

1. 9:30 A.M. Board Of Managers Meeting
Agenda:

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1. 2024 Budget

*Attached, please find a letter submitted by Charles Valenti, regarding the Library budget.

Documents:

[BUDGET.PDF](#)
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Lori Yando

From: Michael Durocher
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2023 10:44 AM
To: Lori Yando
Subject: 2024 Budget

General Fund	\$22,883,907
Water	\$ 2,274,873
Sewer	\$ 2,547,434
Library	\$ 217,325

Thank you

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Unfortunately I was unable to attend the September 26,2023 Common Council meeting. From an email I received from the Library I would very much like to have been there.

On reading the flier it appeared the library was only going to get a budget increase of \$17,377 when asking 8.5% increase. which will allow the library to pay for health insurance increases and to keep funding for books equipment and staffing the same. The library has NOT been up to staff for years. I don't know why there have been such arguments about funding The Public Library. Even if the library were given a 10% increase it would only take \$20,443 out of a city budget of \$25.9 million . Having counted the number of departments in the city's list of which the tally comes to 11 and with a 10% it would be approximately no more than \$2,000 per department. I wish I could have found the new proposed budget in the computer to make the comparisons of percentages allowed to the other departments.

I have been a user of the Cohoes Library for more than 50 years and have watched the changes over the years. Through the years there have been more and more people using it. The library has made many new advances in years and is NO longer a library of only books. Speak with the Librarian,, Board of Trustees and Friends of the Library (for which I was a member). When speaking with them REALLY listen , pay attention and don't just give them lip service..

We are basically in the position we are in because when budgets got done the library was NOT an important part of cares. How many years and mayors was the St. John's location passed over for repairs such as carpeting, windows, leaks etc. The library received a few new shelves because an Eagle Scout wanted to make them for his scout project.

I have written to let you know how I feel about this budget for the library , how the library is overlooked and downgraded to something that is NOT worth doing anything for the future citizens and voters of Cohoes.

Thank you.
Mary Anne Valenti

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