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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
McKownville Fire District
Town of Guilderland
Albany County
N. Y.

March 22, 1966

New York Fire Insurance Rating Organization
55 Grant Avenue
Albany, N. Y. 12206

Gentlemen: Attention: Mr. Stuart M. Dean, P.E., Div. Engr.

With reference to your report #649 on the Municipal Fire Defenses of McKownville Fire District transmitted to this Board on October 28, 1964, we wish to advise that the following have been accomplished or initiated to attempt compliance with your recommendations.

Item 5 - Water Supply

Alterations to the filter plant have now been completed. An additional filter was installed, doubling the capacity of the plant to produce treated water. This equipment is now in operation. Rated at 200 gpm it gives the plant a capacity of 400 gpm

Steps have been taken by the Town Board to initiate an agreement with the McKownville Methodist Church to acquire or lease the rights to the upper pond and dam owned by them and which impound 7,000,000 gallons, to insure their availability to the McKownville Water District. When this is accomplished plans are to renew the valves to make this large reserve readily available for emergencies.

Item 4. - Liason Man between Fire Dept. and Water System

During February of this year the Town Board appointed Wm. Olmit to the post of Assistant Water Plant Operator at the McKownville filter plant. Mr. Olmit is an active member of McKownville Fire Dept. and a qualified water operator. This should also comply with item 3.

Items 6 and 1.

The McKownville Water Advisory Board has again recommended that an Engineering study be made and costs submitted to install a second main from the filtration plant to a Stuyvesant Plaza connection, also that detailed maps, sketches, card indexes and records be prepared by the Engineer as required.

Item 7 - Birchmont Water system

A move has been initiated to consolidate Birchmont district with the McKownville Water District with a view of future improvements and more hydrants.

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Item 19. - Fire House

On October 28, 1965 the Court approved condemnation of a parcel of land located at 1248-1250 Western Avenue in the name of McKownville Fire District for the erection of a modern fire house. This is the southeast corner of Brookwood Street and Western Avenue. Hearings have been held before Commissioners of Appraisal for the purpose of establishing a price on the property and decision is awaited. No construction has been started but plans have been prepared. The owners of the land in a series of maneuvers are attempting to prove the land worth three times its appraised value. The Board of Fire Commissioners recently requested the Town to withhold any further building permits in this District until this matter is resolved. However, it is hoped that construction may be accomplished soon to comply with this item.

Item 24. - Hose

350 Lin. ft. of 2 1/2" and 150 Lin. ft. of 1 1/2" hose were added during 1965, also a portable rack wash purchased for storage of spare hose.

The following additional equipment was purchased in 1965:

- 1 - 2 1/2" Fog nozzle
- 1 - Distribution nozzle 2 1/2", with applicator
- 1 - Scott Airpak
- 1 - Pitot tube

A motion picture camera and projector with which it is hoped to make training films at drills and various aspects of fire fighting and safety which can be shown for criticism and for training purposes.

Item 29. - Officers and men have inspected the commercial and business properties of the District. Further inspections are projected.

Further reminders and recommendations to those responsible for compliance with recommendations over which we have no control will be made shortly.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MCKOWNVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

By Fire District Secretary