

McKOWNVILLE WATER ADVISORY BOARD
November 21, 1967

The McKownville Water Advisory Board Meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by Chairman Abele.

Members present: Chairman Abele, Feldmann, King and Zyniecki.

Members absent: Dascher, Swyer, Hamme and Schwartz.

Guests present included Brewer, Barber and Prytherch.

The Board reviewed the construction plans and documents for the Washington Avenue extension into the Pine Bush as to how it will affect the McKownville Water Shed. Mr. Abele will write a letter to the District Office of the Department of Transportation suggesting that the contractor be informed that this is a public water supply. The plans indicate sufficient protection of the stream during construction and should result in an additional run-off of water to our feeder stream.

The main item for discussion was the consolidation of the McKownville-Birchmont Water Districts. It was noted that there were two irregularities, both on page 1. The first is under Item 1 section (b) where the Tax Rate should read \$22,134/2,614.7 instead of \$108,370/6,012.1. Under Item 2 the Estimated Revenue should be \$22,109 which makes the Amount to be raised by Taxes \$25,324. This changes the following three figures to \$9.06/Thousand, \$0.59/Thousand and \$3.00/Thousand. The Tax Rate was raised to \$9.06 because the original figure had been based on the water rate of \$39.80 when it should have been based on \$23. On page 3 under Summary the figure \$8.70 should be changed to \$9.06 and \$10.75 to \$11.11. Mr. Feldmann presented a computation which after examination proved compatible with those already presented.

Mr. Feldmann suggested that the full Board meet to vote on any Resolution which might be made concerning the consolidation of McKownville-Birchmont Water District. But, after discussion, it was decided that Mr. Abele will write a resolution to be voted on by all Board members by mail* as to whether or not the consolidation should take place in order to get the decision without further delays.

It was clarified that the consolidation cost to McKownville would be \$11.12 with improvements and meters as against \$11.13 if McKownville installs meters but doesn't consolidate with Birchmont on

the assumption that Birchmont would then consolidate with the Westmere Water District with a resulting loss of revenue to McKownville Water District.

Mr. Zyniecki brought out the question of possible legal problems if Birchmont were to ~~sell~~ the surplus land that now belongs to the Birchmont Water District. Mr. Prytherch passed out some figures which he had compiled on the proposed consolidation with a slightly different approach.

It was decided the water main on Ayre Drive between Short St. and Williams Court should be physically checked as to size. Mr. Brewer agreed to see what he could do about it.

Mr. Brewer reported the project had gotten under way that day to put the new roof on the Filtration Plant at the Settling Basin. The contractor has assured him it will be done before the week is out.

Mr. Abele stated he is compiling a list of items which have been studied, recommended, tabled, etc. and their disposition to date.

Mr. Feldmann wanted to know if the header pipes should be taken up or the whole recharging basin rehabilitated as they are filled with sand at present. Also is the board across the spillway in tact and Mr. Abele said it is.

Mr. Abele suggested a staff guage be installed for reading water levels in the reservoir and computing the overflow.

Mr. Brewer questioned the status of negotiations with the Methodist Church on the church pond dam. Mr. Abele stated nothing further has happened pending the Westmere Water District being in use.

Mr. Feldmann moved the meeting be adjourned and it was seconded by Mr. King. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne Roberts

P.S. *Results of the vote on the Birchmont-McKownville consolidation were as follows:

1. Abele - Yes
2. Feldmann - Yes
3. Hamme - Yes
4. King - Yes
5. Zyniecki - Yes
6. Dascher - Yes
7. Schwartz - Yes
8. Swyer - Yes

Unanimous in favor of consolidation!