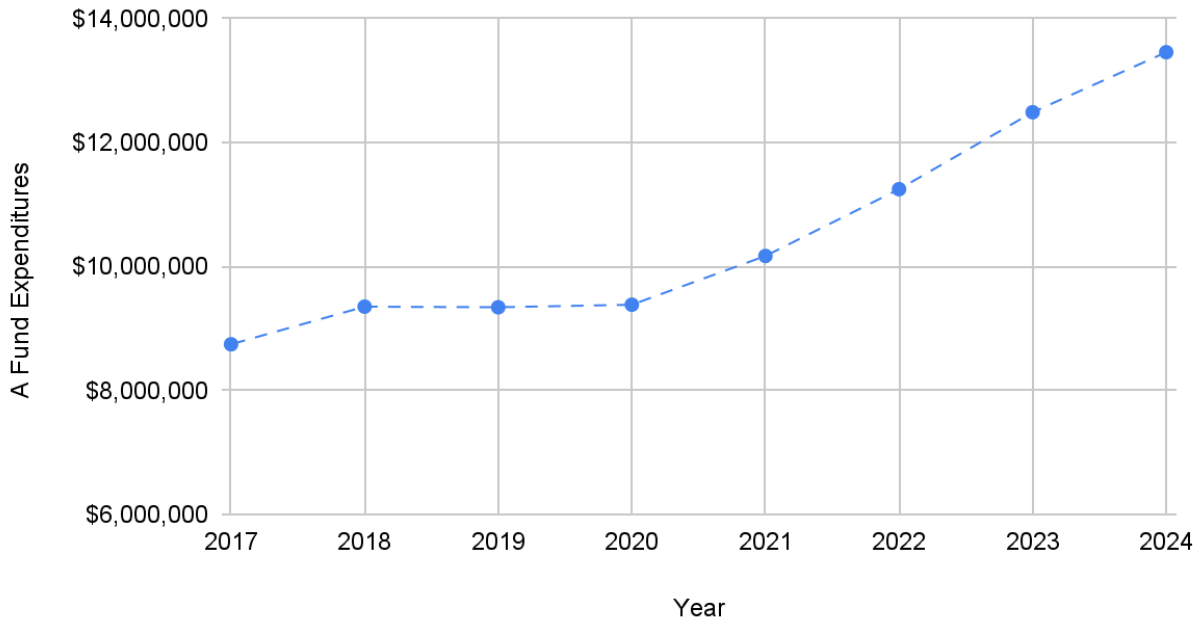


Councilors as you continue to shape the 2025 budget I want to take a moment to make sure that each of you are considering the needs of our community and the impact your decisions have on residents.

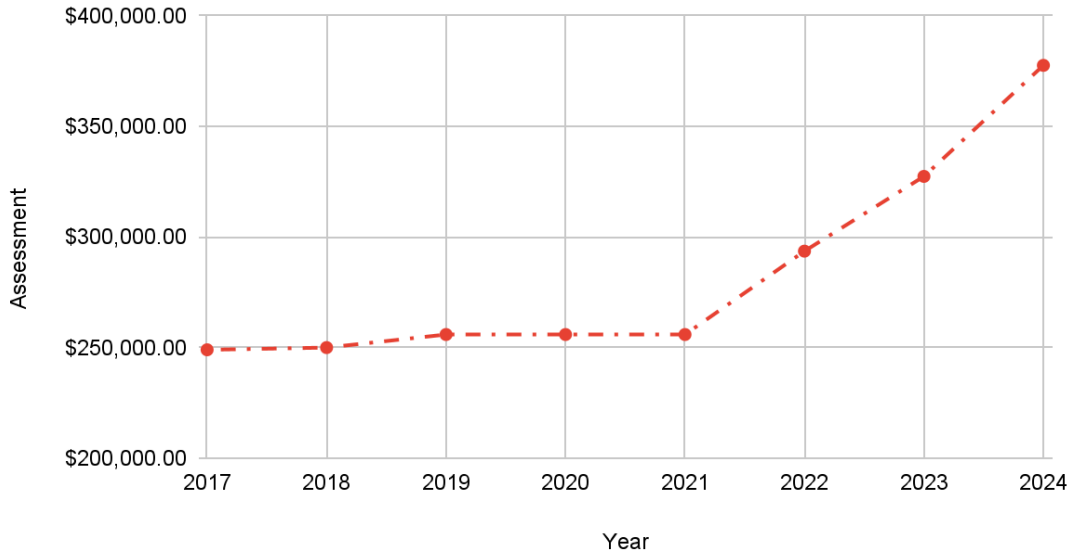
A Fund Expenditures



The Town Board has full control of the General Fund or A Fund as it is called in the budget documents. Over the last 4 years we have seen million dollar increases to expenditures in the A fund alone every single year. And the 2025 tentative budget proposed by the Supervisor continues this trend. If you move ahead with the current proposed budget The Town Board will have increased A Fund spending by over 5 million dollars in 5 years. Prior to 2020 it took 5 years for A Fund spending to increase by 1 million dollars.

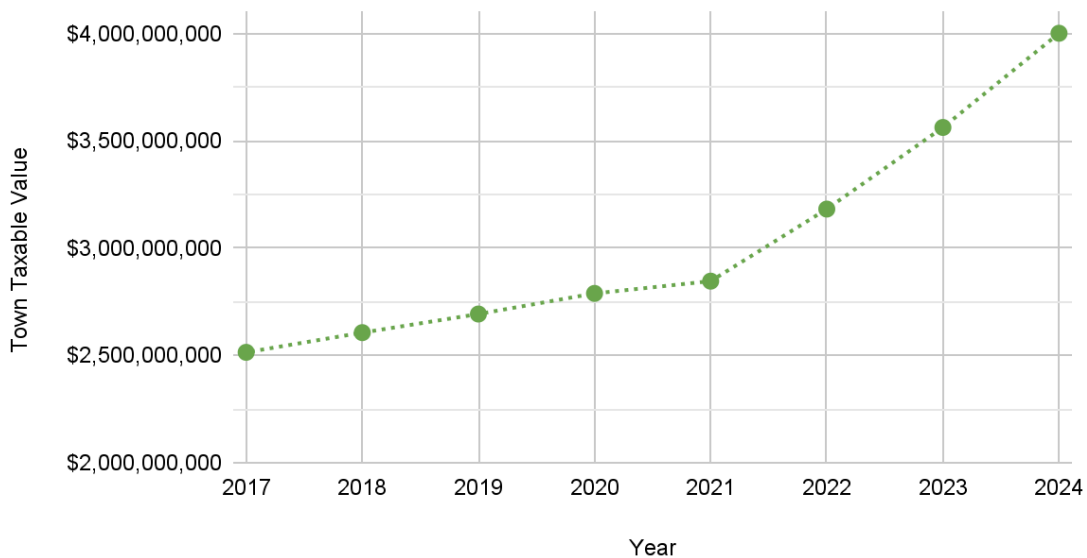
The yearly spending increases by the current board is not sustainable. These increases are not offset by ARPA or other revenue sources but are paid for by increased property taxes on residents.

Property Assessment



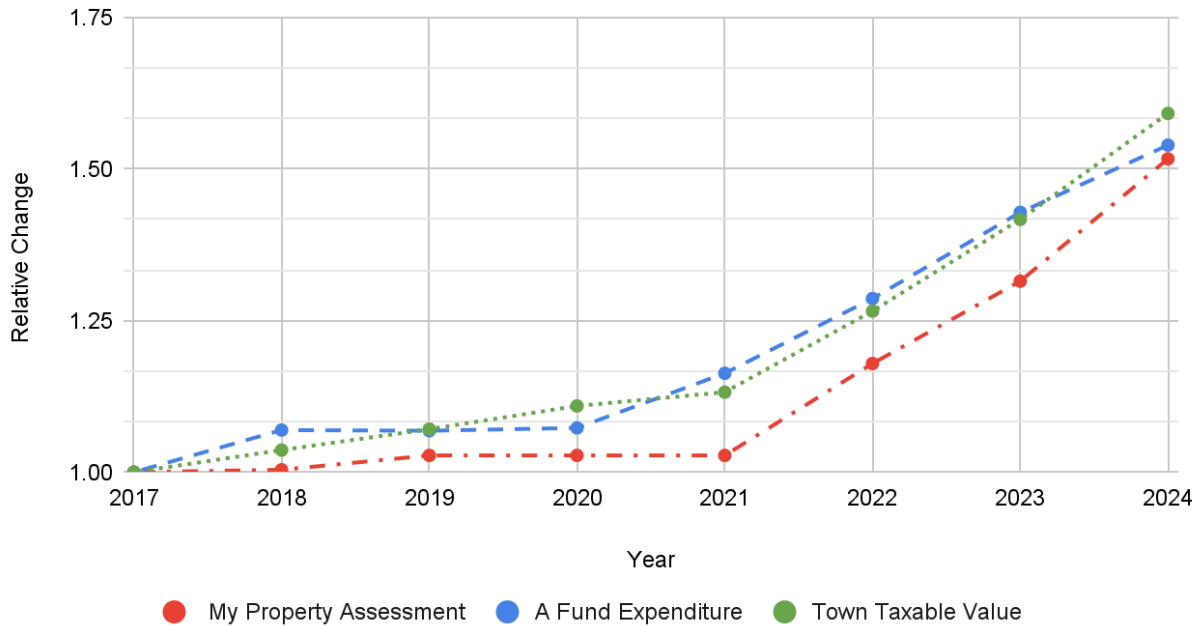
My assessment, like the majority of residents, has grown in leaps and bounds the last 4 years. Jumping from \$256,000 to \$377,000. I didn't magically make 60% more revenue to go along with this change yet its increase means I am paying more in town taxes without any change in services provided by the town. This is why year over year residents come before this board complaining about assessments. We know that an increase in assessment equals an increase in town taxes.

Town Taxable Value



Looking at the taxable value of the town (2.7 billion in 2021 to 4 billion in 2024) you may try to make the case that the town is growing and that the amount each resident is responsible for hasn't increased. You couldn't be more wrong.

Relative Change since 2017



Our town has not seen an influx in development or businesses. Increased assessments are the predominant driving factor of the town's taxable value. This Town Board is choosing year over year to increase taxes to match the increase in assessment all without any investment in our community. No sidewalks, no parks, no facility improvements or swimming pools.

I ask that every town councilor look at this budget not as a comparison of last year but from the lens of how does this budget benefit residents. Ask yourself: How can we correct the excess spending that has gone on these last 4 years. How can we decrease spending in the 2025 budget by \$4 million dollars?

Please get spending under control so that our town has resources to invest back into our community.

Thank you.

A Fund Expenditure vs Tax Cap

