



City of Saint Paul

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Staff Report

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Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 206 AVON STREET NORTH for Project #: J1109A,
Assessment #: 118023 in Ward 1

..Property Address

Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation

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Tax Assessment Worksheet

Cost: \$320.00

Service Charge: \$140.00

Total Assessment: \$460.00

Gold Card Returned by: John Robichaud

Type of Order/Fee: Snow letter

Nuisance: snow walk

Date of Orders: 12.22.10

Compliance Date: 12.25.10

Re-Check Date: 12.29.10

Date Work Done: 12.30.10

Work Order #: 10-939175

Returned Mail?: No

Comments:

History of Orders on Property:

Legislative Hearing Notes 3/2/11

Approve the assessment.

John Robichaud appeared.

Inspector Essling reported that this assessment is for snow removal from the public sidewalk at 206 Avon Street. The letter was mailed on December 22, 2010 with a compliance date of December 25, 2010. It was re-inspected on December 29, 2010 and found to be in non-compliance. A Work Order was sent to Parks and the work was done on December 30, 2010 for a cost of \$320 plus \$140 service charge for a total of \$460. The letter was sent to John Robichaud, 1237 Nursery Hill Lane, New Brighton, the Occupant and Jeff Scott, Founders' Lane, Saint Paul. Mr. Essling commented that the large charge implies that the City removed quite a lot of snow. Mr. Robichaud replied that they also removed part of his lawn as well as put a chip in the sidewalk. He noted that he is in the process of selling the home and he has asked the City to repair it. He continued to say that the day he opened his mail and received the Notice, he went to the house the next day and found that the City had already done the work. He thinks that the City gave him too short a period of time for him to actually respond to the Notice. He certainly would have done the work if he had enough time.

Ms. Moermond asked the appellant his address to which Mr. Robichaud replied, "1237 Nursery Hill Lane, New Brighton." Ms. Moermond noted that the letter was mailed on December 22 and the crew did the work on December 30, 2010. Mr. Robichaud responded that it didn't seem like adequate time - the Christmas holidays were in there. He feels that there are three (3) issues here: 1) not proper notification to get the work done; 2) excessive cost; and 3) City damaged his property as a result.

They viewed the video.

Ms. Moermond stated that a lot of work needed to be done. One week notice was provided to the owner's address and the Occupant, along with another address and there was no returned mail. If Mr. Robichaud feels that there was damage to his property, he will need to file a claim against the City for the cost of those repairs. Ms. Moermond will recommend approval.