

## **City receives \$18K check in settlement; Berquist finds \$77,000 in budget**

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DELPHOS — Safety Service Director Greg Berquist had good news for city council on Tuesday. A check for \$18,000 was received for the city's portion of a claim in a class action suit against Syngenta AG and other manufacturers of atrazine, a chemical used in fertilizer that found its way in to the water systems of more than 1,000 municipalities more than a decade ago.

Berquist said the city filed paperwork for the suit last year and the check is the city's share of a \$105 million settlement.

He also noted the city is still waiting for more than \$50,000 from FEMA for storm damage from late June and he found an additional \$77,000 in revenue in the budget.

Berquist added that he will soon be ready to sit down with the Finance Committee to solidify the 2013 budget.

Councilman Rick Hanser said he had heard positive comments about the new walk bridge at Waterworks Park and wanted to formally thank the Delphos Stadium Club for the work.

Council heard on second reading an ordinance allowing Berquist and/or the mayor to purchase commodities in 2013.