

September 5, 2008

1. Maps—bring historic maps and sewer map—about 50 feet drop between the high and low point on the north side of Western—from 250 to 200 feet above sea level
2. Treasury---about \$200—ask for more money—though nearly all the printing we will need for the year is already paid for
3. Tree Committee—selection is better and prices are lower
4. McGloine's—need help—Carl Troeger—Robert O'Brien
5. Germano's—car detailing--open for business--
6. Zoning report—what will be happening next
7. Best Western—sold to company that rents rooms to welfare clients
8. Shabbos house—cornerstone on Sunday September 14
9. Esmay—still talking about moving but nothing definite
10. Strassburg property—Frank Strassburg has sold land to Rosetti Bldrs and lots have been cleared—zoning R-10 but now with two apartments and no owner occupancy
11. Farm stand—open MWF and sometimes on Saturday through September
12. Reservoir and Park—Western Avenue flooding—in process of being engineered
13. Storm sewer survey—about 230 responses—of 690—more than one-third response rate which is very good—there are 914 residences in McKownville but the survey was not distributed to Woodscape, Schoolhouse Road or the condos on Coralberry etc.

I looked at the Sewer Surveys--about 230 of them--I alphabetized them by street--17 of the 28 streets had a MAJORITY (or even split) of votes of the homes approving increased taxes for sewers but only 7 of the 28 streets had majority votes for higher taxes for sidewalks. Ken has the results also.

Of the 17--they were all the streets on the north side of Western except Parkwood (it voted 11 in favor and 13 opposed). Western Avenue also approved of more taxes for storm sewers.

On the south side of Western Avenue--Arcadia, Brookwood, Highland, McKown, and Westlyn voted in favor of higher taxes for sewers. Some streets had very low returns and Gaskill, King and Short streets had no homes returning the surveys. I am not sure that I would approve storm sewer taxes until I see what better maintenance can accomplish--but maybe we can not get better storm maintenance without more taxes.

14. Storm sewers—work done on Knowles and at 1257 “blue house property”—call Todd about the compiling of a report from the surveys
15. Plant family—money raised appears to have been sufficient—called Mickey—Laura Plant will be at the meeting
16. Western Avenue storm sewers—Mike Johnson, State DOT---hole at 1445 Western is getting larger—camera will be used to detect the problem and create a solution—he does not yet have permission to enter into a contract to get the work done—called McEneny’s office to ask for help
17. Fuller Road—Mike Franchini said that the contract and money for the Washington Avenue roundabout is still in question and the desire is to issue one contract for the south end of Fuller Road and the roundabout so we may not see construction until 2010
18. Nanotech—November 13 meeting
19. Harriman—next round of proposals are due Sept 30
20. University—Health building will be reused for various offices such as 5squad and Residential Life—John Giarruso will be the speaker in November.
21. October meeting will be on October 23 and Kathy Burbank of the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce will be the speaker.

22. Fire department—the fire truck that was ordered has had to be reordered since the original fire truck builder ran into some economic problems
23. Stuyvesant Plaza—CREO set to open October 21—new fountain and sitting area near what had been Coconuts--Janet Kaplan
24. Abele Park—called Dennis Moore about getting the path moved a little bit south to provide a better buffer for the home which is quite near the path
25. Christ Lutheran church—tore down the house—it was filled with mold and no longer useful
26. David Quadrini house-palm reader—nothing definite at this time
27. 1251 Western Avenue—student overuse of property—Roger Stone called
28. NNORC—spoke with Cindy Wadach about needing future discussions
29. Thruway—sound barriers—no response yet
30. Trees and tree trimming—NatGrid came through—left a lot of wood piles around
31. Sidewalks—the contract will be let along with that for the pond/reservoir
32. Street lights
33. Neighborhood watch—got a call from Cindy Peaslee about a Neighborhood Watch for Providence Street
34. Real estate—call Fraida Varag
35. Kate Lawson—will be meeting with her in the next few weeks
36. McKown Road—sidewalk is great and the adjustments to drainage that were done work perfectly
- 37.. Blog for McKownville
38. Halloween party will be October 31—at the Fire House—children of all ages are welcome—from 6-8pm—a clown and lots of fun