

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 18-911

Pertaining to settlement of a claim by State Farm Insurance Company as subrogee of Jeffrey Gross against the Board of Water Commissioners.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Staff and the Office of Risk Management is recommending that \$21,058.31 be paid to State Farm Insurance as final settlement of a claim for property damages resulting from a January 16, 2018 motor vehicle accident involving a SPRWS pick-up truck.

See attached Summary and resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval is recommended.

Summary of January 16, 2018 Vehicle Accident and Claim

On January 16, 2018, a Saint Paul Regional Water Services pick-up truck was involved in an accident while traveling northbound on Hiawatha Ave S in Minneapolis en route to SPRWS River station in Fridley, MN. Just north of the Cedar on ramp, SPRWS vehicle hit an icy patch of road and spun westbound, out of control, crossing three lanes of traffic. The claimant alleged his 2013 GMC Sierra truck was struck on the passenger side by SPRWS vehicle as it spun out of control and which caused a third vehicle (2013 Dodge Avenger) to rear end the GMC truck with the left front corner of the vehicle. Ultimately, the three vehicles came to rest along a concrete median/barrier. The SPRWS driver did not know if he struck the other vehicles. Both the other drivers stated in the police report the SPRWS vehicle struck the truck which resulted in the third vehicle collision. All parties refused emergency medical service.

At this time, Sandra Bodensteiner of Saint Paul Risk Management recommends \$21,058.31 be paid to State Farm Insurance as final settlement of all property damage and loss claims related to this incident.

SPRWS Accident Review Board determined that this accident was preventable. The SPRWS employee driving the pick-up truck received disciplinary action in the form of a written reprimand. The employee was required and has attended defensive driving.