



# City of Saint Paul

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## Minutes - Final

### Legislative Hearings

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Tuesday, May 16, 2017

9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House

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- 10     [RLH TA 17-203](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 880 ROSE AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1707E, Assessment No. 178307)

**Sponsors:**     Bostrom

*Jason P. Zimlich, owner, appeared.*

*Ms. Moermond:*

*-we talked with you in Dec 2016; Council Jan 4, 2017; at that time, we talked about getting 75% of storage on the roof of the garage addition removed by Feb 1, 2017; the balance of the items on the roof needed to be removed by Mar 1, 2017; the illegal storage on the ground was to be decreased by 50% by Apr 1, 2017 beginning with the storage under the garage addition & the balance of the illegally stored items should be removed by May 1, 2017*  
*-as a condition of doing all of those extensions, the bldg inspection of the garage should occur by Jun 1, 2017 in order to ensure it's long term structural stability*  
*-today, we have an Excessive Consumption assessment*

*Supervisor Paula Seeley:*

*-Excessive Consumption fee of \$155 for failure to clean-up debris in yard sent Dec 1, 2016; compliance Dec 9 (before you heard his appeal in Dec & set the deadline for all the other stuff)*  
*-there's been 8 re-inspections since I sent Orders; appeal was filed & the recommendation was that 75% was to be removed by Feb 1, 2017, etc.*  
*-none has been taken care of yet; I've been over there with Mr. Magner twice; very, very little progress*

*Mr. Zimlich:*

*-the reason that this extra stuff was put there in the first place was that a couple years ago when the fire marshal came to St. Casimir's Church & told them that they needed to take everything out of the basement; since I live only a block from the church, I offered a place to store those items; as a result, I got in trouble with the city for doing a good turn; has been going on for a couple years now*  
*-since then, I've talked to the parish & we've eliminated a lot of that*  
*-my garage, an old barn & carriage house, is 100 years old; the city wanted to check out the bldg because of the excessive weight of the extra storage; & to do that, I have to get rid of a lot of this stuff, which we did; the parishioners pitched in & took items that pertained to the Fall Festival*  
*-our parish will celebrate it's 125th anniversary on Dec 2, 2017; we are having a Fall Festival again*  
*-I've been agonizing about this for a couple of years; yesterday I found out that when we took all those items out of the church basement, we also took out boxes of*

artifacts, which we were unaware of & put them into my garage, too; the church committee could not find them to be used for the 125th anniversary; I told them that I found those items in my garage when I was downsizing

Ms. Moermond:

-this Ex Con bill was generated from too many inspections that had occurred before you & I saw each other in Dec 2016 and made that schedule for decreasing the volume of materials

-I would like to have a hearing & review where we're at with getting the volume of things decreased according to the Resolution that the Council adopted because the dept has to take action to complete the clean up of the property if you have not done so

-the deadlines for all the clean-up have come & gone at this point; the Jun 1 deadline was for getting an inspection for the structure of the garage

-on May 30, 2017 LH at 11 am, all that we're going to talk about is whether or not things were done; we will not do new extensions or anything like that; then, I'll send a Resolution to City Council that will say either, "Yes or No" -that goal was/wasn't met; once that Resolution is adopted, the inspectors will send work crews out there to complete the clean-up, which will include the interior of the garage as well as the exterior because we've determined that there's structural concerns that we need to see

Mr. Zimlich:

-everything heavy that was on top has been taken out; on the main floor, I have my personal storage & the kids' personal storage

-when I talked to the inspectors, they said that in order to check the stability of the bldg, they'd need access to both sides of the garage so that they could make sure everything's sound; so, if they came right now to my garage, the outside walls are open; what's left in the middle of the garage is our personal storage

Ms. Moermond:

-we can talk about that on May 30 & Ms. Seeley can bring back a report on each of those items

-we will do a making/finding Resolution

-we will hold off on this EC fee

Ms. Seeley:

-Mr. Wagner & I will need more than just a 2-ft path on the sides; I think that it needs to be cleaned out completely before May 30.

Mr. Zimlich:

-it can't be done

Ms. Moermond:

-keep going on what you're doing; your sons & daughters need to get rid of their belongings

-the city crew will come & take everything if you & your children have not removed those items

Mr. Zimlich:

-I'm really trying; what we've saved is only the stuff we want; it's all on the concrete floor

Ms. Moermond:

-I will look at photos, get staff reports on May 30 & come up with an assessment of the situation

*Layover to find out the progress of the debris and clean-up. Inspector will take photos prior to May 30 hearing.*

**Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 5/30/2017**