

Lori Sheeley
City Clerks Office
ATTN: Claims
200 East Wells Street, Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3567

Dear Ms. Sheeley:

You and I (*Tom Ryan*) have talked about this matter in some detail as it relates to the damage caused by the city to the property at 3836 S. Pine Ave., Milwaukee 53207 owned by Christine Zuba.

A detailed explanation was submitted as per the instructions for filing a claim for damages caused by the city, however it appears that the letter with the details and photos have not been received into or through the proper channels and as you and I discussed, perhaps we have to now go through that process all over again. There is a concern on my part as the copy of those documents that I had on my computer apparently have been accidentally deleted, however I'm convinced that through your process and your means that you can talk with the public works department and or the departments that are responsible for the water system going to and coming from the above-mentioned home for details.

I would like to take this opportunity to recap briefly on what occurred in hopes that it'll refresh your memory so the claim process can be initiated. The facts occurred in this fashion: the city came to clear a sewer that was located in front of Ms. Zuba's home at the above address and in that process accidentally broke a water line, that in turn led to the street being dug up along with the curb and the grass in front of the home down to the sewer level to repair the sewer and repair the water line. The inspector at the time said that Miss Zuba would be responsible for some \$1800 in copper pipe being installed from her home to the street connection replacing her now current metal pipe.

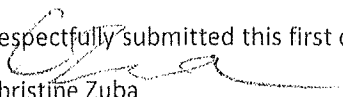
Her position is simple: she did not cause this damage the city did, this wasn't a scheduled or required change based on doing away with the old lead pipe's, and lead pipes may not be removed in this area for years to come, there was no issue with the pipes until the city damaged her water line, making the damages the fault of the city and therefore making the repairs the responsibility of the city as well.

The argument that the lead pipe would have to be removed at some point and copper pipe installed doesn't (*excuse the pun*) hold water! It could be 20 years or longer before the city would have replaced the lead pipe in front of her home, by that time she very well may have moved.

To summarize, the city worker admittedly stated that he broke the water line, based on that admission, the city should bear the expense of doing the repair including replacing the lead pipe with the copper pipe coming from her home to the street connection.

Please advise as to your intent and direction,

Respectfully submitted this first day of September 2022


Christine Zuba
3836 South Pine Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53207

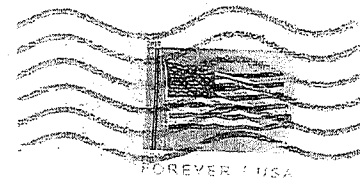
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