

Briana Anderson - City of Coleraine

From: Thomas Sutherland - City of Coleraine
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 11:57 AM
To: Simone Fillbrandt; Daniel Mandich - City of Coleraine; Jeff Troumbly; Joseph Pollard - City of Coleraine; Ryan Stish; Briana Anderson - City of Coleraine
Subject: Re: RAPID ROOTER rental

Can we add this to the agenda for this afternoon?

Thanks

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*Add:
Rapid Rooter rental
of old firehall
to the agenda.*

From: Simone Fillbrandt <fllbrndt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 11:49:49 AM
To: Daniel Mandich - City of Coleraine <dmandich@cityofcoleraine.com>; Jeff Troumbly <jttroubly@cityofcoleraine.com>; Joseph Pollard - City of Coleraine <jpollard@cityofcoleraine.com>; Thomas Sutherland - City of Coleraine <tsutherland@cityofcoleraine.com>; Ryan Stish <rstish@cityofcoleraine.com>
Subject: RAPID ROOTER rental

Hello,

I am writing about the current status of the old firehall.

In April we experienced some major flooding and complete disruption of our business. We have worked with all involved to help to get this situation taken care of. We also helped by moving and cleaning all of our equipment and belongings. This has taken a great deal of time. We have also been available to have multiple persons to come examine the situation and working all to complete a plan to fix the leaking roof. This has also taken quite a bit of our time and has disrupted our working schedules and as well as efficiency of our employees.

We were recently contacted and asked to remove our belongings so that a contractor could get in to replace the sheetrock. In the meantime, we experienced another flood August 7 and once again were moving our belongings to avoid damage. With that being said, it was a good thing that we hadn't had the repairs made since the initial problem was in fact not solved.

I will send you some pictures so that you will see the condition of the building we are renting and the situation we are trying to operate under. We would like to give the council a three month notice to end our lease and ending with the last day of November 2020. I would like the council to consider reducing our rent significantly for the remainder of our time here and to make up for our lost time and damages.

Another issue that I would like the council to address would be the filing of the property taxes with the county assessor. In May, I was contacted by Brianna Anderson and she informed me that we were responsible to pay the property taxes on this property. The firehall was recorded at the county with Rapid Rooter as the responsible party. We had not made any prior payments for taxes and so this was an added surprise. Also very concerning since the property was put into our names without our knowledge. When we contacted Briana she had given me different scenarios as to why we were now responsible and that I also would be charged a late fee for the taxes not being paid on time. She informed me that amount could be taken off from our monthly rent.

In all my understanding of how properties are recorded, the false information, and failed attempts to come before the

council, We hired an attorney to handle this situation and have the property filed correctly with the county. We were then presented with a new lease agreement from our attorney with the added \$300/month to cover the taxes. This attorney fees cost us \$500. I would like to ask the council to consider reimbursement for these fees as it was absolutely no fault of ours that this needed attention. I do not find it professional that we would accrue such costs because of a mistake that the city clerk made.

Also, in regards to the city clerk, I have contact Briana multiple times to come before the council with our concerns and also in our quest to purchase the fire department. We are consistently denied access to the council. She seems to act as a mediator and chooses to present the information how she sees fit and to her own understanding. I do not feel that she has represented us in the way that we have wanted and honestly have no idea what information she has chosen to share or not share with you. It is disappointing that she is the do all, say all, and the end all of this City. I would question who is in charge to make the decisions for the city of Coleraine and why a city clerk is making decisions and acting as a city administrator?

I understand that this is a loaded email with multiple issues, I would just like some fair council on this entire situation.
Thank You,
Simone Fillbrandt

















