

Sonja Birr

From: Greg Minikel
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 2:31 PM
To: David Soeldner
Cc: Dan Koski; Sonja Birr; Steve Corbeille; Jennifer Hudon; Karen Dorow
Subject: RE: Payment Plan--Special Assessment for Seal Coating
Attachments: Municipal Code Section 7.285 & 7.320.pdf

Hi Dave,

Prior to 2010, the assessment rate was a fixed rate fee of \$1.50/LF of frontage regardless of the street width or the amount of the bid. Most frontages for the slurry sealing were 50 to 100 feet. So, at that time, the total assessment bill would have been in the range of \$75 to \$150. For special assessments to be put on a 5 Yr. payment plan, the outstanding balance had to be more than \$250. Therefore, in the past there was no need for a 5 yr. payment plan.

However, now that we are assessing based on 80% the total project cost including the preparation work, we are having many bills in the \$500 to \$1,000 range.

We would also suggest that you talk to Steve Corbeille regarding the assessment bills being due in the same year as the construction, as this policy was from the Finance Office and/or Finance Committee.

Jennifer Hudon informed Sonja and I that these are special charges and not special assessments. I believe that this is because slurry sealing or seal coating is not listed in the Municipal Code Section 7.285. See attached.

Perhaps this issue needs to be revisited. Let us know if you have any additional questions. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: David Soeldner
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 2:30 PM
To: Dan Koski; Greg Minikel; Sonja Birr
Subject: Payment Plan--Special Assessment for Seal Coating

Hi Sonja, Greg, and Dan,

I believe that Ald. Sitkiewitz already contacted you about this, but he has a constituent who received an assessment for seal coating, and is being told that the fee is not eligible for the 5 year payment plan. All of our other assessments are eligible for the payment plan, right? Was the exclusion of the seal coating simply an oversight from a couple years ago when we changed the reimbursement mechanism for seal coating?

Thanks,

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