

## **Report to Village Board**

**Agenda Item:** 3M Class Action Settlement

Meeting Date: December 13, 2023

**Referring Body:** N/A

**Committee Contact:** Chris Voll

**Staff Contact:** Leonard Ludi, Director of Public Works & Utilities

Report Prepared by: Leonard Ludi, Director of Public Works & Utilities

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consideration to Partake in the 3M Class Action Settlement

**OBJECTIVE(S):** Discussion needed in order to provide guidance whether to opt-in or opt-out of the 3M Class Action Settlement. The important deadline, to file a claim while still in the case, looks like it will be 60 days after this hearing on Feb. 2, 2024.

HISTORY/BACKGROUND: The 3-M settlement alone would be the largest drinking water contamination settlement in U.S. history and represent nearly a quarter (22%) of 3M's total value. On June 20, 2023 PFAS samples were taken from Wells #1 and #2 and PFAS detection levels were discussed with Lab technician. Also discussed were the action levels being discussed at the NSPR Law Services Webinar on October 31, 2023.

**PROPOSAL:** Consideration of the Village of Kronenwetter being a potential member of a class action lawsuit about PFAS against 3M. As attorney Lee D. Turonie, Attorney has stated, opting out means reserving yourself for a separate case. Submitting objections is for those directly participating. Our main and practical deadline would be deciding whether to file a Claim Form or not. Opting out would mean hire the Villages own firm at a high price if any future event would happen to become an issue for the Village.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Asking and recommending the Board to vote on moving ahead in partaking in the 3M Class Action Settlement. Opting out would mean hire the Villages own firm at a high price if any future event would happen to become an issue for the Village.

## **FINANCIAL**

Financial Consideration/Action: N/A

**FUNDING SOURCE: N/A** 

Account Number/Title: #
Current Adopted Budget: \$
Spent to Date: \$
Remaining Budget: \$
Requested Amount: \$

Remainder of Budgeted Amount, if approved:

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. 3M Class action Settlement received certified mail on September 15, 2023
- 2. 6-20-23 Q2 PFAS Well 1 & 2 Results KWU
- 3. 10-31-23 NSPR Law Service PFAS Settlement Webinar
- 4. 2023 Monitoring Requirements