

THE MCKOWNVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

September 27, 1968(8:00 P.M.)  
42 W. Parkwood St.

President Valenti called the meeting to order with the following present:

President -Andrew Valenti

Vice President - James J. Barber

Secretary - Bernice E. Hamme  
Treasurer - Donald S. Munn  
Directors -Michael J. Hannon  
          Thomas King Jr.  
          John F. Feldman  
          John E. Davis  
          Hugh Prytherch

Absent - George B. Hurley  
          David W. Barrell  
          James W. Shaughnessy  
          James B. Webster

The Secretary's minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$327.61, with expenses paid since the annual meeting of \$31.00. Seventy-one members have paid for 1968-1969.

President Valenti reported that the Fluoridation plan had been passed by the Town Board without objection; that after several applications the Neba Stand Owner had withdrawn from trying to acquire the property at the intersection of the Northway and Western Avenue; that the same applied to the old Firehouse purchase. It is being rented now.

Discussion was had on the Country Club Garage property. The Garage is out of business. Also the Dog Restraint Ordinance was mentioned as being passed on September 2.

Mr. Hannon was asked about Town Plan #701. He had attended the meeting. A large play area was recommended. A cross-town road was recommended from near State Farm Road to New Scotland Avenue. These plans are in the discussion stage along with the road from Selkirk to Schenectady.

The Tawasentha Park purchase was mentioned. Mr. Hannon

said that the Town of Guilderland had an option until April 1 to buy the property at \$292,000. The Federal Government would provide 50% of the money, the State, 25% and the Town, 25%. The cost to the Town would be around \$15,000 per year for 5 years. The total interest would be \$10,125. Operating expenses were discussed. The employees needed would be a director and assistant, 5 or 6 life guards and roughly the cost of operation would be \$25,000. The operation of the pool would be around \$20,000; per tax base \$1.56 per thousand estimated. The concession would be rented. Plenty of part-time help would be needed. There is a problem of how to keep outsiders out, either assessing them enough to discourage them or some other idea. The Board has the contract and after the first of the year, there are plans to pick it up. L. R. Stewart of Altamont is circulating a petition to permit the people to vote on the purchase of the park by putting the proposition on the ballot this Fall. The park has many uses. It has 101-106 acres. The McKownville Improvement Assn. Board went on record to write a letter to the Town Supervisor Carl Walters assuring him of every support in this matter. Mr. Feldman made the motion and it was seconded. The Town Board meeting will be held October 8th and the Improvement Assn. will be represented.

Mr. Hannon was also asked about the McKownville Sewage disposal agreement with the City of Albany. He stated that the Town of Guilderland joined with 12 other municipalities in Albany County; that we are State mandated by 1970 to have started work on the sewer system. Each year's delay will cost the town more. Under agreement with the City of Albany the Town of Guilderland will install main sewer lines from the Albany City Line to the Thruway. The City of Albany will accept the effluence at 7¢ per gallon and it will be treated at the Westerloo Island Plant. Mr. Thayer Martin is the Standard Engineer. Estimates are that it would be around \$300 to run the sewer pipes into each resident's property and then there would be a cost of \$100 to \$120 per year for 30 years.

The Town Assessment roll has increased to some \$19,195,471. Heritage Village has increased it somewhat. The roll will increase more next year.

Fred Abele from the Water Advisory Board was invited but was unable to attend this September 27th meeting. He sent a report of current data on water and fire services which was read by Thomas King, and filed with the Secretary's minutes.

This Fall's leaf removal was discussed. It was stated that the Town had rented two machines at \$700. per month each to pick up the leaves in front of each resident's property. The cost of \$4,000 can be applied on the purchase of a machine by the Town. The machines are rented by the same company as last

year - Chiarello, Arizona Co. The cost last year was \$7,000. A bulldozer operator is needed for the Town dump. They hope to obtain one for \$6,500 per year to work from 7A.M. to 4P.M.

There was a discussion of traffic problem in turning into side streets from Western Avenue. Also, Mr. King inquired as to speed signs on Ayre Drive. He was informed that he could contact the Traffic Advisor of the Town Board and then the Advisor recommends to the Board.

President Valenti asked that there be a committee of three, namely, James Barber, Hugh Prytherch and himself to keep a watch on applications and zoning changes.

Mr. Barber brought to discussion the matter of a tank-reservoir located between E. Dillenbeck and W. Dillenbeck Streets with a suggestion that it could be used as a Civil Defense Headquarters with some alteration. The Water District owns the land.

Suggestion was made in regards to contacting new members to the Association.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Bernice E. Hamme  
Secretary.