



BOX 301  
GUILDERLAND, N.Y.

TOWN OF GUILDERLAND

# REPUBLICANS FOR ROBINSON

HEADQUARTERS  
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DAILY 10:00 A.M. - 9:30 P.M.  
MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

September 8, 1965

Dear Fellow Republican:



For Supervisor  
GORDON ROBINSON

The supply of pure water to the homes and businesses of Guilderland is by far the greatest responsibility your government has. Even in so called "normal" years this is true - and it becomes a much greater responsibility as our alarming drought conditions continue.

When Gordon Robinson took office as your Supervisor 21 months ago, he realized the gravity of the situation in Guilderland. Fifty thousand dollars had been fruitlessly expended by the prior administration in an effort to locate enough surface water to keep up with the Town's growing needs. Since Mr. Robinson took over, his search for cheaper, purer underground water has been amply justified and Guilderland is on its way to a sufficient low-cost supply to carry us through for many years. Here are some facts on our water development.



For Councilman  
JAMES D. BRUCE

1. Four very promising water sites have been discovered. Two of these are now producing an unending supply of more than 1.4 million gallons each day.
2. Four impartial experts on underground water have said that there are solid reasons for believing an even greater underground supply will soon be available.
3. The Westmere Water District, with its 7000 water consumers, will take a giant step forward when it is approved by our citizens in a referendum on September 25.
4. Another water district is being planned and preliminary work has begun on a similar district for the western end of Town.
5. The Water Advisory Board, a group of non-political volunteer citizens, was established in May, 1964 to expedite the work being undertaken by the engineer.



For Councilman  
ANTHONY W. TURNER

Supervisor Gordon Robinson has pushed forward vigorously with his water program since the day he took office. He has been supported in this drive by the great majority of Guilderland citizens. He and his running mates are dedicated to continue this search until Guilderland, with its substantial potential of underground water, has a steady, sufficient supply for the Town's future needs.



For Supt. of Highways  
STANLEY H. SPARKS

Your vote, next Tuesday, for Gordon Robinson and his entire slate will ensure this progress.



For Receiver of Taxes  
GLORIA A. TARDIFF

Sincerely yours,

William H. Lockwood, Chairman  
Republicans for Robinson

Achievements

(A list of some of the things that have been done for the Town of Guilderland since Gordon Robinson took office January 1, 1964.)

A. Town Business  
Business Practices

1. Bookkeeping and Auditing  
 A modern system of bookkeeping has been installed at Town Hall.  
 The comptroller gives a monthly financial report to the Town Board.  
 The comptroller makes an annual audit and presents a public report.
2. Guilderland Water District Funds.  
 Over a period of years, around \$25,000. had been accumulated in surplus funds. These were illegally deposited and annual interest shown on previous financial reports was ridiculously low (one year it was \$40.00). These funds have been legally deposited and interest is being earned and credited at approximately 4%.
3. Altamont Village - Highway Tax Relief  
 Last year the State passed permissive legislation allowing Towns (if they so wished) to exempt incorporated villages which maintain their own streets, from Town Highway tax. This exemption was promptly granted to Altamont village when requested.
4. Truck Purchase (Highway Dept.)  
 Over the years, manufacturers of Oshkosh trucks have been remarkably successful in selling trucks to the Town of Guilderland. This year, when new trucks were needed, the specifications set up by the Highway Supt. were written around Oshkosh specifications (taken largely from Oshkosh advertising literature). Other reliable truck manufacturers would have been unable to bid. The Supervisor insisted that a paragraph be inserted into the specifications which allowed other manufacturers to compete. As a result, the Oshkosh bid was several thousand dollars lower than bids in previous years. The Town was able to purchase two trucks both with snow plows and one with a spreader (which, if bought separately, would cost \$2,100.) for approximately \$35,000. In 1958, the Town paid \$35,699.00 for one Oshkosh truck.
5. Town Line Survey  
 In 1913, the City of Albany acquired some land lying partly in the Town of Guilderland and partly in the Town of Colonie. For 50 years nothing was done to establish the true boundaries. Repeatedly, Guilderland town assessors asked that a survey be made: they were ignored. Mr. Robinson made arrangements with Town of Colonie to have a survey made, the two towns sharing the cost. Guilderland's share was \$2,500. Property with a total assessed valuation of \$22,500. was found to be in Guilderland. The Town and school taxes from this property will amount to approximately \$3,000. annually.
6. Town Census  
 Per capita State aid to Towns is based on the latest census. We were being paid on 1960 census. Mr. Robinson

had a new census taken at a cost of \$4,100. This census showed an increase of 2865 people in the Town outside the village of Altamont and an increase of 4 in the village. State aid is at the annual rate of \$7.55 per person outside incorporated villages and approximately \$4.00 less in villages. This census brings to Guilderland annually, an increase of approximately \$21,650. in State money. This will go on until 1970 and will mean around \$108,000. for our Town, (Pretty good return on outlay of \$4,100.).

Public Participation

- 1. Preparation and presentation of Budget
 

It had been the practice in some departments of Town Gov't. when preparing the budget in November to report surpluses much less than would be expected to exist on Dec. 31st. This kept the tax rate up and gave the departments extra money, for a variety of purposes. Mr. Robinson insisted on realistic "anticipated surpluses" (In one department the anticipated surplus was raised from \$10,000. to \$40,000.). Every effort has been made to set up a budget that gives a true picture of Town finances.
- 2. Copies of minutes of all meetings of the Town Board are made available to all citizens of the Town.
- 3. Advisory Boards (Citizen volunteers)
 

These are citizens interested in Town problems. The members serve without commensation - They do not get even expense money. They are appointed regardless of political affiliation. Present boards are:

  - Town Wide Water Advisory Board
  - Guilderland Water Advisory Board
  - Ft. Hunter Water Advisory Board
  - Police Advisory Board

(The McKownville Water Advisory Board has been re-activated by the addition of new members.)

B. Water

- 1. Ft. Hunter Water Purchase
 

Water system was in bad shape. Customers wanted Town to buy. Owner asked \$68,000. and old regime was negotiating for purchase. After Robinson became Supervisor, water system was purchased for \$30,000., necessary repairs made and customers are getting ample water.
- 2. McKownville Dredging and Filtration
  - a) Dredging operations resulted in 2 million gallon additional storage capacity - now capacity is about 3 1/2 million gallons.
  - b) Capacity of filtration plant doubled, (increased from 200 gal. per minute to 400 gal. per minute).
- 3. Three Hills Terrace
 

This section of the Town has had a water problem for several years. It became acute. The residents of the area asked for public water and the project has been moved along to the final preparation of engineers' specifications.
- 4. Westmere Water District
 

Problem has been studied for more than a year, test wells drilled, public hearings held, etc. Town Board has passed a resolution establishing the water district subject to permissive

referendum. District will serve 1700 - 1800 families.

- 5. Studies being continued
  - a) Westerly district - preliminary steps
  - b) Guilderland Center - possible water supply and costs being studied
  - c) Well exploration going on

C. Lighting

- 1. Guilderland Light District Extension I (supposed to have been done 2 years ago)
- 2. Traffic lights -  
McKown Road  
Intersection 155 & 20  
Johnson Rd.
- 3. Flood lights  
On every intersection with 5 major roads (Rtes. 20, 155, 146  
158 and Depot Rd.)

D. Misc. Public Improvements

- 1. Ft. Hunter Fire District Extension
- 2. Sanitary land fill (dump)
- 3. Pine Haven drainage (storm sewer)
- 4. Illegal dump in Westmere closed
- 5. Garbage collectors required to get license
- 6. Trash ordinance adopted - (dump permits)  
(a two week count of users of dump revealed 407 from outside Town)
- 7. Town got court action forcing clean-up of junk yard at Princetown corners (Wormer's) on Route 20 (Has 9 months in which to do it)
- 8. Peddlers license required
- 9. All business under special use permits (Keeps out hot dog stands, etc.)  
(A & W, Carroll came in before Gordon's term).

E. Town Growth (Encouragement of Business)

- 1. Whitneys, Glens Falls Ins. Co., Theatre, Two 30,000 sq. ft. office bldgs. at Stuyvesant Plaza
- 2. A. B. Dick - Westmere
- 3. Over 100 acres Karner Rd. & Rte. 20 zoned for commercial park