

September 13, 2017

Jim Owczanski 200 E. Wells St. Room 205 Milwaukee, WI 53202 RECEIVED

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OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

Dear Jim Owczanski:

I purchased 1230 E. Singer Circle in 2016. For the past year we have had standing water around the catch basin in the parking lot on the northwest side of the building and this summer I decided to resolve the issue.

I first contacted Roto-Rooter (see invoice #233396 on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, enclosed) to jet out the storm pipe. Roto-Rooter could only get 20'-30' from the catch basin. Roto-Rooter also jetted back from the street manhole towards the catch basin but couldn't get the pipe cleaned. They suggested that the pipe was probably collapsed.

My next step was to contact Senn Plumbing to arrange a visual confirmation. The plumber showed up with a camera on August 11, 2017, and could get the camera in around 20' but he couldn't see anything because the pipe was full of muck. The plumber called me with the suggestion of excavating the pipe to search for a break.

On August 21, 2017, the plumber showed up with an excavator and an excavation was done from the parking lot catch basin 60' south towards the street. The pipe was intact so the plumber cut and removed a 20' section of a 10" cast iron pipe. The plumber then called Plugged Pipe LLC to come out to jet the pipe so that all the debris within the pipe could be pulled out. It was jetted multiple times from the opened access point as well as from the man hole in the road. The camera was then run through the pipe but still couldn't see anything as there was too much muck. The pipe remained plugged. The 20' section of pipe that had been cut out was then replaced with PVC piping by the plumber and the excavation site was filled back in. It was determined that the pipe was now clear from the parking lot catch basin south to within 4' north of the city owned light pole, but plugged from that point to the street.

On Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the plumber and excavator returned to dig the front yard to expose the pipe to the street. They found that a city owned street light had been installed through the 12" cast iron storm sewer pipe. The plumber contacted the City of Milwaukee and the City sent two employees from the sewer department. The plumber placed his camera through the pipe to show the City employee that the light pole was placed through the storm pipe. The excavator filled the hole back in because the City needed confirmation from City Lighting Engineering.

Nick from Engineering went to the site on Thursday, August 31, 2017, to observe the site and take pictures. He then called me and the plumber to arrange to meet the next Wednesday, September, 5, 2017, so that he could observe the light pole in the pipe after the area had been excavated.

On Wednesday, September 6, 2017, the plumber and excavator showed up to excavate the site again for Nick from Engineering. He showed up and confirmed that the city light pole had been installed in the storm pipe. The plumber then cut a 4' section that included the hole from the light post and replaced it with PVC piping. After the repair, the excavator filled the hole in again as the plumbing inspector was unavailable until the next day to inspect the repair job.

On Thursday, September 7, 2017, the plumber and excavator returned to excavate the site and wait for the plumbing inspector. After the plumbing inspector observed the repair and signed off on the repair, the excavator filled the hole back in and the job was complete.

DAK Properties is requesting full reimbursement from the City for the diagnosis, excavation and plumbing repair of the storm pipe at 1230 E. Singer Circle due to a city light placed in the pipe which caused all of the aforementioned damages, see below.

1) Roto-rooter on 8/2/2017

\$425.00

2) Senn Plumbing on 8/28/2017

\$6,400.00

3) Senn Plumbing on 9/12/2017

\$7,770.00

\$14,595.00

Enclosed are all invoices associated with the job.

Sincerely,

**DAK Properties** 

By: David Erlandson Office: 414-351-1232

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TRIED TO WATER JET C/B LINE BY DUMPSTER TO POLE ALSO TRIED TO JET FROM M/H BACK TOWARD C/B GOT TO POLE AND COULD HEAR TIP CLINKING ON POLE

425.00

SUBTOTAL

425.00

TOTAL

425.00

Senn Plumbing and Heating LLC

7017 N. Berwyn Ave Glendale, WI 53209

Phone: (414) 736-8603

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7448 N. Teutonia Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53209

Payment Terms

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Date

7 Days

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09/12/2017

Description

Total

Storm Sewer

\$7,770.00

8/30- excavate pipe at front of building. Determined city light pole going through pipe. Backfill

9/6- excavate pipe. City light crew pulled light pole. Continue excavation. Called Nick and sent multiple pictures. Waited for him to inspect and verify it was their light pole going through pipe. Cut out 4' section of 12" cast iron pipe that was broken and replaced with 12"pvc. Backfill

9/7- excavate pipe for plumbing excavation. Backfill excavation after inspection

\$7,770.00 Subtotal

Total

\$7,770.00

Summary

\$0.00 Paid

**Amount Due** 

\$7,770.00