

McKOWNVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

McKownville Fire House - May 15, 1956

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As we reach the end of our 1955-56 fiscal year it appears that most of the serious problems which confront us at the moment are in some state of moving toward solution.

Seven members of our Association represented us on the McKownville Water District Advisory Committee to the Town Board. The report recently published by this Committee was distributed to all the people in the district through the cooperation of the Improvement Association. It represents a years voluntary work on the part of this committee which has investigated all phases of the water problem and has made its recommendations both immediate and long range.

The Association held a special meeting on the highly controversial issue of rezoning at Fuller Road for the proposed shopping center and gave both sides to the question a chance to completely air their feelings. It was a very well attended meeting.

Only one other general meeting was held. A guest speaker from the State Department of Commerce gave us some insight into town planning and its importance. This was poorly attended.

The Board of Directors met only four times. However these meetings were well attended and sufficed to take care of the business at hand.

I personally represented the Association at eight of the regular monthly meetings of the Town board and the other officers attended several meetings so that we were represented at all.

We further pursued the matter of better lighting for Western Avenue, a matter taken up originally early in 1955 with the result that the Town Board requested Niagara-Mohawk Power Corp. to make a survey. Mr. Welsh, supervisor, has informed us that new lights are to be installed on Western Avenue shortly.

In response to inquiries by our Association we have been informed by the Town Board that street signs and improvement of streets for the Quadrini development area are to be done this spring. If street lights are desired for this section a petition will have to be circulated to include it in the lighting district.

Nothing further has developed on the proposed arterial highway in this area.

Under consideration and to be passed on to the new administration is an idea to publish a brochure on McKownville giving its history and the history of all the organizations functioning in the district and acquainting our newer residents with just how the district and its various facilities and services function.

It appears that our most serious problem at the moment is to awaken lagging interest in our Association and to get our newer residents to join us and take part in our activities. The original improvement

association was organized in 1924. It was the pioneer organization in the district and with exception of two or three short periods of inactivity and subsequent reorganization it has functioned continuously and has accomplished many things to improve our fine little community.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank my fellow officers and the board of directors for their for their excellent cooperation during the year.

Mr. Jim Choules, chairman of the nominating committee has prepared a slate of officers and directors for your consideration.

Thank you.

Fred B. Abele