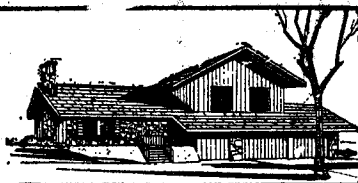


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McKownville Group Asks New Post Office

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Meeting for the 43d consecutive year, the McKownville Improvement Association voted to recommend a new post office building and smaller business signs in the community.

The annual spring get-together

held last night at the Christ Lutheran Church, drew about 20 members.

The program was highlighted by guest speaker Dr. Irving Verschoor's discussion on Community-University relations, "which

dealt with the opportunities offered by the State University

Fred B. Abele, a member of the Guilderlands Water Advisory Committee, reported on the McKownville water supply and future requirements of the community. He summarized the results of various meetings held in the last year which directly affected the community's water, adding, "With the growth of the town, problems in providing good water are becoming increasingly more difficult."

He also announced that meters have been contracted for and residents would have their water metered shortly.

Hugh Prytherch, reelected as president of the organization, introduced a recommendation to change a zoning ordinance relating to local business signs.

Mr. Prytherch urged that the size of signs "be no greater than a total of one and one-quarter square feet, including supporting structure and frame for each linear foot of building structure along the principal street frontage." This would reduce the maximum size of signs by about one-third, he explained.

An amendment was added to the motion to recommend a ban on flashing lights and animation. It passed unanimously.

The second motion passed by the organization recommended "immediately applying for a new permanent post office, preferably in the Stuyvesant Plaza." It too passed unanimously.

Other officers elected are: Andrew Valenti, vice president; Donald S. Mann, treasurer, and Bernice E. Hamme, secretary. They ran unopposed.

Seven persons were nominated for posts as directors, elected were Thomas King, Jr., Michael J. Hannan and George B. Hurley for three-year terms and David W. Barrell for a two-year tenure.

Colonie Board OKs Apartments

The Colonie Planning Board has approved the application of developer Elias Weiss for the 153-unit Mountainview Terrace Apartments project, to be located in an area recently rezoned

for single dwellings only.

The board held, however, that the project would be allowed prior non-conforming use status since plans had been submitted before the zoning change took effect. The apartments would be located off Pollack Road, near Riviera Estates.

Another apartment project within the rezoned area, the 100-unit Rose Garden Apartments, to be located on Sparrowbush Road, will be the subject of a public hearing on Tuesday, June 6.

The Planning Board ruled Monday that the Rose Garden project had also been submitted prior to the change in zoning from commercial to A-2, residential classification, which prohibits the construction of multiple resident dwellings.

At a public hearing on the Mountainview project last month, representatives of the Riviera Estates Taxpayers Association questioned the effect of the apartments on the community.

The proposed location of the Rose Garden Apartments is adjacent to the Shaker Estates project, which has been vigorously opposed by the Riviera Estates group.