

## McMonigal-St Dennis, Barb (CI-StPaul)

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**From:** James & Karen Underwood <jkuhome@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 12:43 AM  
**To:** McMonigal-St Dennis, Barb (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** Sound Level Variance

We received the notice about the Insituform work on Geranium Ave. between Edgerton and Payne.

Knowing that comments more often are negative, I thought we should comment on this.

- 1) We think it's pretty ridiculous to need a public hearing for something like this. And it seems as if this adds to the cost.
- 2) It's for only 24 hours, with every effort to keep noise to the necessary minimum.
- 3) From the description of the noise, seems as if it's not uncommon in the city, without all this rigamarole.
- 4) It's necessary maintenance! What's the alternative? Wait until the sewer main collapses and we have a sinkhole?
- 5) So please, go ahead and grant the variance(s)!

For context, I'll note that James works a split shift that starts quite early in the morning, so he generally takes a midday nap. Nevertheless, we all agree this work should be done without impediment.

And may I add that I think this public hearing requirement is another example of St. Paul codes and ordinances going a bit overboard on protectionism, inadvertently to the detriment of the public good.

Sincerely,

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