

# McKownville house to be condemned

By Nicole Fay Barr

GUILDERLAND — Days are numbered for a boarded-up, flooded house in McKownville. The town board here voted Tuesday to begin condemnation proceedings on the building.

In June, the board had decided to buy the acre of abandoned land at 1257 Western Ave. The board agreed to pay \$60,000 for the property, owned by Armand Quadrini.

Quadrini has been in financial difficulty; his Mill Hill property was auctioned by the county in February.

The town attempted to buy the Western Avenue land. Supervisor Kenneth Runion said the town had a contract and had completed extensive paperwork, but recently found that about half a dozen liens on the property prevented the purchase.

The liens were from creditors and well in excess of the \$60,000, Runion told *The Enterprise* this week. Quadrini couldn't get the creditors to sign off the property so he could sell it, Runion said.

Since there is a drainage problem with the property, Runion went on, the town has a public purpose to condemn the house. Tuesday, board members unanimously agreed to begin the condemnation proceeding.

Once the process is complete, the town will buy the land for \$60,000, Runion said. The town then plans on entering into a long-term lease with the McKownville Fire Department. The fire station is across the street from the property and the department may have a use for the lot in the future, Runion said.

The town first considered buying the property after it received complaints from nearby residents.

Alice Torda, who lives next door, told the town board in June that the land is overrun with ticks and "rabid raccoons."

"The house is a disaster," she said then. "The odors are terrific; I can't go outside because the wild animals are roaming in the yard. The raccoons are always out."

Don Reeb, president of the McKownville Improvement Association, also spoke in favor of the town purchasing the land. If they bought it, he said, "Nine hundred people in McKownville would line up on Western Avenue and applaud."



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**To be condemned:** The Guilderland Town Board decided to begin condemnation proceedings on this house, on abandoned property at 1257 Western Ave. The house has drainage problems and residents complained earlier that the property smells and is overrun with ticks and raccoons.

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**Unsafe and abandoned:** This house, pictured last summer, was purchased and condemned by the town in October because of drainage problems. Neighboring residents had also complained to the town board that the 1257 Western Ave. property was overrun with ticks and raccoons.

## ...To Heap



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**Crushed and cleared:** This week, the abandoned house, which was declared uninhabitable, was torn down. Workers, above, cleared away what was left of it. The one-acre property, purchased by the town for \$60,000, will now be leased to the McKownville Fire Department, which is across the street on Western Avenue.

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