

McKOWNVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

1957?
1954

McKOWNVILLE SEWER DISTRICT HEARING

A hearing, important to every property owner in McKownville, has been called by the Town Board on our sewer problem. The hearing will be held in McKownville Fire House, Wednesday, May 26th, at 8:00 P.M.

Proposed Sewer Maintenance Plan

The Board has before it a petition which, if approved, will enable it to maintain the present sewers.

As the situation now stands, individual property owners affected must foot the bill for repairs in case of a break. Under the proposed plan, the cost of the repairs would be borne by all property owners in the district using those sewers taken over by the district. The plan, in short, will pool the risk.

Background Information

When the present Water District was established in 1947, a sewer district also was formed. However, when bids were taken it was found that the cost of constructing the sewer system and sewage disposal plant would exceed the engineer's estimate by 125 per cent.

The low bids for the sewer system and plant totaled \$343,000. It was found that the water system alone would cost \$250,000. The total of the two would have been \$593,000 against an assessed valuation at that time of \$640,620. Obviously, it was out of the question to contract such indebtedness. The present sewer assessments are being levied to pay off the engineer's fee and legal expenses in connection with forming the district.

The plan before the Town Board for hearing May 26th is pursuant to an act of the Legislature (Chapter 358 of the Laws of 1950) which authorizes the Town Board to acquire all or any part of the existing sewer system and to "operate, repair and maintain such pipe lines as the sewer system of the sewer district."

Unless favorable action is taken by the Town Board, individuals may continue to have the costly responsibility for patching breaks in the present system.