NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Guilderland, held at the Town Hall, McCormack's Corners, Guilderland, New York on the 10th day of June, 1980.

PRESENT:

Carl J. Walters, Supervisor

John F. Ryan, Councilman

Donald F. Cropsey, Councilman

John Smirchich, Councilman

Virginia Horan, Councilwoman

ABSENT: NONE

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Walters. Councilman Smirchich offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Guilderland has heretofore created the Westmere Water District; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Guilderland has heretofore created the McKownville Water District; and

WHEREAS, residents and fire personnel within the McKownville Water District and abutting areas have requested the Town Board to consolidate the two said districts pursuant to the provisions of Section 206 of the Town Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the two water districts have been created for similar purposes and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is desirous of conducting a Public Hearing pursuant to the provisions of Section 206 Subdivision 3 of the Town Law of the State of New York for the purpose of hearing all persons upon the question of consolidating the McKownville Water District and the Westmere Water District into a single water district.

NOW ON MOTION of Councilman Smirchich and seconded by Councilman Ryan, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the Town Board of the Town of Guilderland meet and hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, McCormack's Corners, Guilderland, New York at 3:15 o'clock p.m. Local Time on the 8th day of July, 1980, to consider the consolidation of the McKownville Water District and the Westmere Water District into a single water district and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same and to take such action thereon as shall be required or authorized by law.

The adoption of the foregoing Order was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYES: ALL

NOES: NONE

DATED: June 10, 1980

STATE OF NEW YORK

Second Vote Possible In Guilderland Water Dispute

Once again, a public referendum appears likely on a Guilderland Town Board decision to merge the town's McKownville and Westmere water districts.

Tuesday night, the board voted 4-0 (Councilwoman Virginia Horan abstaining) to merge the two water districts, subject to a permissive referendum. That is, the board's decision may be reversed if at least 100 voters from the two districts (or 25 from each district) petition for a referendum, and a majority of voters in one or both districts disapproves the board's action.

Board action came after a spirited two-hour public hearing.

Three years ago the board voted (Continued on Page 2)

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to merge the two districts; immediately afterward, a petition signed by over 100 McKownville residents forced a permissive referendum. On May 3, 1978, Westmere district voters okayed the merger, 195 to 46, but it lost in McKownville with 208 in favor and 233 opposed.

For years the McKownville district has bought all its water from the Westmere district. Source of supply for both is the Watervliet Reservoir; the McKownville Reservoir near Stuyvesant Plaza has not been used for over a decade because of outmoded equipment.

Several Crossgates Mall opponents suggest that the merger would result in declassification of the McKownville Reservoir as a source of public water, damaging their case at the ongoing public hearings on the environmental impact of the mall proposal.

Backers of the merger, including McKownville Fire Department members and town water officials, contend a merger would mean the economical installation of additional water line links to McKownville, increasing water pressure for firefighting purposes.