

City of Milwaukee Claim for Reimbursement

Claimant: Matthew Viney

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Date of Initial Inspection: May 30, 2024

Date of Actual Work: October 6, 2024

Amount Sought: \$21,540

Circumstances of the Claim:

Due to the lack of proper investigation by the city, we were unaware that our street had a reoccurring sinkhole which would indicate a larger underlying problem. According to records and emails from the Streets Department, the sinkhole was filled approximately three years ago, although the city failed to investigate the problem before and no dye test was performed to determine the exact cause at that time. We purchased this property and moved in December 2023, but this issue was already present when we took ownership. We were unaware of this issue because the city had failed on their obligation to investigate this properly in any of the multiple times that this sinkhole has reoccurred.

Given the pre-existing nature of the problem, the failure to conduct a proper inspection or dye test when it was first identified, and the significant financial cost we incurred, I am seeking reimbursement from the City in the amount of \$21,540.

On May 30, 2024, we were instructed by city representatives to obtain a video inspection of our sewer lateral due to ongoing issues with a sinkhole near our property. However, a house trap prevented us from obtaining the video footage, leading us to replace the house trap even though it was not strictly necessary. Our neighbor, who faced a similar issue, chose not to replace his house trap and was able to proceed with the subsequent repair of the sewer lateral. It was stated that we must remove our house trap by 7/31/2024 or face additional charges, which we have now understood was not a legal obligation. This incorrect communication incurred us additional costs.

During this period, the City also performed repairs on a deteriorating manhole near our property. The manhole's condition had caused substantial subsidence on the sidewalk and alley adjacent to 817 Otjen

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St. Our plumber, upon inspecting the work, identified that our lateral was connected with a "motor" connection, unlike the City's photos, which indicate a "wye" connection. Our plumber believes that the "wye" photographed by the City is actually an abandoned lateral in the street and not the connection to our home. Again, we were misinformed by the city.

Additionally, our plumber found evidence of a lull and crack in the sewer main between our two laterals. The city continues to deny this. Since reconnection, our neighbor at 817 Otjen St has experienced sewage backup on multiple occurrences.

Because of the negligence displayed by the city in their failure to investigate the sinkhole in the first few times that it opened, this cost fell to me in the first year of homeownership. I have an email from Brian Peska admitting that this sinkhole was not investigated in previous times that this occurred, and that it has been categorized as a sinkhole in previous times that it occurred (and not just a pothole). This problem has very clearly been present for multiple years-much longer than my residence at 807 E Otjen. Because of these failures by the city, I am seeking reimbursement for this costly repair.

Sincerely,

Matthew Viney

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

11/19/2024



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Invoiced Date: Oct 6, 2024

Due Date: Nov 18, 2024

Status: Paid

Notes:

-With the full replacement and house trap removal we can add lead lateral replacement for \$1800 more.
-This quote for replacement can work with the pipe check program working with Mr. Rooter.
-There are other requirements to get te \$7000 benefit from the program. You will likely have to put in drain tile, change some of the down spouts and pay for an eval. When someone needs the drain tiles I have noticed it ends up being about a \$2000 - \$3000 discount in the end.

If you can get your neighbor on board to do it the same time I can give you both a discount!

Sewer Lateral Repair ROW

Excavate up to 12' deep and repair broken sewer pipe. Includes ROW Restoration, permit, materials and excavation.

Item	Unit Price	Quantity	Taxed	Amount
Exterior Excavation	\$8,750.00	1.00	No	\$8,750.00
Excavate to repair sewer lateral				
Saw Cutting	\$100.00	6.00	No	\$600.00
Saw cut the concrete up to 9 inches deep. Cut the seams for full panel replacement				
Pipe Laying	\$120.00	10.00	No	\$1,200.00
Lay Sewer and Water pipe and concet to the main				
Materials	\$1,750.00	1.00	No	\$1,750.00

Item	Unit Price	Quantity	Taxed	Amount
PVC, CEMENT, SLURRY, Backfill				
Permits	\$840.00	1.00	No	\$840.00
Plumbing, ROW Excavation, ROW Restoration				
Restoration of ROW	\$1,600.00	1.00	No	\$1,600.00
lay concrete / Asphalt and retore the roadway				
CIPP Liner	\$164.00	42.70	No	\$7,002.80
Cure in Place Liner with a 50yr warranty. We will go from the driveway excavation to the sewer main in the road. This will give you like new lateral.				
Discount	\$-2,002.80	1.00	No	\$-2,002.80
Discount: bundled work with 811 Otjen.				
House Trap Removal	\$4,800.00	1.00	No	\$4,800.00
Excavate up to 5ft down in a trench 4ft by 5ft and under the footer up to 12 inches to replace the house trap with strait 6 inch SCH40 PVC. Backfill with gravel, lay cement and clean.				
Discount	\$-3,000.00	1.00	No	\$-3,000.00
Discount: trap work bundled with lateral work				

Thank you for your business!

Subtotal	\$21,540.00
Total	\$21,540.00
Amount Paid	\$21,540.00
Amount Due	\$0.00