

WATER ADVISORY BOARD - MCKOWNVILLE WATER DISTRICT

Meeting - March 10, 1965 - Held at the Town Hall *Lewis James*

Present: Messrs. Abale, Hamme, Purdy, ~~Faldmann~~, Swyer, Schwartz, *- Tom Sawyer*
Richey, Zyniecki *Edw.*

Absent: Reynders, Dascher *Fred*

Called to order 8 PM by Chairman Abale

A review was made of the activities of the Water Advisory Board and the studies it has made and its proposals for safeguarding and improving the McKownville Water System. Included were the studies made by the previous boards which have been in existence as needed since the water system was placed in service.

A review was made in detail for the benefit of the new board members reservoir system, watershed, filtration plant, the problems which have beset it and the proposals for improving it. The review included the capabilities of the watershed area to produce water, and the available and proposed increases in storage capacity.

Mr. Purdy explained his statistical tabulation of water use during the summer months of 1964 which give a good indication of what the system can produce with a minimum of rain.

Areas of McKownville not now being supplied with reservoir water were reviewed along with considerations for other potential water requirements.

The purchase of the upper reservoir was discussed as well as proposals to erect storage tanks to hold surplus water. What would happen to our watershed should the area west of the church pond, west of the Thruway be developed. Storage tanks would be costly to build and maintain. Mr. Swyer suggested we investigate the size of the storage tank in the Birchmont District. Mr. Zyniecki suggested it was not high enough to produce much pressure head.

Mr. Swyer suggested that we invite Mr. Robinson to all meetings. This was agreeable to everyone. It was explained that he had attended some of the early ones but had been unable to attend others. A lack of communication with the supervisor stemmed partly from the confusion of the former chairman moving away and some unwritten correspondence and minutes.

The matter of an assistant for Mr. Jacobson was discussed. The consensus was that he be employed to assist at the filter plant and in the McKownville District exclusively. The qualifications of Wm. Olsmit were discussed and his connection with McKownville Fire Dept. and his knowledge of filter plant operation.

A motion was made by Mr. Swyer, seconded by Mr. Hamme and unanimously concurred that we contact the supervisor, Mr. Robinson, relative to the following items:

1. Church Pond - Will he follow up the contact with the church or should the Water Advisory Board do so.
2. Recommend that Mr. Jacobson's assistant be hired without further delay to assist at the filter plant and in the McKownville Water District exclusively and that the assistant preferably be Mr. Olamit.
3. That the Town Attorney be directed to draw up an easement to give access to the stream and/or pipe through Mr. Swyer's property. (Mr. Swyer is agreeable to give such an easement.)
4. That "No Trespassing" signs be erected promptly on all sides of the reservoir, also indicating that it is a public water supply.

Mr. Swyer agreed to get a price on the cost of fencing the entire reservoir, tying in to the Whitney Store building at both ends.

Mr. Swyer explained his plans and location for an office building at the northwest corner of his property. It would contain 30,000 sq. ft. to house 190 people with a water use of 15 gal. per person per day, or 2000 gals. per day, also a future theatre which would use 600 gal/day. The members of the Board saw no encroachment on the Water District or supply from these plans and acquiesced approval, especially since a new 34 ft. access road is planned to exit directly into Fuller Road on the north side of Stuyvesant Plaza.

It was stated that the date for the next meeting should be based upon the key information received regarding the church property.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

Fred B. Abele, Chairman
Secretary Pro Tem

c/c Town Supervisor
Town Clerk
Water Adv. Board Members

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Meeting held at the home of Chas. Maneri - November 17, 1964

Present: Mr. Maneri, Abele, Hamme, Purdy and Feldmann. Mr. Reynders was absent.

(No official minutes were typed by Mr. Maneri; this is my total recollection of the meeting matter.)

Plans for deepening the reservoir and results of the bidding were studied. Discussion on whether award should be made to Anrad Construction Co., the low bidder, relatively unknown, or to Weber Construction Co. who is considered experienced. Mr. Maneri agreed to advise the Supervisor and Town Board of our desires.

Mr. Maneri announced that he would be forced to resign because he had accepted a Federal position in Washington. His resignation was accepted reluctantly.

The members present wholly agreed that Fred Abele should now be Chairman and Mr. Maneri was requested and agreed to write a letter to the Town Board advising them of his resignation and requesting appointment of Mr. Abele as chairman.

Mr. Purdy now has completed his work with Mr. Frazer and he was requested to serve again on the Board and agreed to do so. Mr. Maneri agreed also to convey this information.

Mr. Maneri advised that Frazer Associates is proceeding with plans for rehabilitation of the filtration plant and our next step will be to study these plans when received.

It was noted that no word was received of action taken by Mr. Robinson to follow up the purchase of the church pond or the pipe line and other matters. Mr. Maneri said he would pursue these points.

Mr. Maneri agreed to forward necessary letters to the Town Board and to convey all material relative to the Water Advisory Board to Mr. Abele at the earliest possible moment. No action will be taken by the Board until the Chairmanship is confirmed.

NOTE: Mr. Maneri did not convey the properties of the Board to Mr. Abele until January of 1965. No formal confirmation was ever received of the revised committee and none of the letters referred to above were apparently written.

Fred B. Abele

It should be stated here that the above is not intended to cast any shadow on Mr. Maneri. He was plagued at this time by his wife's illness and the problems of getting relocated. We are sincerely indebted to him for his diligent work as Chairman of the Board during his tenure of office and his devotedness to the solving of the problems of the water system.

Belated c/c's Town Supervisor
 Town Clerk
 Water Adv. Board Members