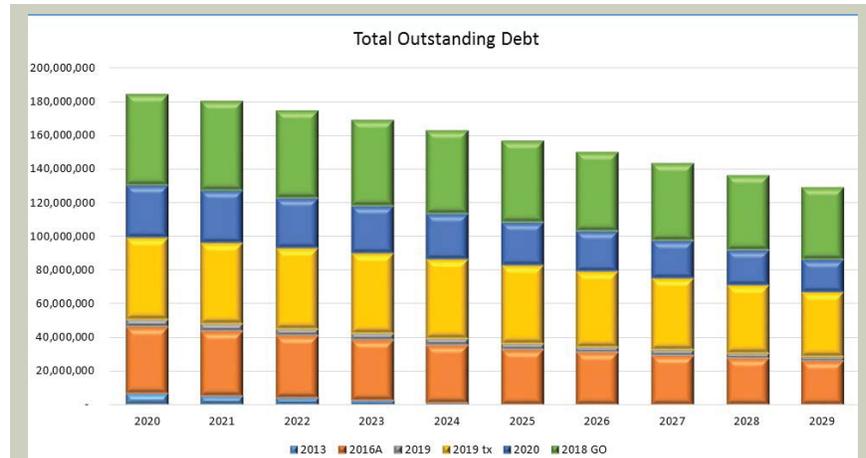
Town taxes represent 18.29% of the total tax bill of approximately \$306 million. The chart below represents the 10-year trend of the Town and other taxing districts property taxes per \$1 million of taxable value.



OUTSTANDING DEBT AND DEBT SERVICE LEVELS

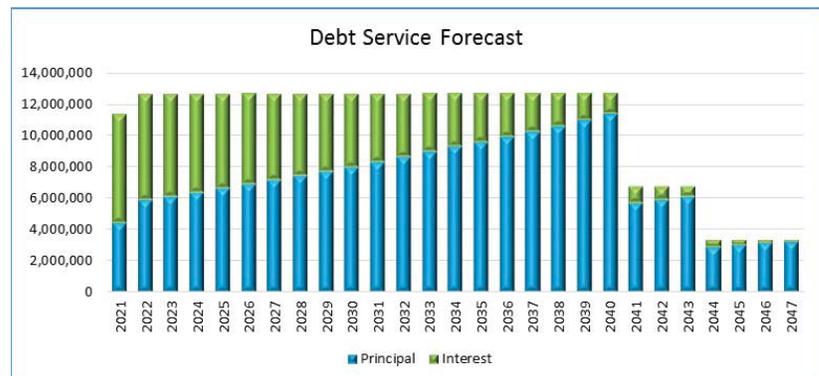
Total Outstanding Debt

The Town has issued debt for infrastructure projects such as sewer and drainage projects. In addition, a portion of the outstanding debt is for the Par 3 clubhouse and golf course and the Worth Avenue beautification project. The Town recently refinanced the 2013 Revenue Bonds, the remaining 2010A Revenue Bonds. In 2020, the Town issued \$31 million in debt for the Marina Project. Overall, Town debt levels are expected to decrease by over \$58.8 million or 30% during the next 10 years. Total outstanding debt equals \$194,995,000.



At year end the Town held Aaa/AAA issuer bond ratings from both Moody's Investor Services and Standard and Poor's and Aa1/AAA ratings on the Town's Revenue bonds. These ratings are the highest rating classifications given by these rating agencies.

The Town's annual debt service forecast is shown below. The total debt service is approximately \$11.4 million per year with approximately \$5.6 million paid through the General Fund. The Worth Avenue debt service is paid for by assessments on the property owners in the project district and the Par 3 debt is paid for with revenues from the Golf Course, the Marina debt will be paid with revenues from the Marina. The Town recently refinanced the 2013 bonds resulting in net present value savings of \$4,385,248 and \$260,000 in debt service savings annually.





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