



City of Saint Paul

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Staff Report

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Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 1099 WOODBRIDGE STREET for Project #: J1110A
Assessment #: 8034 in Ward 5

..Property Address 1099 Woodbridge St

Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation

Delete the assessment.

Tax Assessment Worksheet

Cost: \$80.00

Service Charge: \$140.00

Total Assessment: \$220.00

Gold Card Returned by: TS Kresko

Type of Order/Fee: Snow/Ice

Nuisance: Plowed in curb cuts

Date of Orders: 12/22/10

Compliance Date: 48 hours after postmark

Re-Check Date: See notes in comments

Date Work Done: 1/5/11

Work Order #: 11-002149

Returned Mail?:

Comments:

12/27/2010: *Recheck - Walk shoveled, snow plows recently blocked curb cuts. Will allow time to open sidewalk to street. ~MD

Snow/Ice (Extension)

Vacant Building Monitoring (Recheck) 01/03/2011: *Recheck - Issuing w/o to open curb cuts as they're blocked by compacted snow and ice. Impossible to bypass if you're handicapped.

~MD

Snow/Ice (Work Order)

History of Orders on Property:

Legislative Hearing Notes (if any)

Delete the assessment.

T. S. Kresko appeared.

Mr. Kresko asked what the assessment is for. Ms. Moermond replied that it looks as though it's for snow removal.

Inspector Essling reported that the assessment for 1099 Woodbridge is for snow/ice on the public sidewalk. The property is a registered Vacant Building. The Orders were mailed December 22, 2010 with a compliance date of December 25, 2010. It was re-checked December 27, 2010 and found to be in non-compliance. A Work Order was sent to Parks and the work was done January 5, 2011. It looks as though the work crew found that the walk had been cleared but they salted and sanded at a cost of \$80 plus a service charge of \$140 for a total of \$220.

They viewed the video which showed that both corners had not been cleared, so the City cleared them.

Mr. Kresko stated that the snow on the boulevard is the City's snow. One of the problems with that corner is that the kids meet there for the bus each morning. By the time he gets there, the snow is all padded down. What the City cleared there in the video is all City-plowed snow. He had bought a new snow blower but it couldn't get through the chunks of snow/ice, especially when it's all padded down. He makes sure that the sidewalk on both sides of his corner house is clear.

Ms. Moermond stated that City snow is rather a strange term. Everyone is responsible for cleaning out their own driveway, and similar to a driveway is this corner that needs to be opened up. The fact that kids get picked-up there makes it all the more important that it get cleared out so that kids aren't climbing huge snow banks in order to get into the bus. Perhaps, he may need icebreaker tools, as well as a snow blower, in order to open up the corner. She is looking for a commitment from Mr. Kresko to keep the corner open. Mr. Kresko said that he would.

Ms. Moermond will recommend deleting the assessment.