

Northway Expansion Tied to Water Tank

By JOHN MOORE

State plans for expanding the Northway south of Route 20 in Guiderland may be doused unless the McKownville water tank is moved.

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The State Transportation Department sent a request for the specifications and schematics of the half-million gallon tank in case it must be moved from the state right-of-way just west of Schoolhouse Road. The Guiderland Town Board last night acknowledged receipt.

Supervisor Carl J. Walters announced that at 8 p.m. today the town-designated engineer will conduct a hearing in the Christ Lutheran Church on the Krumkill Improvement area sewer district, which will be part of the countywide system.

John Ryan of 1 Ann Drive appeared at the board meeting to speak on behalf of Willowbrook Estates residents seeking relief from the drainage overflow of a laundromat on Carman Road near McCormacks owners.

Supervisor Walters explained that the redress authority was the Albany County Health Department but Ryan countered that the department had been contacted several times over a near-year period and declared that "if our water becomes polluted we are through."

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Walters said that the town would check again with the health department but cautioned: "Unfortunately very often we are never afforded the courtesy of a reply as to action taken and have to go back again."

The supervisor qualified his remarks, however, by saying, "I believe the department is well-meaning. Keep in mind they have to check every well, septic tank, etc. in the county and that takes time."

The residents said the laundromat property had no more room for leech fields and the area was becoming undermined... "They had to put crates across one area to keep vehicles out."

Earlier the board dissolved the town health office and relinquished its duties and those of the town health officer to the Albany County Board of Health.

Dr. Anthony Mastrolanni, the town health officer, would have to attend a three-week brush-up course at Columbia University to meet a state qualification. Neither he nor any other doctor in the town expressed a desire to do so.

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The board awarded a \$2,438 contract to provide the equipment for a fluorination installation for the McKownville Water District to Custom Electric of Delmar.

The award was made after an informational meeting when all attending favored the fluorination and a recommendation by

the McKownville water advisory board that the equipment be installed.

The installation is considered a public works project, which allows awarding of bids up to \$2,500 without public advertisement.

A rezoning request by William C. Matulewicz to operate an antique shop on School Road near the Guiderland Junior-Senior High Schools complex was denied on the grounds of traffic hazards created, the area is strictly residential and not in keeping with the town master plan concept.

The board set 10 a.m. Jan. 1 for its annual organizational meeting. The resolution was passed over the silent objections of the press who will have to attend the New Year's Day session.

A public hearing was scheduled for 8:15 p.m. Jan. 14 to consider making Elmwood Street in McKownville one-way. John Esler submitted a petition by the homeowners involved who contend the thoroughfare is being used by Fuller Road traffic to avoid the Route 20 stoplight.

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