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From:

Lee Kummer - D5

Sent:

Tuesday, May 29, 2018 8:55 AM

To: Cc: Sonja Birr Greg Minikel

Subject:

Fwd: Flooding Due to Sewer Issue

Please add this to the next agenda. Thanks again, Lee

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mary Benson < ilovejesus 143@hotmail.com>

Date: May 23, 2018 at 9:00:54 AM CDT

To: "lkummer@manitowoc.org" < lkummer@manitowoc.org>, Greg Minikel

<gminikel@manitowoc.org>

Subject: Re: Flooding Due to Sewer Issue

Thank you Greg for your detailed response. I am very dismayed that this issue has been going on for 16 years because the railroad does not want to fix something of theirs that is broke. What is being done to have the railroad fix their broken culvert so it stops affecting Manitowoc City residents and their homes. If they haven't fixed it in 16 years that means it's most likely not going to get fixed.

My neighbor checked the beehive cover when it rained last & it is not keeping the debris from building up so if we get another heavy downpour we'll have the same issue.

If the sewer system on Rapids gets put in in 2019 that is another year & longer for it to be up & running.

There seems to be bandaids for this problem but no real fix in place. Meanwhile for the next couple years I will have water up to my house affecting my foundation & resulting in wet walls/water in my basement. Apparently the residents have been told that it's being worked on for the last 16 yrs with nothing done to address the real issue.

Is there something that can be done to divert the water out of my yard because another year or two is not okay?

Thank you, Mary Benson

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From: Greg Minikel <gminikel@manitowoc.org>

Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 3:38:06 PM

To: Lee Kummer - D5; Mary Benson

Cc: Dan Koski; Chad Scheinoha; Billy Hutterer; Mike Zimmer; Bill Jindra

Subject: RE: Flooding Due to Sewer Issue

Hi Lee,

I did contact Mary via e-mail last week that we were going to look at the issue and that we would likely put it on the June 6th PI Comm. Agenda.

I was also talking to Bill Jindra and he feels that the railroad's blocked culvert off of Custer Ln. is contributing to this problem. I wanted to walk this area, but did not get there yet. This culvert has been a problem since about 2002 and the City has been trying to get the RR to replace it for the past 16 years. This is the same one we are working on with Mike Engelbrecht on Custer Ln.

Hopefully, the Railroad will be replacing the plugged culvert sometime this year. They have an approved plan and the necessary permits. They just need to fund it.

I also checked the 2007 Televising Reports for the 54 inch storm sewer that runs thru their yards and crosses the railroad tracks. The City's storm sewer pipe is in very good condition.

The other issue as I understand it, was that the manhole cover in the backyard was a flat top open grate which easily plugs up with debris. It is also my understanding that Billy at DPI installed a new bee-hive grate which should not plug-up as easily.

Another point I would like to make, is that it is my understanding that when the County reconstructs Rapids Rd. in 2019, there will be a new storm sewer along Rapids Rd. that will take the storm water run-off from Custer St. to the Railroad Tracks and it will be redirected to the north along Rapids Rd. to the Manitowoc River in lieu of this stormwater running down the railroad ditch as it does now.

If the CN Railroad replaces their culvert and the County gets the new storm sewers installed, I am hopeful that this problem will be greatly reduced.

From: Lee Kummer - D5

Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 8:54 AM

To: Mary Benson

Cc: Dan Koski; Greg Minikel

Subject: Re: Flooding Due to Sewer Issue

Hi Mary. I apologize for the delayed response, we were on vacation until this past Friday and we had limited internet access. I am forwarding your email to Dan Koski and Greg Minikel with the city and hope to back in touch with you within the next day or two. I would be happy to stop by and look at the problem first hand. Is there a time of day and day of this week that works better on your end for me to visit? Lee

On May 9, 2018, at 11:10 PM, Mary Benson < ilovejesus143@hotmail.com > wrote:

I recently bought a condo at 4134 Ray St. and due to the recent rain/melting weather conditions realized there is an issue with the drainage system. Apparently there was a drain 5 houses down that collapsed several years ago & has never been repaired or replaced. As a result the water & debris runs down behind the properties (along the RR tracks) and collects in our yards (the other drain located at 4140 gets clogged with debris and the water can't get in the drain). As you can see on the attached pictures the water comes all the way up to my house foundation as it flows like a river out to the street. The street also floods and seems unable to drain all the water. This problem has happened several times in the last 4 months and needs to be addressed as it is affecting the foundation of my home and water is coming in through the basement bricks. I would like to have some landscaping work done in my yard and cannot afford to have it washed away.

I look forward to hearing from you on a solution for this concerning problem.

Mary Benson 4134 Ray St. 920-901-9227 This is also affecting Karen & Jerry Herman, 4140 Ray St. 682-6405 and Kathy Kohls 4138 Ray St. 686-1569

From: Mary Benson < ilovejesus143@hotmail.com >

Sent: Sunday, May 6, 2018 10:05 PM

To: Mary Benson Subject: Re: Flooding

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From: Mary Benson < ilovejesus143@hotmail.com >

Sent: Sunday, May 6, 2018 10:03:11 PM

To: ilovejesus143@hotmail.com

Subject: Flooding

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From:

Greg Minikel

Sent:

Thursday, May 17, 2018 10:16 AM

To:

'Mary Benson'

Cc:

Dan Koski; Sonja Birr; Bill Jindra; Chad Scheinoha; Billy Hutterer

Subject:

RE: Flooding Due to Sewer Issue

Hi Mary,

I did get your e-mails.. I am just very busy.

I believe that we will likely place this issue on the June 6th Public Infrastructure Committee to discuss it with them.

I am aware of some of the issues out here, but I would like to walk and view the area myself.

From: Mary Benson [mailto:ilovejesus143@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 10:11 AM

To: Greg Minikel

Subject: Re: Flooding Due to Sewer Issue

Greg, just wondering if you received this Email? Please respond so I know how to proceed. Mary Benson 920.901.9227

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From: Mary Benson

Sent: Friday, May 11, 9:43 PM

Subject: Flooding Due to Sewer Issue

To: Greg Minikel

Hi Grea.

Terry Fox gave me your email and thought you could help.

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According to the property owner at 4138 this problem has been going on for years and years. She calls the Manitowoc Public Works and they come and "open" the drain, this is not fixing the problem but just band-aiding it. I do not understand why this hasn't been properly repaired by the City. In the last 5 months that I've lived here this has happened twice and needs to be addressed as it is affecting the foundation of my home - water is coming in through the basement bricks. It isn't right that I need to live in fear every time it rains hard or snow thaws fast that the water could get worse in my basement. I would like to have some landscaping work done in

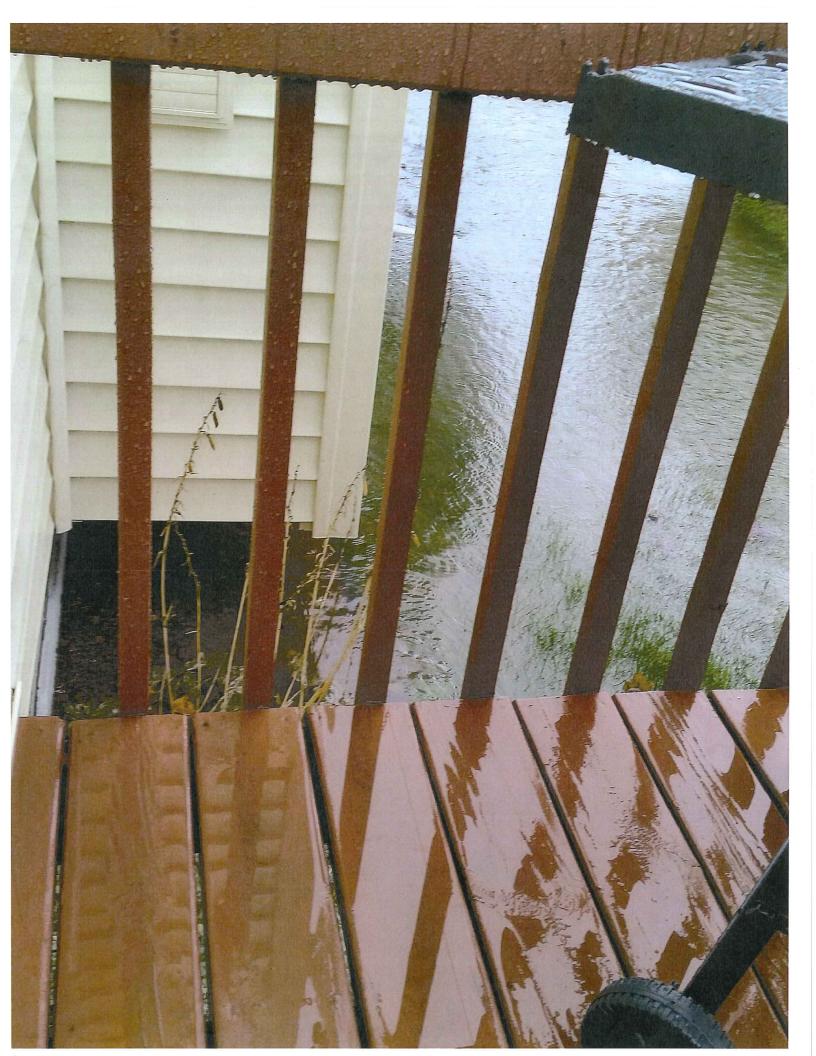
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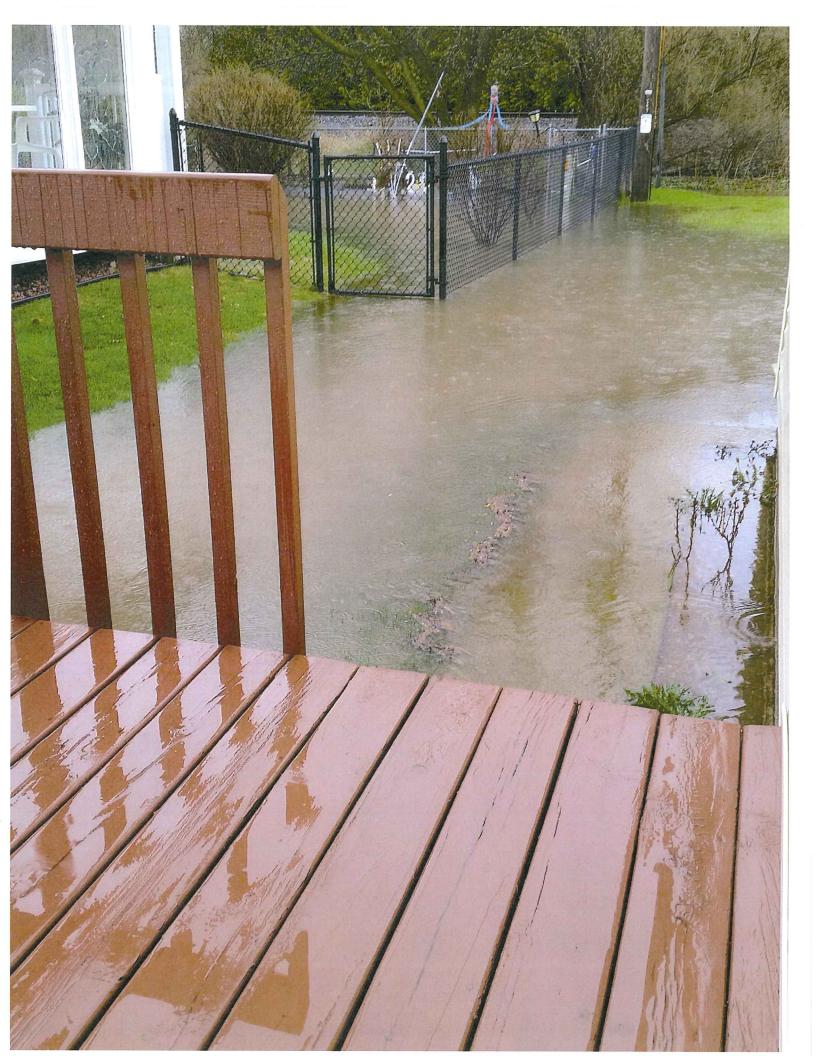
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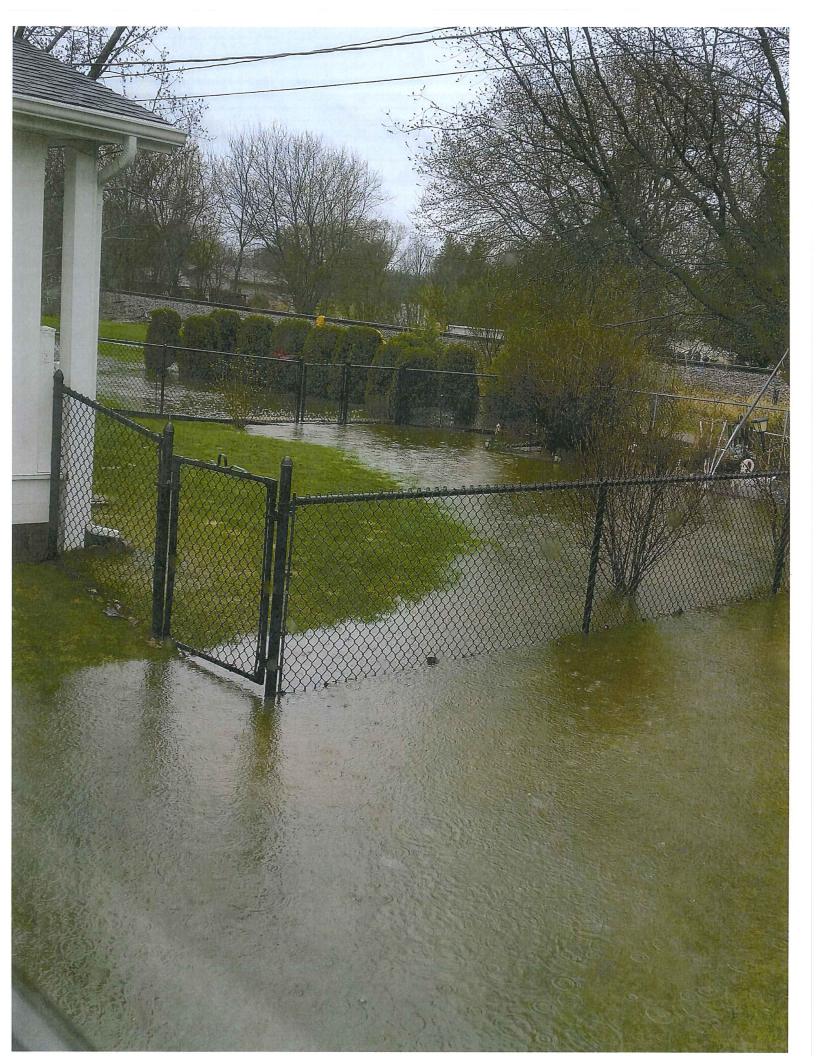
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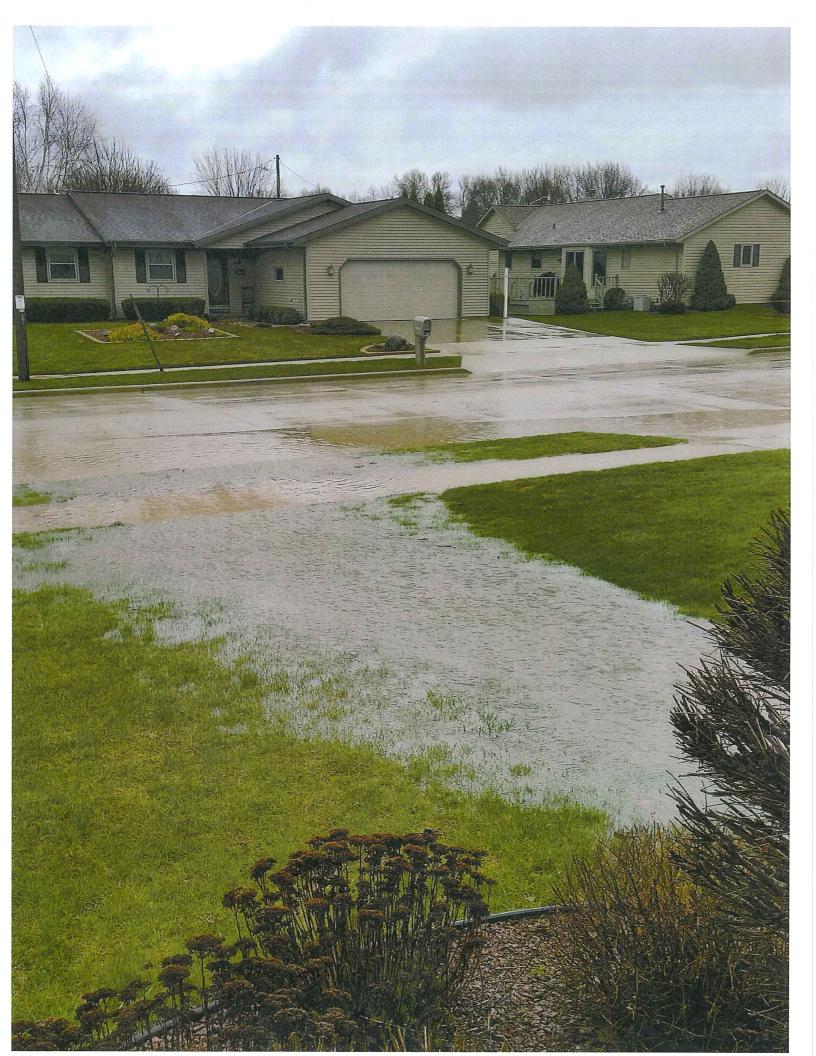
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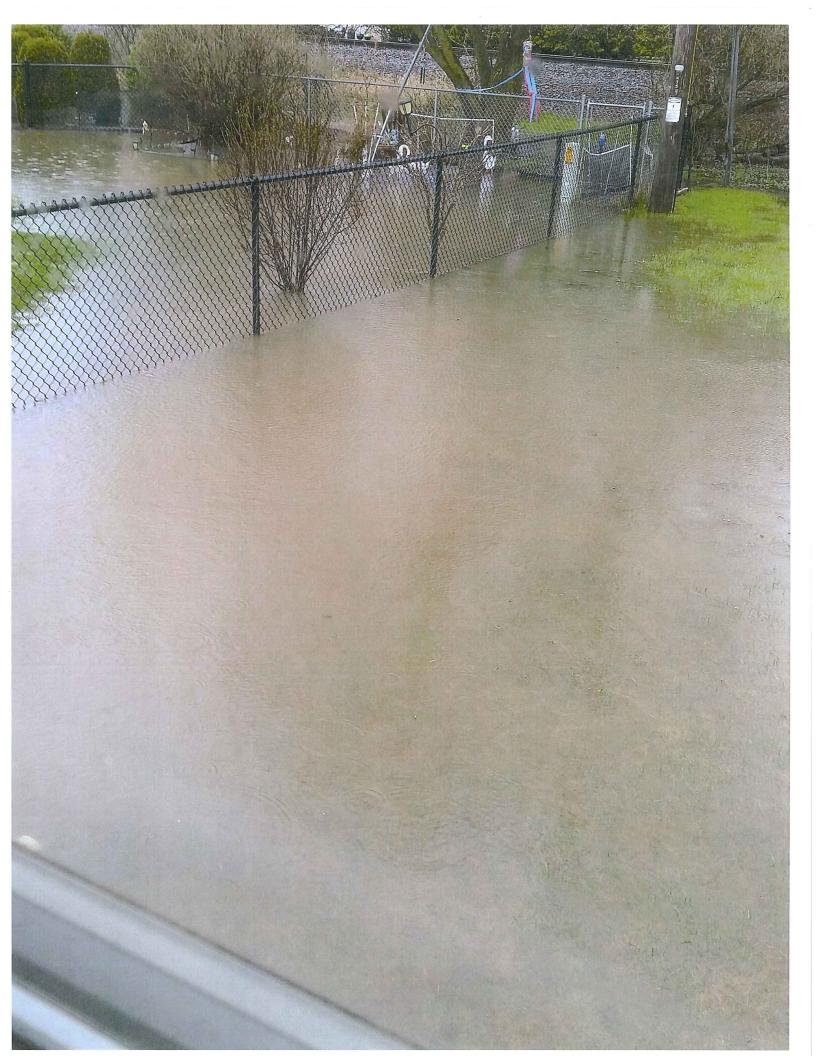














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