

Public Services, Parks & Natural Resources Summary and Recommendation Sheet

Meeting Date: 12/16/2024

The Item: Discussion and Recommendation on Discontinuation of Adding Fluoride in Village Drinking Water

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Attachments: Power Point and onformation from Dane County, DeForest Public Services power point, last months Memo, Taylor slides on NTP, Washington Post Opinion and Court Ruling

Requested PSPNR Committee Focus: Recommendation

Summary of Issue: The Public Services committee at its meeting in November wanted to bring this back in December to vote on a recommendation. This will be going back to the Village Board at the 2nd meeting in January which will be before this Public Services Committee meets again.

At the Village Board meeting on November 19th, Dane County Department of Health presented their information along with the Fluoride Lobbyist Johnny Johnson. I've attached their presentation along with my own. I also encourage you to watch the Village Board meeting on YouTube at this link <https://youtu.be/qAAhalFEQnw?si=oe334pdxepFWokXF> The Fluoride discussion begins about one hour into the recording.

There has been additional items such as this study that was published on 11/27/2024
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/puh2.70009>

Recommendation: The Public Services Committee should ask the Board to support ending the addition of fluoride to DeForest's drinking water. This approach aligns with current scientific findings, promotes public health, and demonstrates fiscal responsibility.

Anticipated Next Steps: Your recommendation will go to the Village Board for their January 21st meeting. Pending that outcome will dictate next steps.