

McKOWNVILLE WATER ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting - March 22, 1967, Held at Town Hall

Present: Abele, Feldmann, King, Swyer, Schwartz

Absent: Hamme, Dascher, Zyniecki

Mr. Abele reported all efforts to secure a secretary were fruitless.

The Town Board is adamant in this matter since they do not provide a secretary for the Townwide Board. Mr. Walters advises it is hard to get anyone to come out to attend the evening meetings.

Mr. Abele reported that a copy of the resolution placed in the minutes in memory of J. Francis Purdy had been sent to Mrs. Purdy and had been acknowledged.

Mr. Swyer and Mr. Schwartz reported they had not received copies of the minutes of the previous meeting.

A letter which had been sent to the District #1 office of the New York State Dept. of Public Works was read relative to possible effects of construction of the Washington Ave. extension on the watershed of the McKownville Water supply. A letter of reply was also read outlining the steps which were proposed to afford protection for the watershed, source and flow of the feeder stream during and after construction. A topographic sheet in large scale was included. It was agreed to reply to this letter thanking them and requesting that copies of the final plans be sent to this Board and the Town Board. It was also agreed that when final plans were available that the Town Board be requested to have Mr. Fraser study them to evaluate whether or not the proposed precautions are acceptable.

Relative to the proposition to add new and additional members to this Board, Mr. Abele advised that Perry, Dugan and Purdy had been contacted and all were agreeable to serving. Discussion followed. Too large a board becomes unwieldy. It was finally agreed by those present to hold in abeyance for the present any request to add additional members.

Mr. Abele reported he had been approached to serve on the Townwide Water Advisory Board as liason for this Board. All members present agreed to this. Due to pressures of other activities if Mr. Abele is not available for all meetings someone else can be delegated to attend.

Mr. Abele reported contact with Mr. Fraser relative to the proposed North Side of Western Avenue connection to the Stuyvesant Plaza loop. It was agreed he should be pressed for this so that construction could take place during the coming construction season.

Relative to the maps of the system and the Birchmont System,
Mr. Fraser reports that they have been completed except for establishing the
size of the existing Birchmont line. Mr. Walters advises that card indexing
in accordance with recommendations of the New York Fire Insurance Rating
Organization will have to be accomplished by the New Dept. of Water and
Santiation under direction of Durward Brewer.

Mr. Walters has advised that bonds for McKownville Water improvements
will be sold at the same time as the Westmere Bonds as this will give a more
desirable interest rate. All present were in favor of this move.

Mr. Swyer discussed possible plans for a road from Stuyvesant Plaza
to Western Avenue. It was agreed that sale of any Water District owned land
would have to be opposed pending investigation of its feasibility by an
Engineer.

Mr. Walters has advised that meters will be purchased soon on the same
purchase order as those for the Westmere District because of the complication
which individual purchases would create. All were agreed that all meters
installed throughout the Town should be uniform.

All agreed that outside
reading devices were preferred due to the savings in time in money spent in
call backs. Mr. Abele showed those present an American Meter Co. catalog
which illustrated the type meter having the outside reading device. Mr. Brewer
advises this is the type being considered.

It was noted that meters have been installed in Altamont.

All were agreed that installation should be done on one contract for
the whole district at the earliest possible time. Contacts with Attorneys
Williams and DuBrin revealed no legal complications to having it done this way.

Relative to the establishment of records for pumping, Tom King will
take care of this. He will also investigate with U.S. Geological Survey the
installation and rating of a staff gauge at the spillway for measuring water
levels and capacity in the reservoir as well as losses over the spillway.

Mr. Abele will investigate records and control being exercised over
the quality of the water.

Mr. Feldmann questioned if the Travelodge meter has been installed.
Mr. Abele will inquire about this.

The members present discussed water restrictions for the coming hot
weather months. It was unanimously agreed that the restrictions used last
year were acceptable and reasonably effective. It was agreed, therefore, to

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recommend that water use restrictions be adopted by the Town Board for the coming season the same as used last year.

Mr. Feldmann questioned the condition of the Storage Tank and if the proposed connection with the Westmere District was to be made. It was agreed nothing could be done to the tank until the connection is made. ←

Relative to the new D.E. filter, Mr. Abele has a brochure obtained by Mr. King relative to suggested improvements to operation where water conditions are difficult and he will study the present layout and make a preliminary study if such changes might be feasible. ←

The matter was again brought up by Mr. Schwartz of adding two feet to the height of the dam for additional storage. It was recalled that this had been previously tabled as Mr. Fraser had advised that the Dept. of Public Works would require a larger culvert under Western Avenue to protect the road from possible flash storm effects on the dam. It was agreed that the Town Board should again pursue this matter with Mr. Fraser.

It was agreed that Mr. Walters should be again requested to outline at his earliest possible convenience what actions have been taken or are pending on our various recommendations to date.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

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