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Minutes - Final

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To be conducted remotely

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Review Request to an Appeal of Angela Burton to Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during December 2020 at 104 LARPENTEUR AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2107B, Assessment No. 218106).

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Delete the assessment.

Angela Burton, owner, appeared via phone
Charles appeared via phone

[Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Staff report by Supervisor Joe Yannarely: on December 22, 2020 at 1:40 am the St. Paul Police Department called for an emergency board up for a 4x8 boarding. The cost of this boarding was for a total assessment of \$496.

Moermond: so \$250 for them to show up, \$84 for supplies, plus the \$162 administrative fees. This sounds dramatic, what happened Ms. Burton?

Burton: it was like 4 in the morning. It wasn't at 1:00. They had put a board up that was not even secure. There was no reason for the windows to be busted, and I'm appealing because I cannot afford the cost of the City charging me for the board. The board wasn't even up secure. It did make holes in my siding and with the replacement of window and damage within the house there is no way I can afford this payment at all. I had to actually have the family members come over to put plastic up because it wasn't even covering the windows. [muffled background talking]

Moermond: if someone else wants to talk I'm happy to talk to whoever

Burton: I thought they did, but they say they don't. I started having issues with my washing machine, vents were removed from my wall. They had been removed before. There was so much insulation from the attic all throughout the house.

Moermond: can you describe to me the story of what's going on? We have something going on December 21 and 22 of last year. What was going on at the house? The order of events?

Burton: I can only tell you the beginning because was taken from my house and not

allowed back in. I had the door open and an officer asked me if he could come in and search it. I told him yes and had the door wide open. I put my jacket on and after that I don't know what happened. All I know is I came into a destroyed home.

[Charles comes on the phone]

Charles: a murder had happened. That's the reason everything came to happen. The police wanted to know if the suspect was inside the house. They removed her from the house, she kept telling them no one was in the house and no one saw any weapons. They came through the window.

Moermond: did they find someone in the house?

Charles: no, no one was here.

Moermond: that's relieving she wasn't in the house with a stranger hiding there. That's a relief. So she had to leave because it was a crime scene?

Charles: when they asked her to come, she came out. She explained to them the front door was open and you don't have to do any of these things. I guess they told her what they were going to do. She gave them permission to enter the house but they entered the house they wanted to.

Moermond: what I don't have is a police report that describes the situation well, unfortunately. Sometimes they write up their perspective clearly. In this case, probably because it is a murder investigation, they are holding that privately. I can't tell from their write-up what is going on. The police report only says death investigation. The only reasonable part was if they felt like the front door needed to be secured they could have done that, but the other piece is the window here. It doesn't make sense the way it is being described. I'll recommend this assessment is deleted. She shouldn't hear anything more about it.

Burton: thank you, thank you.

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