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 City of Marshall
 344 West Main St.
 Marshall, MN 56258

Kyle,

I am one of the many angry victims who got a sidewalk that NOT ONE PERSON ON FIRST STEET WANTED. It's not very nice to find out that when the city asks for opinions, NO ONE gave a damn. NO ONE — well Russ Labat did, but to no avail.

At one of the "hearings" (where apparently nobody heard), we were led to believe that the maximum assessment would be about around \$1,500. No one refuted this at the "hearing". Well, \$6,090.92 isn't even remotely close to \$1,550. I have had seven years of undergrad and graduate university mathematics, but I must have missed the day when they discussed what "close to" meant.

But apparently cities can do whatever they darned well feel like. I have taught advanced chemistry four times in the former Soviet Union, so I know how this goes.

Not being a lawyer, I have no idea what the second paragraph on page two is saying..

Under Minn. Stat. §§ 435.193 to 435.195, the City Council may, in its discretion, defer the payment of this special assessment for any homestead property owned by a person 65 years of age or older, one retired by virtue of a permanent and total disability, or a member of the National Guard or other reserves ordered to active military service for whom it would be a hardship to make the payments. When deferment of the special assessment has been granted and is terminated for any reason provided in that law, all amounts accumulated plus applicable interest become due. Any assessed property owner meeting the requirements of this law may, within 30 days of the confirmation of the assessment, apply to the City Clerk for the prescribed form for such deferral of payment of this special assessment on his/her property.

Since I am 80 years old and do not have much extra money to waste (try supporting a single unemployed mom and daughter in a state 1000 miles away) and also providing for my wife and myself, does this paragraph mean that I can apply for forgiveness? Or does it say that I can delay payment another eight years or so and at that time (when I will probably be dead), any my family will need to pay the full assessment plus accrued interest? Please clarify.

I am also wondering why the budget for the road construction show \$0 for "sidewalk". Please explain this too.

COST BREAKDOWN
 Project Z76: South 1st Street Reconstruction Project
 CITY OF MARSHALL, MINNESOTA
 Per Pay Request #5 dated 07/13/2021

| ITEM | TOTAL | SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS | WASTEWATER FUND | MMU | Mn/DOT | SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY | AD VALOREM |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| SANITARY SEWER | \$89,535 | \$0 | \$89,535 | | | | |
| WATERMAIN | \$100,876 | \$0 | | \$100,876 | | | |
| STORM SEWER | \$58,267 | \$0 | | | | \$58,267 | |
| DRIVEWAY | \$23,910 | \$10,723 | | \$0 | | | \$13,187 |
| SIDEWALK | \$0 | \$0 | | | | | \$0 |
| STREET | \$457,952 | \$98,305 | \$74,642 | \$112,417 | \$0 | \$15,583 | \$157,108 |
| TOTALS | \$730,540 | \$109,028 | \$164,077 | \$213,293 | \$0 | \$73,850 | \$170,292 |
| PARTICIPATION | 100.0% | 14.5% | 22.5% | 29.2% | 0.0% | 10.1% | 23.3% |

CONTRACT AMOUNT 629,775.82
 CONTINGENCIES 0.00

Another thing. As we understood, it seemed that we were under the illusion that the weeds they planted in the "boulevard" over some gravel pit soil (identified as such by a nursery expert) and the areas of our lawn disturbed by the construction, was supposed to represent "some kind of grass" — perhaps this type would be accepted in some third world countries. Since the contractors planting was so disastrous, I intend to apply weed killer and plant wildflowers to make up for those which were destroyed in putting in the incredible un-wanted sidewalk.

Well, I do hope that I can be added to the September 14th meeting agenda. Please confirm by email or phone call.

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