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6 September 1994

Mr. John Gerhardson  
Director of Public Works  
City of Orono  
2730 Kelley Parkway  
Orono, Minnesota 55356

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CITY OF ORONO

Dear Mr. Gerhardson:

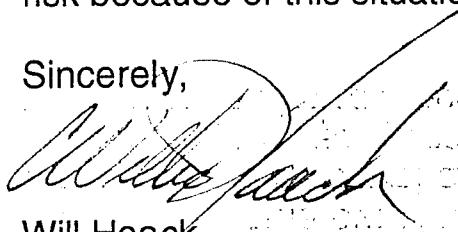
For at least the past four years we have had discussions with you regarding the collection of water in front of our residences at 2970 and 2980 Casco Point Road. During this time you have talked about resolving the problem in whatever way would be necessary. In fact, last fall the roadway had several markings indicating locations of utilities giving the impression work would begin. Yet nothing more has happened to date.

Our concern relates to the partial covering of the roadway whenever it rains and water collects. It will extend into the street covering approximately 25% of the street. Two years ago, as related to you, this occurred and then it froze during the night. Early the next morning a resident, in a car, was heading to work and started to avoid the icy patch by driving to the left of it. At that time a school bus came over the hill thus causing the car to drive onto the patch which then lost control and slid into the mail box and fence of the 2970 residence. It is very possible the car could have slid the other way into the path of the oncoming school bus.

Whenever it rains, the water collects and depending on the length and amount of rain, it not only covers a significant portion of the street but it may remain there for several days. In the early spring and late fall, it will often will freeze during the night. And, because of the size of this collection of water, any car heading out of Casco Point attempts to avoid it by driving to the left into the oncoming lane of traffic. Walkers and cyclists have the same problem.

We are concerned, as we assume the city is, about the safety and liability issues surrounding this situation. We hope and request that a resolution of this problem occur in the very near future so residents are no longer placed at risk because of this situation. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Will Haack  
2980 Casco Point Road



Jerry Martinson  
2970 Casco Point Road