



Report to Village Board

Agenda Item: Water Fluoridation

Meeting Date: November 11, 2024

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AGENDA ITEM: Water Fluoridation

OBJECTIVE(S): Discuss pros and cons of having the Kronenwetter Water Department inject fluoride chemicals into the drinking water supply.

HISTORY/BACKGROUND: Water fluoridation is not uncommon among municipalities due to believed benefits touted, starting in the early 1940's. The subject has been highly controversial ever since as to whether or not the benefits are being overstated, and the harmful effects downplayed or ignored.

There is a large and growing body of studies that indicate that there are numerous harmful effects of ingesting water-borne fluoride chemicals. A recent Federal Court ruled that fluoridated water creates an unreasonable risk of impacting IQ levels in children, and that the EPA needs to address the issue.

Most standard toothpastes have a poison warning on the back due to the fluoride content (see attached).

Whether or not to fluoridate drinking water is a local issue decided by the municipality. Fluoride chemicals are currently being injected into the Village's water supply, and stopping the injection is a simple matter of turning off the equipment.

Here are some links to just a few articles.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37120936/>

<https://www.cnn.com/2024/09/25/health/epa-fluoride-drinking-water/index.html>

<https://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/2024/09/26/fluoride-drinking-water-lawsuit-victory/#:~:text=In%20response%20to%20our%20lawsuit,act%20to%20strengthen%20these%20regulations>

<https://fluoridealert.org/content/fda-toothpaste/>

https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/magazine/magazine_article/fluoridated-drinking-water/

<https://greenmedinfo.com/toxic-ingredient/fluoride>

PROPOSAL: Exercise caution regarding a potential health hazard. Stop or remove the equipment that currently meters these chemicals into Kronenwetter's drinking water.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: As the Village Board decides - Either move to stop injecting this toxic substance into the water supply, or allow it to continue.

FINANCIAL

Financial Consideration/Action: No cost to the village. This will create a savings to the village by eliminating the cost of buying this chemical.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

Account Number/Title:	#
Current Adopted Budget:	\$
Spent to Date:	\$
Remaining Budget:	\$
Requested Amount:	\$
Remainder of Budgeted Amount, if approved:	

ATTACHMENTS: Fluoride toothpaste warning.