

McKOWNVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

McKOWNVILLE, NEW YORK

November 8, 1962

Town Board  
Town of Guilderland  
Willow Street  
Guilderland, New York

Gentlemen:

Following the October meeting of the Guilderland Town Board, at which time the Board approved the sale of 1.5 acres of land belonging to the McKownville Water District, the Board of Directors of the McKownville Improvement Association met to discuss this action. It appeared that circumstances not originally taken into account at the Public Hearing on May 15, 1962, have been introduced as a result of the Board's decision to sell this land. In its evaluation of these circumstances the McKownville Improvement Association respectfully requests the Town Board to reconsider its previous action for the following reasons:

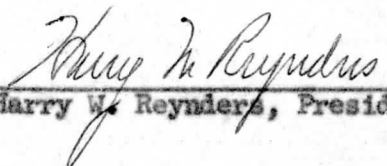
1. A professional appraisal establishing the current market value should be made before accepting any offer. The records of the Town Board meetings at which this property sale was discussed clearly indicate that it was agreed within the Board that appraisal action be taken before selling this property.
2. The Public Hearing of May 15, 1962, discussed the sale of a specific 1.5 acre plot of land. Since the sale as approved on October 10, 1962, would require the offer of an additional plot of land not discussed at the Public Hearing, there is a need now for another Public Hearing before sale to this prospect can be consummated. In an effort to sample the attitude of residents of the McKownville Water District on the question of "disposing of any additional water district land" a petition has been circulated. There is evidence of substantial opposition to this further sale.
3. It is our understanding that firm plans for the development of the 1.5 acre plot have been submitted by Stuyvesant Plaza as evidence of their continued interest and desire to purchase this property at a fair price.
4. The comparative value of the proposed buildings to occupy this plot would indicate that the probable tax revenue to the Town of Guilderland would be approximately 4 to 5 times larger if the sale were consummated to the original applicant.

5. Consideration of this site for future needs of the McKownville Fire Department.

The above is presented in the hope that the Town Board will give all due and fair considerations to the long range planning and interests of the people of the Town.

Respectfully,

THE MCKOWNVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

  
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