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Town of Peshtigo Secures Legal Services

At a special Town Board meeting on 3/10/2022 the Town Board voted to secure the legal services of Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. Grant & Eisenhofer (G&E) is a national litigation boutique specializing in representing injured plaintiffs, including institutions and government plaintiffs suffering damages or other losses as a result of corporate wrongdoing. G&E's Environmental Litigation Group, which represents municipal and other public entities in complex environmental lawsuits, has agreed to represent the Town of Peshtigo in connection with the extensive contamination of groundwater and other natural resources with PFAS chemicals that occurred as a result of the misconduct of Johnson Controls, Inc., Tyco Fire Products LP, and related companies at the Fire Training Center in Marinette. G&E has agreed to advance investigative costs and the costs of litigation on the Town's behalf and will only recover those costs if the Town recovers from one or more defendants. If there is no recovery, the Town will pay G&E nothing, and the costs incurred will not be the Town's responsibility. This is the optimal arrangement for the Town because it requires absolutely no out of pocket expense or payment on the part of the Town and aligns the firm's financial interest with that of the Town: the greater the Town's recovery, the greater the firm's compensation. G&E's role will be to prosecute legal claims available to the Town for the protection of the public health and the integrity of our precious natural resources. Town Chair, Cindy Boyle, explained; "The companies that wrongfully degraded our environment will be required to make us whole, to the extent the law allows. This is the bare minimum of accountability that the Town and its residents are entitled to and should expect. The Town strongly believes that JCI/Tyco must be held to account and we have engaged the nation's leading environmental advocates to ensure our best case is put forward—all at no direct cost to the Town".
