

Morrisville Public Library

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Board of Education
Morrisville Eaton Central School
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Dear Board of Education:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I will not be able to attend your board meeting on February 23, 2021. I have attached our proposed 2022 Budget with the increase we are asking at the May 2021 Budget vote. We are requesting a small cost of living increase because as you know, everything is rising, more so since the pandemic continues. Below are the items we are planning to use the increase for:

Utilities (NYSEG, phone and water & sewer) go up a little every year. Also we are using more water than normal as we have to do more extensive cleaning due to the pandemic.

Insurance (property, Workmen's Compensation, disability) also go up every year. No one is sure what the increase will be yet as our policies do not renew yet.

Employees (wages, health insurance, payroll taxes) - Minimum wage continues to rise which in turn raises our wages and payroll taxes.

MYLIBRARY2GO (e-books) - We get charged from the Mid York Library System based on usage from 2 years prior. We saw a 21% increase in new users and a circulation increase of 14% from 2019 to 2020. We will be billed for this increase in 2022. People used our services like never before when we had to shut down last spring. Now that we are open, this service is still valued and may not be as high as in spring 2020 but increased usage is still higher than normal.

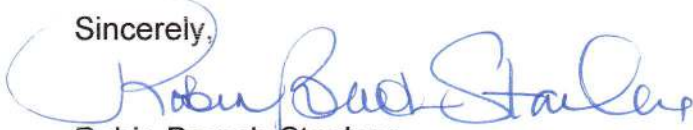
Building maintenance- We have some repairs to the historic part of the building that need to be done. We need to match the grants we have applied for.

Automation- We need to keep computers for the public and staff up to date and Mid York Library System also charges us for our software system as well as technology assistance. We need to be able to update the circulation desk computer and 2 public computers in 2022.

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In conclusion, asking for \$4324 for the above-mentioned items will allow the library to be able to keep the level of valued services/resources the Morrisville Eaton Central School taxpayers need and are accustomed to. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at branchrl@morrisville.edu.

Sincerely,



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Board President
Library Board of Trustees