



## City of West Allis Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, WI 53214

File Number		Title			Status		
2009-0700		Claim					
		Claim Report					
		Word of Grace Bible Church communication regarding property damage allegedly sustained on June 19, 2009 at 2660 S. 88 St.					
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#### OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

November 16, 2009

Scott E. Post City Attorney

Sheryl L Kuhary Jeffrey J. Warchol Jenna R. Merten Assistant City Attorneys

Common Council City of West Allis

RE: City Attorney's Report of Claim

Dear Council Members:

The enclosed claim has been referred to this office in accordance with Section 3.05(8) of the Revised Municipal Code. This office has examined the facts of the claim and the applicable law. Our Opinion regarding liability is as follows:

It is the recommendation of this office that the following claim be denied:

### Word of Grace Bible Church - Amount: \$500.00

This is a claim for property damage to carpeting within the claimant's lower level (Fellowship Hall), as well as costs associated with carpet cleaning, at 2660 South 88<sup>th</sup> Street, West Allis, WI on or about June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009, when the claimant experienced storm sewer backup in the lower level of the church building. On October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the claimant filed a Claim against the City of West Allis in the total amount of \$500.00.

Our investigation in this claim revealed that the interceptor sewer maintained by MMSD became overloaded on the day in question from the unusual amount of rain in the area. This overloading prevented the interceptor sewer from properly discharging, which in turn, caused the City's system to become overloaded resulting in flooding in many areas throughout the City. The investigation further indicated that sewer systems in general are not designed to handle the extreme amount of water flow that occurred in this area from the rains in June of 2009. Although the storms have caused a great deal of stress and flooding for many people in the area, no negligence can be attributed to the City for this true act of God.

Based upon the above, it is the recommendation of the City Attorney's Office to deny this claim pursuant to the provisions of Wisconsin Municipal Claims Statute 893.80.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Warchol Assistant City Attorney

JJW:da





CITY CLERK/TREASURER'S OFFICE

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October 28, 2009

Word of Grace Bible Church 2660 S. 88 St. West Allis, WI 53227

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your communication regarding property damage at 2660 S. 88 St. on June 19, 2009

The original document will be submitted to the Common Council at its meeting of November 3, 2009.

It is not anticipated that a decision regarding this matter will be made on this date. Generally, all communications are directed to the City Attorney's office for investigation. Common Council action regarding your communication will not be taken until the City Attorney's investigation is completed. Any questions you may have regarding this matter should be directed to their attention.

Sincerely,

Monica Schultz Assistant City Clerk

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cc: City Attorney

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CITY OF WEST ALLIS CLERK/TREASURER

## Common Counsel 7525 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, WI 53214

October 15, 2009

Dear Common Counsel,

On June 19, 2009 our church building (at 2660 South 88th Street) experienced an enormous amount of flooding throughout the entire lower level in our "Fellowship Hall." We initially thought that it was because of the severe thunderstorm we had during the evening that night. However, we had never had water in the lower level prior to this storm. Those who were present that night, said they saw the water coming out of the wall (where the wall meets the floor), as if the drain tiles were over flowing. We were at a complete loss, with all the damage, and terribly inconvenienced with our Sunday and Wednesday services (whereby both levels are functional and used regularly).

We purchased this building last year in August and we are new to the neighborhood. In recent weeks we have discovered that nearly the entire block of 88th Street (north of Cleveland Ave.) had experienced the same unfortunate occurrence in their basements. We have been told that this was due to a city storm sewer backing up, and as a result, blocking up all of our drain tiles throughout the neighborhood. We were also told that this had happened last year (in June) and the neighborhood was promised that this problematic city storm sewer would be rectified. Numerous neighbors confided that this storm sewer backup had been worse then last year, because they actually had raw sewage coming up through basement plumbing (such as toilets), and through floor drains.

Our church has three toilets and two urinals on the lower level, and due to the enormous amount of water, we are uncertain as to how much (or if any) sewage came up. As a church, we initially tried numerous disinfectants to eliminate the overwhelming stench coming from the carpets in our "Fellowship Hall." Eventually we had to have the lower level carpets professionally cleaned (some carpets done twice). We also had to rip out the two carpets (and padding) in both our nursery rooms. Just recently (in September) we were finally able to replace and install these carpets.

We are hopeful that this storm sewer on 88<sup>th</sup> (between Cleveland and Harrison) will not be an issue for the city of West Allis next year. Please consider reimbursing us for our expenses of \$500. dollars (enclosed are the receipts).

Word of Grace Bible Church 2660 So. 88<sup>th</sup> Street West Allis, WI 53227 414-321-8880



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THANK YOU!

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COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL FREE ESTIMATES Proposal No.
Sheet No.
Date

262-641-0088 / fax 262-641-0085 / 3055 N. 124th Street / Brookfield, WI 53005 (1/2 block south of Burleigh on 124th)

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#### OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Scott E. Post City Attorney

Sheryl L Kuhary Jeffrey J. Warchol Jenna R. Merten Assistant City Attorneys

November 17, 2009

Common Council City of West Allis

RE: City Attorney's Report of Claims/Lawsuits

Dear Council Members:

The enclosed claims/lawsuits have been referred to this office in accordance with Section 3.05(8) of the Revised Municipal Code. This office has examined the facts of each claim/lawsuit and the applicable law. Our Opinion regarding liability is attached to each claim/lawsuit.

The following claim/lawsuit has been paid and placed on file:

J&B Construction Co., Inc. (\$2,030.54)

The following claims/lawsuits have been denied:

Word of Grace Bible Church (\$500.00) Theresa Wolf (\$750.00)

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Warchol Assistant City Attorney

JJW:da Enclosures

cc: Thomas E. Mann, CVMIC





## CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

#### PAUL M. ZIEHLER

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## NOTICE OF DISALLOWANCE OF CLAIM

December 4, 2009

# CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Word of Grace Bible Church Attn: Pastor Thomas Stegall 2660 South 88<sup>th</sup> Street West Allis, WI 53227

Re:

Your Claim Against the City of West Allis

Date of Loss: 10/27/09

Dear Pastor Stegall:

At its meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, the Common Council of the City of West Allis considered your claim received on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009, regarding alleged property damage to lower level of church building sustained at 2660 South 88<sup>th</sup> Street, West Allis, Wisconsin and denied it in full.

Please be advised that no lawsuit may be brought on this claim against the City of West Allis or any of its officials, officers, agents or employees after six (6) months from the date of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Ziehler

City Administrative Officer

Clerk/Treasurer

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cc: City Attorney's Office City Clerk's Office