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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 24, 2021
TO: Oshkosh Public Library Board of Trustees
FROM: Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, Director
RE: 2022 Budget Proposal – Zero City Levy Increase Assumed

On Wednesday, September 22, I was informed that City Manager Mark Rohloff may not support an increase to the Library levy for 2022. At that time, the decision was not final. No further detail has been offered at the time of this writing. At the same meeting, I learned that, with the City’s plan to move to a self-funded model of paying for employee health insurance, it is expected that the employer cost for offering that fringe benefit in 2022 will increase by 12% over the 2021 level. A number of other expenditure budget lines are yet lacking specific amounts, including workmen’s compensation insurance, building and contents insurance, comprehensive liability insurance, and boiler insurance.

The lack of specific information puts the Library Board at a disadvantage in exercising a meaningful deliberative role in approving a 2022 operating budget for submission to the Oshkosh Common Council.

In the table below, I list and explain my recommendations for changes to the 2022 budget previously approved by the Library Board (August 21, 2021) using an assumed 2022 City Levy amount of \$2,772,700. Other adjustments will be required when insurance costs are finalized. I will submit these adjustments for board approval at subsequent meetings.

Account No.	Account Description	8/21/2021 Budget Amount	9/30/2021 Budget Amount	Notes
6306	Health Insurance	\$327,900	\$296,100	12% increase instead of 24%
6407	Cloud-based Computer Services	\$18,400	\$ 0	Defer purchases; explore possible ARPA grants through Winnefox
6471	Electricity	\$70,000	\$50,000	Banking on savings from 2 year LED lamp replacement project
6509	Computer Supplies	\$15,000	\$2,000	Find other funding for computer/ printer replacements
6575	Library Materials	\$360,000	\$330,000	Less funding for digital materials

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