

City of NAPOLEON, OHIO

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Mr. Ronald P. Lankenau Lankenau, Wesche & McColley 105 West Main Street Napoleon, Ohio 43545

> Re: Subway Building Sanitary Sewer Lateral

Dear Mr. Lankenau:

This letter is in response to your July 19, 1993 correspondence and should better clarify the City of Napoleon's position regarding the above referenced project.

In your response, you indicate that the sewer problem exists within the City right-of-way, which it does, and therefore your interpretation is that the City of Napoleon is responsible for its maintenance and/or rehabilitation.

First, please let us explain the situations leading up to the previously mentioned dilemma.

During the initial stages of the Owners purchase and subsequent site design, the City of Napoleon indicated to the Owner's representatives that the sanitary sewers were on the east side of North Scott Street (please see a sketch of the proposed sewer and cleanout that this writer had in their file from initial design considerations).

During the demolition of the residential home on the site, it was found that a sanitary sewer lateral did exist, but that it angled in a northeasterly direction and it was found to tie into the sewer lateral from the house just north and adjacent to the property line.



It was at this time, that the City of Napoleon indicated that access onto the northerly property would be required to utilize the existing sewer.

The City made contact with the adjacent Owner and was told that the access was granted.

When the Owner's Contractor finally made the tie-in and utilization of the existing sewer, it was found that the inverted crown existed.

It was at this time that we notified the Owner's Representative (Rupp/Rosebrock).

We have included a highlighted copy of our Code of Ordinances which should justify our position. That position is, that it is each individual owner's responsibility to construct a sewer from its own building to the public sewer and this would include the physical tapping of the sewer also.

Under Definitions you will note that a public sewer is defined as "a common sewer controlled by a governmental agency or public utility".

Based on established practice, it is the property owner's responsibility to repair and maintain its own sewer lateral to the public sewer.

We feel that based on Mr. Boes concern, that it would be in all parties best interest to install a new sewer lateral as Section 52.13 paragraph (F) allows.

This proves even more evident when one considers that this sewer is being utilized by the property adjacent to the north.

Unfortunately, the Owner in its design and construction practices tried to control costs, but further investigation did not allow this to happen.

Should you have any questions, please call.

Respectfully,

Marc S. Gerken, P.E. City Engineer

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Enclosure

cc: Terry Dunn, City Manager Mr. John Rosebrock, Rupp/Rosebrock Mr. Jerome Boes

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July 19, 1993

Mr. Marc Gerken City Engineer City of Napoleon 255 Riverview Avenue Napoleon, Ohio 43545-0151

Re: Subway Building

Sanitary Sewer Lateral

Dear Marc:

We represent Boes Subway, Inc. who is constructing the new Subway building on North Scott Street through Rupp-Rosebrock Contractors.

Your letter of July 2, 1993 to John Rosebrock regarding the problem with the sewer lateral has been referred to us for reply.

As we understand your aforementioned letter, the problem with the sewer lateral is located on City property and not on the property of or not part of the sewer belonging to the property owner. It would appear that the lateral was not properly constructed in the first place and this should be the City's responsibility, not that of the property owner. If this is the case, and a problem does occur because of the inverted crown, then our client, Boes Subway, will expect the City to correct it by replacement or by such maintenance as will provide them with proper sanitary sewer drainage.

Certainly Boes Subway will maintain a grease trap/oil interceptor in an attempt to forestall any problems of future blockage, but they cannot be responsible for any blockage which occurs through no fault of their own in the City's sewer.

If you have any additional thoughts on this matter, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

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July 2, 1993

Mr. John Rosebrock Rupp-Rosebrock 7-464 U.S. Rt. 24 Liberty Center, Ohio 43532

> Re: Subway Building Sanitary Sewer Lateral

Dear Mr. Rosebrock:

On July 1, 1993 our City of Napoleon wastewater collection crews attempted to clean the sewer lateral in which your proposed building is to tie into.

During our sewer cleaning operation, we found that the sewer has an inverted crown in it and that approximately nine (9) inches of water will stand on the west side of Scott Street. (We have attached a hand sketch).

It is our opinion that this line will function as it exists now, but two (2) problems will occur.

Initially, solids will buildup in the line and then if the Owner of the restaurant does not maintain a grease trap/oil interceptor, this will also cause additional blockage.

If the Owner does not elect to correct this problem via replacement, then the City of Napoleon will not be held responsible for any future maintenance beyond cleaning the mainline sewer.

We are forwarding this correspondence to you so that you can expedite the completion of waste.

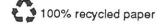
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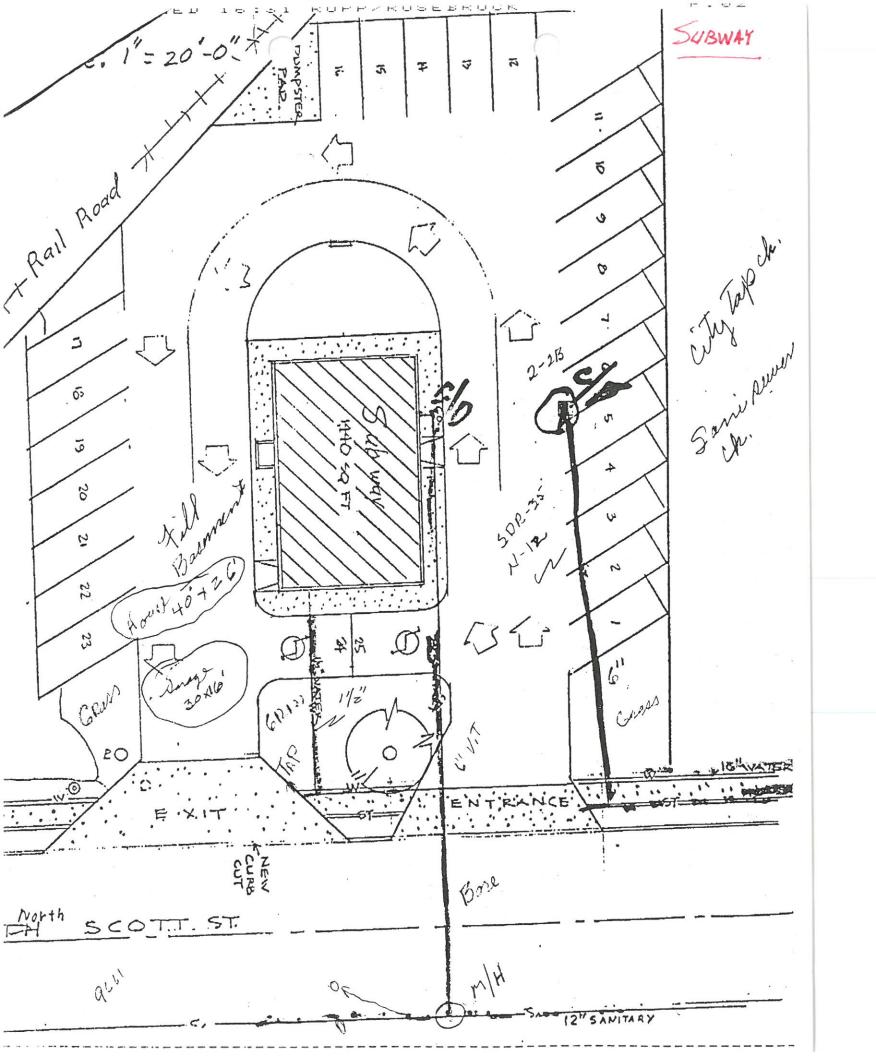
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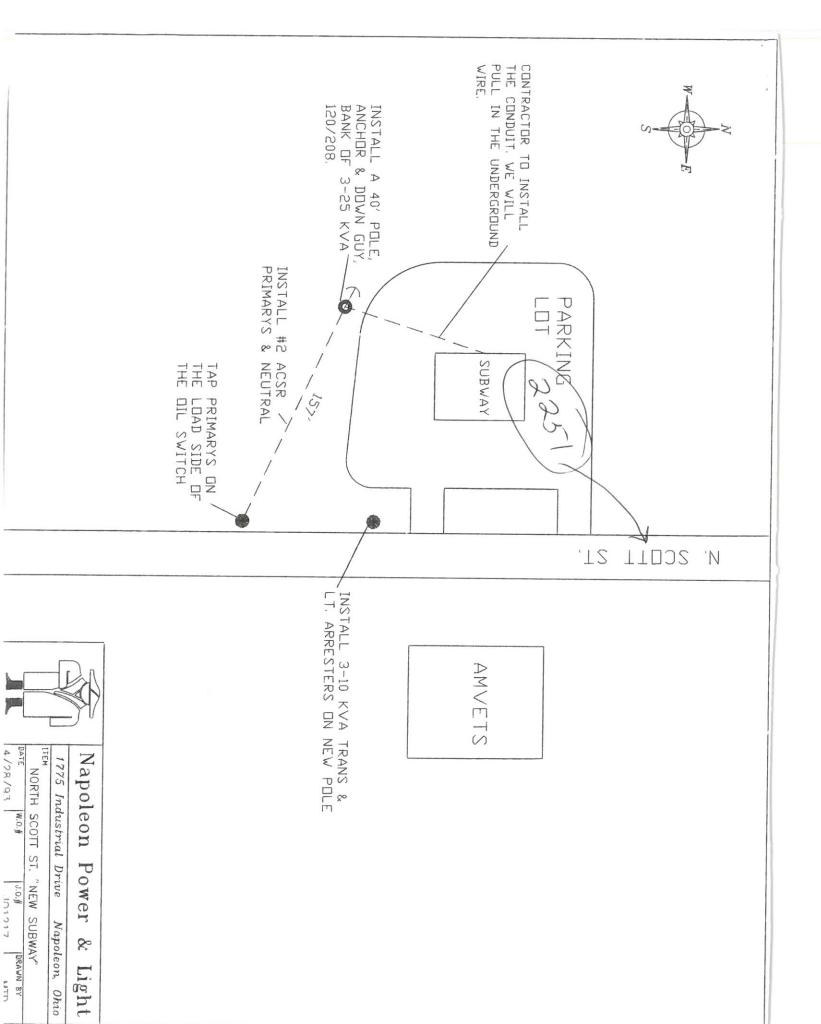
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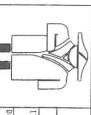


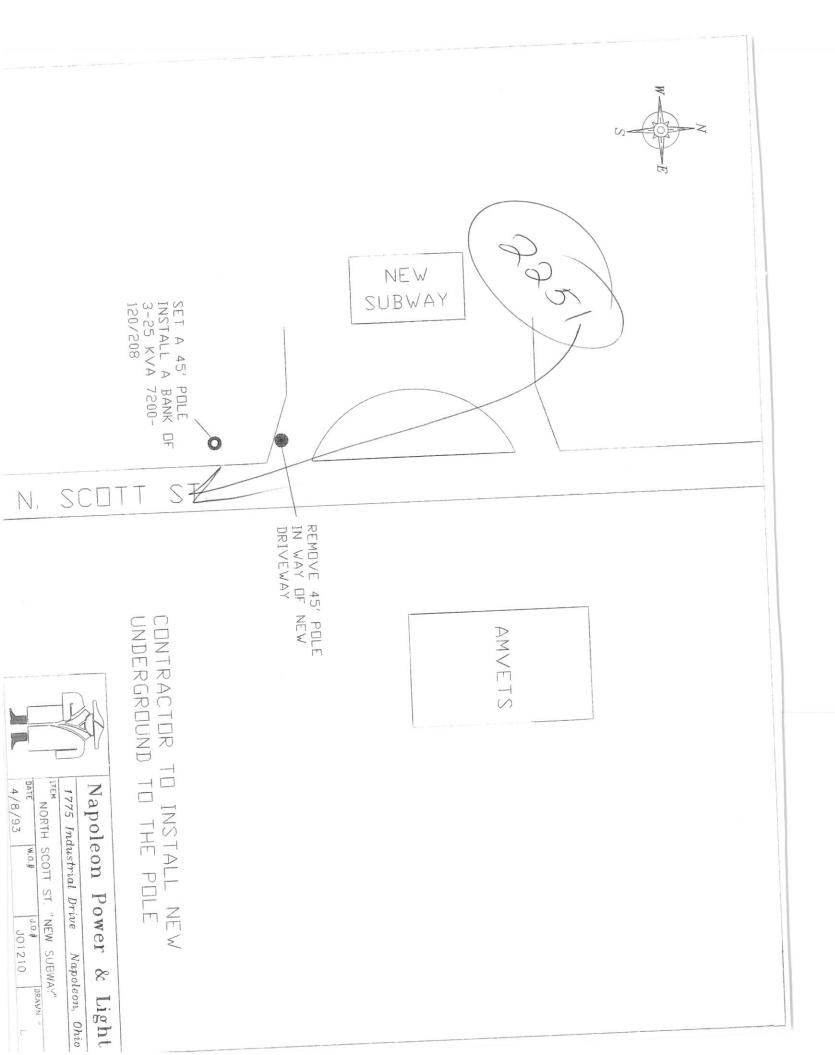
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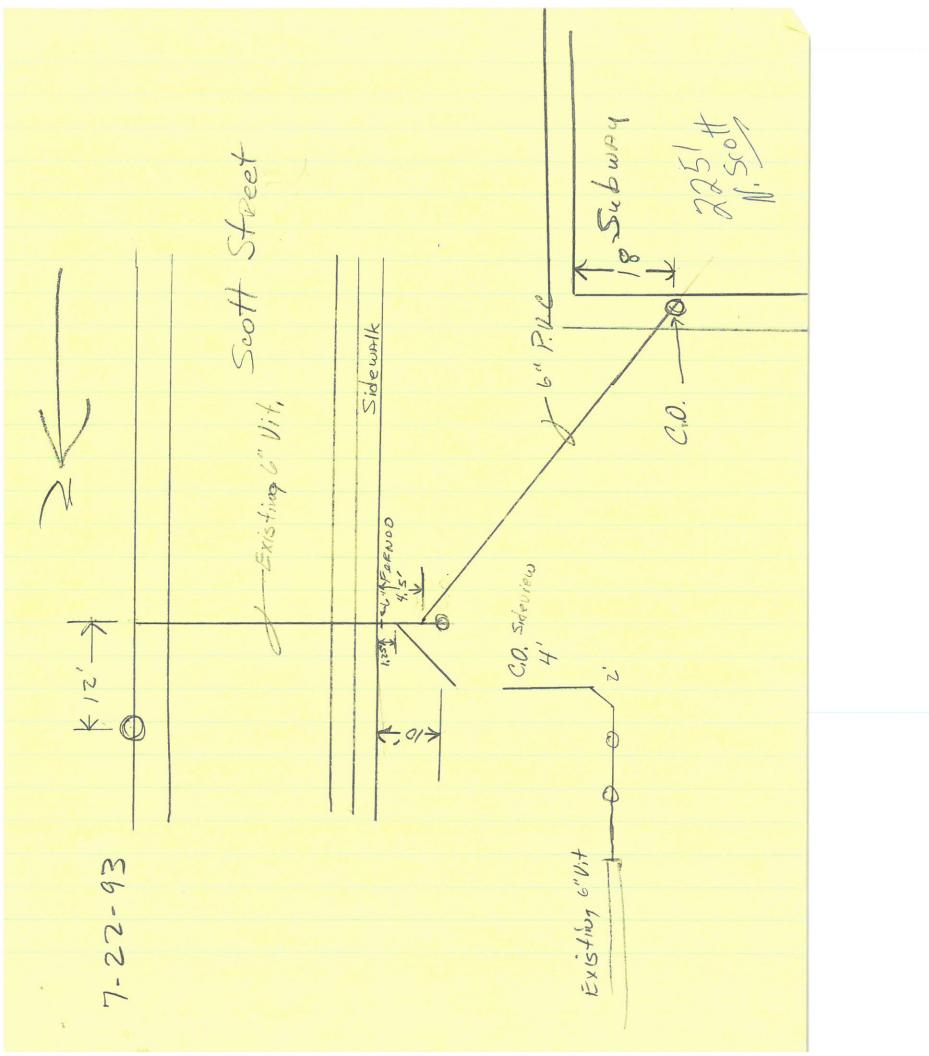
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