

RESOLUTION 21-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROPOSED OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT PLAN OF CLAIMS AGAINST DISTRIBUTORS OF IN THE SUITS AGAINST AMERISOURCE BERGEN, CARDINAL HEALTH, AND MCKESSON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village of New Lexington is among a number of municipalities in Ohio that may be eligible to participate in the settlement of claims brought against manufacturers of prescription opioids, whose products are alleged to have contributed to the national opioid crisis, mass addiction, and overdose deaths, which in turn has had a financial impact on many communities, including in terms of the costs of first-responder services; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal is being presented to Ohio municipalities on behalf of distributors AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson (“the Distributors”) for resolution of governmental entity claims in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, under the tiered proposal, the Distributors will pay up to a collective sum of \$829 million to the State of Ohio and its subdivisions over 18 years, earmarked for abatement of the opioid epidemic (intervention, treatment, education, and recovery services, etc.), broken down as follows: under the OneOhio agreement, 15% to the State of Ohio; 30% to subdivisions; and 55% to the OneOhio Foundation, to be utilized for the collective benefit of the subdivisions across the state; and

WHEREAS, the total settlement is tiered and may ultimately vary based on the number of municipalities that participate in the settlement proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Village Law Director and Finance Director recommend that the Village of New Lexington participate in the settlement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of New Lexington, State of Ohio, County of Perry that:

SECTION 1. Council hereby approves participation in the settlement with the Distributors.


SECTION 2. The Mayor, Finance Director and Village Law Director are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to resolve these matters in accordance with the terms of a Participation Agreement to be distributed with the participating communities.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure to meet the deadline to have such Resolution passed by Council shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

Passed: 8-2-21



Mayor



Council President

Attest:


Council Clerk