

McKownville Improvement Directors Favor Firehouse

A directors' meeting of the McKownville Improvement association was called last week to review the construction program proposed by the McKownville fire commissioners. It is evident that there will be a considerable delay before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court issues a ruling on the purchase price of the new land site at 1250 Western Ave. But since the present quarters of the fire company on Arcadia Ave. are in poor condition, it is not advisable to wait any longer for a final court decision.

The association directors are in favor of starting construction of the new fire building as soon as possible. New contractors' bids will be required since the old bids were in excess of funds authorized last June. The building plans have been rechecked to hold expenditures to the minimum requirements of the community. It is hoped that more bidders will participate this time and there are several indications that the total costs will be less than the total to be voted on. If the Appeals Court takes into account all factors pertaining to the land acquisition, there is every reason to believe the initial court award will be reduced considerably.

The directors voted to support the referendum for \$80,000 additional funds, to be voted on Jan. 26. The referendum for the purchase of a fire truck at a cost not to exceed \$30,000 will make it possible for the fire commissioners to place an order now, for delivery about Apr. 1, 1968. The directors also voted in favor of this purchase, as essential to adequate fire protection. The present pumping capacity does not meet the minimum requirements of the State Board of Underwriters.