

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 20-1430

Pertaining to a settlement of a claim by Jeanne Swintosky regarding a loss at 1527 Cumberland Street in the City of Saint Paul, MN.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Staff and the Office of Risk Management is recommending that \$8,186.00 be paid to Jeanne Swintosky as final settlement of a claim for property damages that occurred at the time of a hydrant replacement (Work Order 2002234) resulting in a claim for the costs of a sewer failure at 1527 Cumberland Street.

Summary of Incident and Claim

On July 10, 2020 sewage backed up in the basement of 1527 Cumberland Street 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 fifty-five feet from the home. A private contractor was hired to perform the required repairs and replacement. Upon excavation, it was noted that the hydrant replacement work performed in the right-of-way caused the failure of the sewer line serving the property. The claim includes installation of a 4-inch clean out access (\$488), an attempted clean out of the sewer line (\$198), and the cost of replacement of the sewer line from the main to the home (\$7,500).

SPRWS accepts responsibility for the damage to the sewer line, therefore at this time, Saint Paul Office of Risk Management recommends \$8,186.00 be paid to Jeanne Swintosky as final settlement of a claim for property damage related to this incident.

RECOMMENDATION

Board approval is recommended.