Saint Paul Regional Water Services November 12, 2019

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 19-1974

Pertaining to a settlement of a claim by Oran H. Chan regarding a loss at 1309 Cleveland Avenue South in the City of Saint Paul, MN.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Staff and the Office of Risk Management is recommending that \$9,800.00 be paid to Oran H. Chan as final settlement of a claim for property damages that occurred at the time of a water main replacement (Work Order 1801636) resulting in a claim received on March 12, 2019 of a sewer failure at 1309 Cleveland Avenue South.

Summary of Incident and Claim

On October 9, 2018 sewage backed up in the basement of 1309 Cleveland Avenue South and a private plumbing company was called in to clean and unclog the sewer line. During this cleaning, the sewer line was found to be collapsed ninety feet from the home. A private contractor was hired to perform the required repairs and replacement. Upon excavation, it was noted that the water main replacement work performed in the right-of-way caused the failure of the sewer line serving the property. Multiple photographs show the collapse of the sewer line directly underneath the newly replaced water main. The claim includes an attempted clean out of the sewer line (\$300) on October 10th and the cost of replacement of the sewer line from the main to the home (\$9,500) on October 16th.

SPRWS accepts responsibility for the damage to the sewer line, therefore at this time, Saint Paul Office of Risk Management recommends \$9,800.00 be paid to Oran H. Chan as final settlement of a claim for property damage related to this incident.

RECOMMENDATION

Board approval is recommended.