

McKOWNVILLE WATER ADVISORY BOARD

Present: Abele, Swyer, Hamme, Zyniecki

Meeting: June 14, 1967

Absent: King, Dascher, Feldmann, Schwartz

Town Hall 8:00 PM

The first order of business pertained to the installation of the water meters which have been contracted for by the Town Board for installation in the McKownville and Birchmont Water Districts.

Mr. Abele supplied a tabulation of bids received by the Town Board on the meters and reported that they can be delivered on an as required basis as soon as suitable arrangements have been made for their installation. He also reported on meetings of the Townwide Water Advisory Board which he has attended.

After discussing methods of financing the meters and their installation, members present were in agreement that bids should be received by the Town Board for a single contract for the installation of these meters and that the cost of these meters and their installation should be financed by the issuance of bonds in the name of McKownville and Birchmont Water Districts over a period to coincide with the useful life of the meters, presumably ten years, and the the cost of the annual payments of principal and interest on the bonds should be reflected in the tax rate to all taxpayers of the districts in the same manner as for any other addition or improvement.

Members agreed that an Engineer, preferably J. K. Fraser Associates, be asked to prepare bid and contract documents and a set of specifications to cover the installation work, with particular emphasis on inspection of the installations for the protection of the taxpayers. Labor to remove and replace any defective meters should be provided for. Any additional pipe replacement over and above that required for the installation should be born by the individual taxpayer and be billed directly by the contractor. Bids should be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, who shall be approved by the Engineer.

Mr. Swyer proposed that assigning the contract for the meters to the successful bidder be investigated as is sometimes done with subcontracted items. (Mr. Fraser when contacted for an opinion said this might make the meter cost subject to the sales tax). It was also thought that to separate the contract for the meters in this manner might be difficult because of the three districts involved.

After discussion of the pollution of the streams it was agreed that it be recommended that tests be made of these streams and that proper steps be taken by the Town Board to enforce the watershed rules in these areas and make sure that the offending situations are corrected and that reports of actions taken and the findings be reported back to this Board. Mr. Swyer noted that an offending drainage ditch from Providence Street, parallel to the power line, has been picked up by the Stuyvesant Plaza drainage. Previously a submersible pump had been installed at Providence and Tracey Streets to pump the effluent back toward Fuller Road. This pump has since been removed, no one could give a reason as to when or why.

Relative to the proposed line for the north side of Western Avenue, Mr. Swyer presented a map showing the existing lines in the Stuyvesant Plaza, Executive Park complex and requested that thought be given to revising our original idea to connect to his line at the East end of of Whitney's store. Members present recommended he send a copy of the map to Fraser to evaluate the hydraulics of the system. It was felt that to lay additional lines to the Plaza would at least double the cost to the system. (Mr. Fraser when contacted said that any connection to the Plaza would not meet the New York Fire Insurance Rating Organization recommended fire flows but would at least insure some flow of water to the balance of the District in the event of a break in the large main on the South side of Western Avenue.) Members present were agreed that no further action be taken until further evaluation is made.

It was agreed that a letter be written to the Town Board conveying these recommendations and requesting that we be advised of the steps taken.

Fred B. Abele
Secretary pro tem