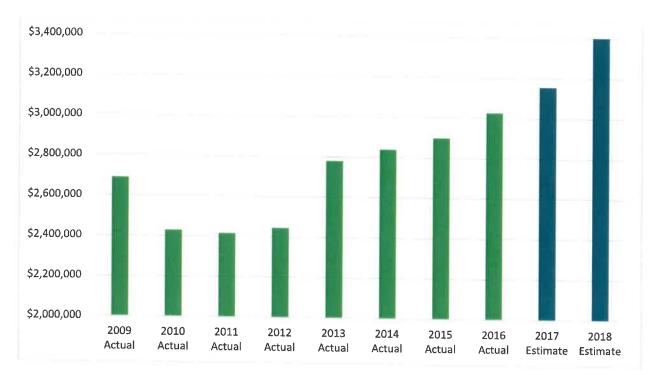
# AD VALOREM TAXES - 311100

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

A levy against the taxable value of real and personal property. The Town Commission sets the millage rate annually prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>. One mill is \$1 of tax per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value. The adopted operating millage from FY 2017 is 5.9257.



## **LEGAL AUTHORITY:**

Florida Constitution, Article VII, Section 9 Chapters 192-197 and 200, Florida Statutes

#### **AUTHORIZED EXEMPTION:**

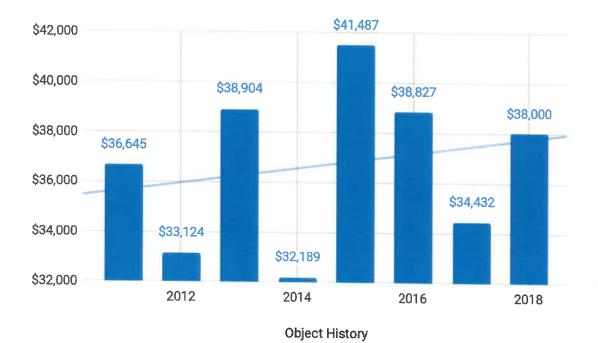
All legal Florida residents are eligible for a Homestead Exemption on their homes, condominiums, apartments and certain mobile home lots if they quality. The Florida Constitution provides this tax-saving exemption on the first and third \$25,000 of the assessed value of an owner/occupied residence.

#### FISCAL CAPACITY:

Belleair's millage rate has remained at 5.9257 since 2014. Belleair has the capacity to levy up to 10 mills for operating expenditures based on State law. The millage rate is set by the Commission each fiscal year. The amount of revenue received through ad valorem taxes is the product of two factors: 1) the tax rate (millage) set by the Town Commission; and 2) the value the Pinellas County Property appraiser places upon the property.

#### Accounting and Auditing - 53200

The Accounting and Auditing object of the budget is for financial services rendered to the Town. This can include, but is not limited to, reconciliation processes, auditing, and more.



## CURRENT METHODOLOGY:

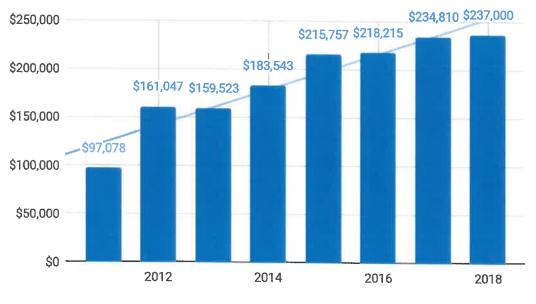
Our current format of identifying cost is based on an analysis of historic trends associated with how much we utilize external accounting and auditing services, combined with an estimation on how much work we will require for the upcoming fiscal year.

## CURRENT OUTLOOK:

Town staff is currently evaluating this line as a steady cost of \$38,000 based on renewals with the audit agreement.

#### General Liability Insurance - 54510

This object is an expense item related to all insurance the Town offers, such as automobile, workers compensation, and machinery. This object holds any risks that the Town insures against, with the exception of health.



**Object History** 

## CURRENT METHODOLOGY:

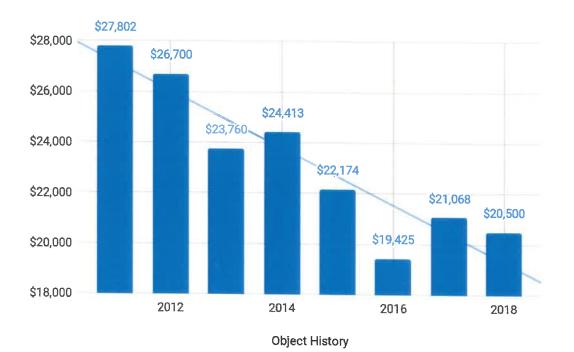
General Liability Insurance relies heavily on a number of factors that require thorough examination from staff. This can range from named storm events to global insurance markets. Due to these expansive influences, early estimation utilizes historical trends combined with information received from PRM.

#### CURRENT OUTLOOK:

Due to the previous increase and trend, staff expects an increase in this object.

## Electricity - 54300

This object is the cost of power for the Town. This specific example relates to the power for Town Hall, though each department has its own line for electricity.



## CURRENT METHODOLOGY:

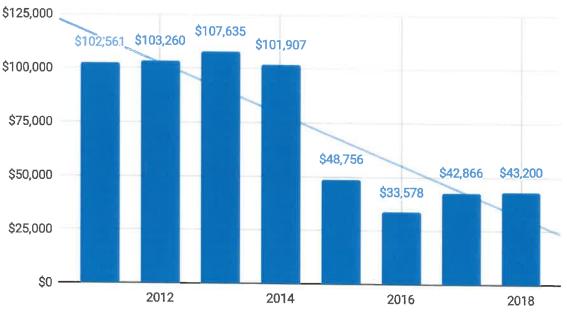
The cost determination for electricity utilizes average consumption combined with estimated cost per unit. Staff also incorporates a historic analysis based on the negative trend line that has been identified.

## CURRENT OUTLOOK:

By utilizing a thorough analysis of previous years' expenditures and the efficiency granted by ABM, Staff feels comfortable moving forward following the negative trend.

Fuel and Gasoline - 55220

The Fuel and Gasoline object in the expenditure budget is where the Town charges all fuel costs for vehicles and equipment.



Object History

## CURRENT METHODOLOGY:

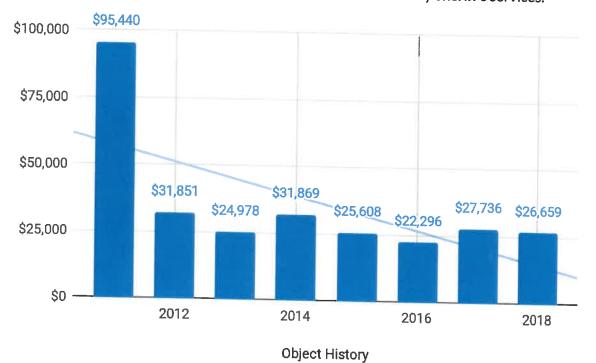
The Town currently employs a methodology of finding average fuel consumption per equipment and vehicle. After identifying this consumption rate, staff determines what type of fuel is used, such as diesel or gasoline. A thorough analysis is then conducted to estimate what the fuel rates will potentially look like for the upcoming fiscal year, which ultimately equates to the new line item cost.

## CURRENT OUTLOOK:

Staff is currently under the assumption that there will be a spike in fuel and gasoline costs in the 2018-2019 budget year related to increases in the cost per gallon. That may result from macroeconomic or international pressures.

Professional Services - 53151

The Professional Services item within the budget is used for charges related to services rendered to the Town. This specific chart focuses on the cost of Pinellas County Sheriff's services.



# CURRENT METHODOLOGY:

This contract pays for property and evidence storage, forensics, CAD and server connections. This cost of this is subject to how much of each service is required. To evaluate this, a historical analysis is conducted to determine an average of these services.

## CURRENT OUTLOOK:

For the 2017-2018 budget year, Staff assumed \$50,000 due to the matching historic grant that is currently being conducted. At this time, there are no assumptions for the next fiscal year.