

Village of Mount Prospect Press Release

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REACHED ON JAKUBOWSKI V. VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT

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As a result of mediation, the Village of Mount Prospect has reached an agreement to resolve *Jakubowski* v. Village of Mount Prospect, et al. The two-year old lawsuit arose from a fatal accident that occurred when a driver struck a bicyclist who was attempting to cross Central Road using the crosswalk at Weller Lane.

Under the terms of the settlement agreement, the Village will pay the Estate of Joni Beaudry \$200,000 in exchange for the plaintiff dismissing the lawsuit with prejudice. The Village's payment represents slightly more than 10% of the total settlement value of the agreements reached between all the parties. Under the terms of the agreement, there is no admission of any wrongdoing or liability by the Village of Mount Prospect.

"Wrongful death jury awards in Cook County can exceed millions of dollars," said Mount Prospect Village Manager Mike Cassady. "This settlement agreement mitigates that risk for an amount less than the legal costs associated with prolonged litigation," stated Cassady. "I am hopeful this settlement will bring closure to a very tragic event."

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