

Village Board Summary and Recommendation Memorandum

Meeting Date: January 20, 2026

The Item: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Fluoride

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Attachments: Fluoride Staff Report

Requested Village Board Focus: Discussion and Possible Action

Summary of Issue: Fluoride additives were removed from the Village's water system following a vote on February 4, 2025. The Village has received numerous requests from the public and some trustees to explore the costs and process/procedure for adding fluoride back into the water system, with the end goal of adding the treatment permanently in the future.

Background: On February 4th, per Resolution 2025-001, the Village Board (split 4-3) voted in favor of removing fluoride from the Village's water system. Since then, there has been public interest in reintroducing fluoride back into the water system.

During the same time, a recall petition was filed against one of the trustees who had voted to remove fluoride. Although the recall petition was resulting from behavior of the trustee from the fall out of the vote on fluoride, and not the vote itself, the subject of fluoridation of the water system remained at large. Shortly after the recall, another trustee resigned. Both of the exiting trustees had voted to remove fluoride from the system. Therefore, the current make-up of the board and public interest in fluoridating the Village's water system raises the question if the Village Board should reconsider this issue.

At the November 4th Village Board meeting, the Village Board directed staff to prepare a report exploring the possible costs for adding fluoride back into the water system. There was also a request to provide historical context and submitted materials for Trustee review.

Recommendation (including rationale): Please review the report and provide additional direction to Staff.

Anticipated Next Steps:

- If the Village Board desires to pursue reintroducing fluoride to the water system, Staff will need to prepare a resolution and organize funding and construction.
- If the Village Board desires to keep fluoride out of the water system, no further is necessary.