

SUNDRY CLAIMS
January 13, 2020

Mr. Stelmaschuk called the Sundry Claims Board Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Mr. Stelmaschuk, present; Mr. Pfaff, present; Mr. Knotek, present; Mrs. Knotek, present.

Administration: Mr. Schroedel, present; Mr. Yelenosky, present; Mr. Price, present; Mr. Pavlica, present, Mrs. Dunlap, present.

Mr. Ron Salerno, present; Mr. Dave Kaminski, present for the claimant.

Mr. Stelmaschuk asked Mr. Ron Salerno to come forward and state his claim.

Mr. Salerno stated that he lives just below the pump station at 5718 Loripat Drive which is the lowest point on their street. The pump failed and he guesses that the alarm was not responded to. He guesses that that is the first time that that has happened. A gentleman showed up and said that this is our fault or our mistake, this shouldn't have happened and in talking to some folks when the houses at the bottom of the street or below the pump station, at least the house at the very bottom which is theirs should have had a back flow preventer out at the street in case there was ever a failure. He doesn't know if that is a city protocol now when that is the case but he guesses that he is here for two things. One to see what he can do. He has an \$1828 bill to come clean the sewage from his basement and remove that and sanitize the basement. Fortunately, he didn't have much in the way of lost personal items. It is not a finished basement. That is why he is here. He has a copy of the invoice from ServPro that did the removal of the waste and the cleaning of the waste and then he was told to bring a copy of the declaration page from his homeowner's insurance which he presented and he is still holding out on payment to ServPro. They have been very kind to say they will wait until they hear back from the city and what the ultimate result is there.

Mr. Schroedel stated that what happened that night was that there was a malfunction in the pump. There was some grease build-up on the float and the float didn't trigger the alarm in a timely fashion and the high water alert didn't communicate. It was two unrelated problems that unfortunately combined to a back-up in Mr. Salerno's home. He did speak with our city insurance and they called him and we sent them all the documents that they requested and recommended to them that they should pay this. Unfortunately, despite that they did not. Currently our Asst. Foreman is working with several plumbing companies to look into installing a back flow preventer. We did examine outside the house where we usually put the back flows and the topography and the depth of the pipe is not going to allow one to go on the outside so he doesn't know if they contacted him yet but we will need to go in the basement and evaluate putting one where the pipe enters the house. We have done that on several occasions in the past. If we do that we can use the old back flow preventer program that the city had where the resident pays \$600 and he thinks that the last time we did one, it was about \$2500 so the city would pick up the balance and that should. He doesn't expect this event to happen again but even if we did have it happen again that back flow preventer would prevent it from going into his house.

Mrs. Knotek asked if Mr. Schroedel stated that the city is going to put in the back flow preventer.

Mr. Schroedel stated that is what they are looking at doing. We have to have a plumber go out and we have contacted several and it is just a logistics thing trying to get them out there and he would assume the Mr. Salerno will be contacted if not this week then next week to set up a time that they can get in the house and take a look.

Mr. Stelmaschuk stated just for clarification for the Board on that, that is a separate entity that the city provides for problematic areas or residences. That really, he is trying to get compensation for his cleaning bill.

Mr. Knotek stated that he thinks that this well be a big help to him so that this never happens again.

Mr. Pfaff stated that he had spoken with the Knotek's earlier so he is going to deviate a little from that but after listening to Mr. Schroedel he thinks this is probably the first time that he has heard him come and actually say that we should pay someone. Originally he thought that the bill was \$1000 but it is \$1800 and the maximum that the board can offer is \$1000 so,

Mr. Pfaff moved to pay \$1000 on this claim; seconded by Mr. Knotek. All voted in favor.

Mr. Pfaff will now take care of the communication regarding the release.

Mr. Stelmaschuk stated that with no further business to come before this Board, this meeting is adjourned.

The time was 7:22 p.m.



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