

provisions.” *Thompson v. United Stone, LLC*, No. 1:14-CV-224, 2015 WL 867988, at *1 (E.D. Tenn. Mar. 2, 2015) (citing *Lynn’s Food Store, Inc. v. United States*, 679 F.2d 1350, 1355 (11th Cir. 1982)).

An award of attorneys’ fees and costs to Plaintiff’s counsel must be “reasonable under the circumstances.” *Rawlings v. Prudential-Bache Props., Inc.*, 9 F.3d 513, 516 (6th Cir. 1993). The Court “must make sure that counsel is fairly compensated for the amount of work done as well as for the results achieved.” *Id.* Two methods may be used, the percentage-of-the-fund method and the lodestar method, and the Court must consider which method is more appropriate for the particular case. *Id.* The lodestar method calculates the number of hours reasonably expended by a reasonable hourly rate, while the percentage-of-the-fund method better accounts for the attorneys’ success. *Id.*

Courts often also consider the following factors: “(1) the value of the benefit rendered to the plaintiff class; (2) the value of the services on an hourly basis; (3) whether the services were undertaken on a contingent fee basis; (4) society’s stake in rewarding attorneys who produce such benefits in order to maintain an incentive to others; (5) the complexity of the litigation; and (6) the professional skill and standing of counsel involved on both sides.” *Moulton v. U.S. Steel Corp.*, 581 F.3d 344, 352 (6th Cir. 2009) (quoting *Bowling v. Pfizer, Inc.*, 102 F.3d 777, 780 (6th Cir. 1996)).

III. ANALYSIS

The Court **FINDS** that the proposed settlement payment of \$6,602.00 to Plaintiff is a fair and reasonable resolution of a bona fide dispute. The Court further **FINDS** that attorney’s fees and costs of \$898.00 are reasonable and appropriate under the circumstances. Accordingly, the motion (Doc. 37) is **GRANTED**, and the settlement agreement (Doc. 37-1) is **APPROVED**.

The Court will **DISMISS WITH PREJUDICE** this action.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the Court **GRANTS** the motion (Doc. 37) and hereby:

1. **APPROVES** the settlement agreement for an amount of \$6,602.00 payable to Plaintiff;
2. **AWARDS** reasonable attorney's fees and expenses to Plaintiff's counsel in the amount of \$898.00; and
3. **DISMISSES** this action **WITH PREJUDICE**.

AN APPROPRIATE JUDGMENT WILL ENTER.

/s/ Travis R. McDonough

**TRAVIS R. MCDONOUGH
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**