

995 N Milton - 2-20-18 MIN

Ron Stahley appeared o/b/o Patricia Fuchs, owner.

Ms. Moermond: let's take a pause to get an appeal form filled out & let's get a copy of the VB Registration; then, we'll do a hearing; in the meantime, we'll trust that the \$25 has been filed; if it hasn't, we are very good at finding people

Mr. Stahley: the \$25 was a check from Patricia Fuchs

Matt Dornfeld, Vacant Building Program: DSI received a water disconnect complaint from St. Paul Regional Water Service on Dec 7, 2017; Inspector Martin researched that & found that there had been very little to no usage since Apr 2017; she issued a Correction Notice with a 7-day compliance; there was no compliance/response; Insp Martin Condemned the property for lack of water & transferred it to VB; VB Insp Rick Gavin opened a Category 1 VB on Dec 18, 2017 & we've been monitoring it since then -we had a snow/ice complaint & a Work Order on Dec 26, 2017; and again on Feb 6, 2018, which was abated

-it is still a VB 1 since early Dec 2017

-Insp Gavin documented that the exterior is in fair condition

-the VB fee has gone to assessment as of Feb 1, 2018

Ms. Moermond: Ms. Fuchs may have come in to file an appeal but it was past the time that we would accept it; so, she may have been sent away

Mr. Stahley: well, I came in & filed the appeal but they didn't say anything about that at the time; I understand that it is & clearly she was overwhelmed with this stuff & now, she's feeling better & wants to get back into the property; the smoke detectors are up; water was paid for but they can't come out until tomorrow

-right now, she's in a rehab apartment unit above Hamline; she was counting on her kids to take care of this stuff but they completely failed her

-she is receiving the letters but just didn't know what to do with them; overwhelmed by the situation & didn't realize that there was a \$2100 bill at the end of it; she's been unable to live alone for quite a while but she's now on the road to recovery & wants to be able to move back into her house

-I'm here about the fee if there's some way that we can get the VB fee waived or adjusted

-she became sick in Apr 2017 & has been in & out of the hospital & tried to go home; the doctor didn't like that she was at home so, they put her into transitional care

-she is my son's high school friend's mother

Ms. Moermond: I will give her a 90-day VB fee waiver & give her time to re-establish her residency

Mr. Stahley: she should be back in the house within a week unless her water heater blew up; it depends on how well they winterized the house

Mr. Dornfeld: it's already been assessed

Ms. Mai Vang: and that hearing is scheduled for Apr 3, 2018 LH with CC public hearing May 16, 2018

Ms. Moermond: once it's gone to assessment, you can still pull permits; so, if a permit needs to be pulled, you should be OK; 90 days will take us until then anyway; so she'll get the assessment letter in

the mail & we'll see if residency has been re-established at that time; if it has, then the fee will just be deleted

-when she gets the letter, have her send back the yellow post card & write the following note on it:
"I've moved back in as of _____." We'll also have the record from this hearing & we can DELETE the VB fee assessment at that time

-the LH will be Apr 3, 2018 at 9 am

Ms. Moermond: note from staff: the guy dropped off an appeal on someone else's behalf but didn't leave any of his own contact information. After he dropped it off, I realized it was too late for him to file the appeal; the fee had already gone to assessment. I called the Appellant, whose contact information was on the form. I told her it was too late to appeal and she could appeal when she got the assessment notice. She asked me to tear up the check. She apparently didn't communicate with the person who filed the appeal. Again, the appeal form had only her contact information. The check was under her name.