

GUILDERLAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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One of the major purposes of the Guilderland Civic Association is to provide you with FACTUAL INFORMATION regarding public issues. The Association has no affiliation with any political party.

The current political campaign has brought forth an unusual barrage of propaganda-- a good deal of which has confused rather than enlightened the general public. This Association, therefore, has decided to publish the FACTS concerning some of the issues of townwide concern.

As you know, the Guilderland Civic Association has one or more representatives at every regular and special Town Board meeting. The Association maintains voluminous files of data for reference purposes. The following information has been obtained from these records.

ISSUE NO. 1. DEVELOPING A PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

The Town of Guilderland already has a substantial supply of water from TESTED ground sources available for immediate transmission. Here are the pertinent facts:

<u>Location of Well</u>	Continuous	<u>Yield (gals.)</u>	<u>Source of Data</u>
	Daily		
1. French's Mill		500,000	Geraghty & Miller
2. Carmen Road Area (4 wells)		500,000	Fraser Associates
3. State Farm/Nott Roads		935,000	Fraser Associates
4. Guilderland Center		350,000	Fraser Associates

All of the above estimates are conservative, engineering estimates. Without developing any additional sources, these wells could supply all of the Town's needs for water at the present time (excluding existing water districts).

Additional wells have been tested and partially developed which will add important NEW RESERVES to existing ground sources.

The consulting hydro-geologic firm of Geraghty and Miller stated in a report published in the Times-Union that: "...we must agree with those who favor the exploration for and exploitation of ground water sources in Guilderland."

CONCLUSION: We should continue to explore and develop additional ground sources of water. But, we have plenty of water available to start developing these resources immediately.

ISSUE NO. 2. SPENDING SURPLUS FUNDS

The Town Board must authorize all expenditures of Surplus Funds. Since Gordon Robinson became supervisor, surplus funds have been used to pay debts which should have been paid during the King Administration. Other expenditures were made to pay for well exploration (for which no budget provision was made by the previous administration) and other expenses of government. On September 1, 1965, the Town Board authorized the appropriation of \$5,000. of surplus funds for the further development of water resources. These are all proper uses of surplus funds.

However, the Highway Department has for many years carried forward enormous undeclared surpluses. It has been the position of this Association that these surplus funds should be used to REDUCE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TAXES.

ISSUE NO. 3 REPRESENTATION ON THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Citizens of Guilderland should be vitally concerned with the way in which their supervisor represents them on the County Board of Supervisors. It is a FACT that well over half of the taxes which the Town collects from YOU are paid over to the County. During the King Administration, no dissenting word was heard regarding the unlawful and inefficient squandering of County funds.

Supervisor Robinson has repeatedly attacked the County Machine and has made public appearances urging reapportionment in Albany County. Reapportionment--according to the one-man-one-vote principle--is the single, most important means of curbing the Albany County Machine.

ISSUE NO. 4. PROGRESSIVE GOVERNMENTAL ACTION

During Mr. Robinson's administration, the following programs were implemented and successfully carried out:

- 1. TOWN CENSUS. This action alone will net the Town of Guilderland more than \$100,000 during the next five years. The cost of this project was \$4,100. That's good public administration.
- 2. Purchase of Fort Hunter Water System for \$30,000. The price which was being discussed during the previous administration was \$68,000.
- 3. The McKownville Water System has been modernized and the capacity has been increased. Under the prior administration, this system was neglected and in a state of disrepair.
- 4. Lighting. In response to requests by many citizens, vast improvements have been made in street lighting and traffic lights. Also, the Guilderland Lighting District has been extended.
- 5. TOWN LINE SURVEY. This project was neglected for many years prior to Mr. Robinson's term as supervisor. He, with the cooperation of the Town of Colonie, had these boundaries surveyed. The result was that \$22,500. was added to the tax role. The survey cost the Town of Guilderland \$2,500. It will net \$3,000. per year in Town and school taxes.

Many other improvements have taken place in the management of Town affairs during the Robinson Administration. However, in our opinion, the most important improvement has been that there is a NEW ATTITUDE apparent at Town Hall. Our Town government now is responsive to the wishes of Mr. Taxpayer--and that's a BIG CHANGE from the way it used to be.

Now, YOU HAVE THE FACTS.

Sincerely yours,
GUILDERLAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.