

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 17

A RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE AND APPROVE THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF PARTICIPATION FORMS RELATED TO THE TEVA, ALLERGAN, WALGREENS, CVS, WALMART OPIOID SETTLEMENT BY THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF STURTEVANT.

WHEREAS, in November of 2019, the Village Board authorized the Village to enter into an engagement agreement with Phipps Ortiz Talafuse LLC, previously operating under the name Phipps Deacon Purnell PLLC (the “Law Firm”) to pursue litigation against certain manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of opioid pharmaceuticals (the “Opioid Defendants”) in an effort to hold the Opioid Defendants financially responsible for the Village’s expenditure of vast money and resources to combat the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Village, the Law Firm filed a lawsuit against the Opioid Defendants; and

WHEREAS, the Law Firm filed similar lawsuits on behalf of other Wisconsin Municipalities in state court in Wisconsin but the Wisconsin cases were removed to federal court and are currently coordinated with thousands of other lawsuits filed against the same or substantially similar parties as the Opioid Defendants in the Northern District of Ohio, captioned In re: Opioid Litigation, MDL 2804 (the “Litigation”); and

WHEREAS, additional Wisconsin cities and counties hired separate counsel and joined the Litigation; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the Litigation, the Law Firm has coordinated with counsel from around the country (including counsel for other Wisconsin cities and counties) to prepare the Village’s case for trial and engage in extensive settlement discussions with the Opioid Defendants; and

WHEREAS, a new proposed settlement came out of the Litigation involving the following Opioid Defendants: TEVA, Allergan, Walgreens, CVS, and Walmart in the beginning of 2023; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2023, the Village Administrator executed and submitted required participation form regarding the Village’s participation in this new settlement.

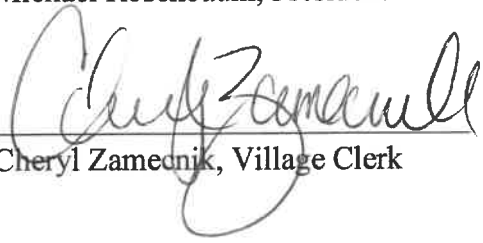
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby memorializes and fully approves the signature of the Village Administrator on the TEVA,

Allergan, Walgreens, CVS, and Walmart settlement participation forms and the submission of said forms on March 21, 2023.

This Resolution was adopted by the Sturtevant Village Board on April 5, 2023.

VILLAGE OF STURTEVANT

By: 
Michael Rosenbaum, President

Attest: 
Cheryl Zamecnik, Village Clerk