Saint Paul Regional Water Services February 13, 2018

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 18-249

Pertaining to a Settlement Agreement and Release for the No-Fault / PIP subrogation claim of Hartford Insurance Company, for claims paid on behalf of Robert Sweeney against the Board of Water Commissioners.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Staff and the Office of Risk Management is recommending the amount of \$9,884.44 be paid to Hartford Insurance Company as final settlement of a No-Fault / PIP subrogation claim of Hartford Insurance Company for the claims paid on behalf of Robert Sweeney resulting from a July 21, 2014 motor vehicle accident involving a SPRWS pick-up truck.

See attached Summary and resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval is recommended.

Description of Accident

On July 21, 2014, Saint Paul Regional Water Services pick-up truck No. 643 was involved in an accident on Forest St. at Maryland Ave. in Saint Paul, MN. The SPRWS vehicle was traveling southbound on Forest St. and was stopped on the north side of Maryland at a red light behind the claimant's vehicle, a 2000 Ford Taurus. When the light turned green, the claimant's vehicle proceeded forward and began turning left intending to head along eastbound Maryland. The claimant braked due to oncoming traffic. SPRWS driver proceeded forward and did not stop before rear ending the claimant's car. The driver was alone in the vehicle.

SPRWS Accident Review Board determined that this accident was preventable. The SPRWS employee was cited for driving after suspension and, as a result of the driver license suspension coming to light, was ultimately terminated.

In March of 2015, SPRWS paid a property damage claim with Hartford Insurance in the amount of \$2,684.25.

A bodily injury claim remains open and is pending settlement discussions at this time.

Summary of Claims resulting from July 21, 2014 Vehicle Accident

| 1. Property Damage - Claimant Vehicle | \$2,684.25 | Settled in March, 2015 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 2. Medical - Claimant/Driver | \$9,884.44 | Proposed No-Fault / PIP Settlement |
| 3. Bodily Injury - Claimant/Driver | Pending | |
| Total to February 2018 | \$12,568.69 | |

This settlement is for the No-Fault / PIP subrogation claim of Hartford Insurance Company as subrogee of Robert Sweeney for claims paid related to the vehicle accident of July 21, 2014.