City of Saint Paul



Staff Report

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Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 1039 Hudson Road for Project #: J1102B, Assessment #: 118007 in Ward 7

Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation

Recommends reducing the assessment from \$520.20 to \$260.10.

Tax Assessment Worksheet

Cost: \$3	80.20
Service Charge:	\$140.00
Total Assessment:	\$520.20
Gold Card Returned by:	
Type of Order/Fee:	Emergency boarding
Nuisance:	Not secure from illegal entry
Date of Orders:	n/a
Compliance Date:	n/a
Re-Check Date:	n/a
Date Work Done:	09.04.10
Invoice #: 76	88
Returned Mail?:	No
Comments:	Traffic accident in which a vehicle hit commercial building
History of Orders on Property: n/a	
Legislative Hearing Notes 2/1/11	
Leo Ng appeared.	

Inspector Essling reported that this is an assessment for an Emergency Boarding for a

commercial building at 1039 Hudson Road. The building was struck by a vehicle. The responding Police called for an emergency contractor, who secured the building after the accident for a cost of \$380.20 plus a service charge of \$140 for a total of \$520.20. He entered into the record the public version of the police report. The file is still open. The accident took place at 8:13 p.m., September 4, 2010. Mr. Ng entered a photo.

Ms. Moermond asked Mr. Ng whether he has filed an insurance claim. Mr. Ng responded that the driver of the car has no insurance and Mr. Ng has only liability on the property.

Mr. Ng is appealing because the police did not call him and his neighbor wanted to call me but the police said, "No." So, Mr. Ng could not do the boarding. The neighbor called him later telling him the business had been boarded. Ms. Moermond noted that she cannot find in the file that the police called Channel 5 to find out who the key box holder was. Mr. Essling will secure the non-public police record to find out more details and get back to Ms. Moermond. Mr. Ng said that he would have boarded up the building himself for less than \$50 had he been aware of the break-in before the emergency contractor was called. Mr. Ng stated that there was \$14,000 damage. Ms. Moermond noted that insurance would cover this since he is a victim of a crime.

Ms. Moermond will recommend the assessment be divided in half.