

## (Department)

To: Library Board of Trustees

From: Peg Checkai-Library Director

Date: 5/8/2025

Subject: Library-Police Dept. MOU

## Background

*Late 2022, the Police Department requested access to library cameras. Prior to this request and post MOU the Police Dept requests access to camera footage from the Director. Attached is the MOU approved by the Library Board. A copy of the document has been sent to Attorney Bill Wirkus for his review in terms of conflict with Chapter 43. Also note that during the conversation back in 2022, Director Checkai reached out to libraries in the Bridges Library System. All Directors who responded, do not provided general access to library cameras. The MOU has not been implemented due to costs and lack of a fiber connection to City Hall. The Board approved to pay for costs associated with installing fiber.*

## Budget Goal

Fiber installation Invests in the assessment, strategic planning and maintenance of our city buildings

## Financial Impact

All expenses associated with this project are not part of the 2025 library budget

## Recommendation

The MOU has already been approved by trustees. Implementation is not part of the budget and costs should be shared between Watertown PD and the Library. Board requested a review from their lawyer so decisions should be based on his opinion.