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THIS MEETING WAS HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM.

Minutes of the Streets Committee Meeting held July 27, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. Present were Chairman Van Treuren, Mr. Janik, Mr. Cowger, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Heberling. Also present were Council President Wasilk, Mayor Costilow, Safety Service Director Jeffreys, Treasurer Ramsey, Auditor Pittak, Law Director Pecora, Assistant Law Director Ward. Also present via ZOOM were Building Inspector Macartney, Mr. Michael Ferraro, and Ms. Elizabeth Thomas.

A-20-27 2019 Sidewalk Property Owner Assessment Objections
 2019 Sidewalk Program assessment parcel totals

Mayor Costilow introduced the topic. Mr. Ward explained the proper protocol.

Mr. Ferraro explained why he felt he should not pay for this \$238 assessment. He provided a video of the sidewalk and driveway to explain his position. There were many questions by Council members. Mr. Ferraro has no problems with paying for the one section. Mr. Cowger felt the responsibility of matching sidewalk color should have fallen on the contractor. Mr. Cowger motioned to deny the request. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-1 with Mr. Janik voting no.

Mr. Ward said Council's recommendations will need an ordinance. Mr. Wachholz motioned that this denial be moved to the floor of Council. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Roll call vote 6-1 with Mr. Janik voting no.

Ms. Thomas detailed her objection. Also, she did not receive the notice of the lower amount assessment of \$140. Mr. Macartney explained about how the original invoice was adjusted and lowered. Ms. Thomas said she never received the corrected invoice. She has no objection to the lower amount. Discussion on the invoice.

Mr. Cowger motioned to move to the floor of council to deny the request and the amounts will stand at \$140 as provided by the Building Department to close any loops. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Mr. Dembinski agreed with Mr. Cowger's assessment to move this on to the floor of Council. Mr. Macartney said the second invoice was not sent as a registered letter, so he has no proof if she had received it. But they can work with her. Roll call vote 6-1 with Mr. Janik voting no

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adjourn. Second by Mr. Janik. Mr. Janik explained why he voted no. There is a section of sidewalk on N. Woodhill that needs to be replaced. The neighbors have pointed it out to him. He can't support this as it's not consistent. Mr. Macartney explained why this section of N. Woodhill was not done. It was on the list but the contractors that the homeowner hired did not come to do the job - they were called twice. He invited Mr. Janik to come to his office and discuss this matter. Mr. Cowger felt this is not the subject at hand. He felt this has nothing to do with the subject on the agenda. Roll call vote 7-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

Phil Van Treuren, Chairman
Streets Committee