

## 1971 Annual Meeting Minutes

The McKownville Improvement Association held its annual meeting on June 3, 1971 at 8:00 P.M. in Christ Lutheran Church, McKownville.

The meeting was called to order by James Barber, President. This was the 47th Annual Meeting of the Association. Mr. Barber welcomed the group and presented Mr. Durward C. Brewer, Supt. of Water and Sanitation as the appropriate speaker to give information on the Sewer Hookup Requirements.

Mr. Brewer brought sheets to be passed out among the residents giving the information concerning the pending sewer project that McKownville is going through now and will be for some months. (Sheet attached to minutes).

Mr. Thayer Martin, P.E. was also present as was Carl W. Walters, Supervisor of the Town to assist in answering any questions that residents had with their own particular problems of hooking on the sewer line and filling their septic tanks after pumping out.

Mr. Brewer proceeded to review what had been related before. That the sewer project was planned to be completed by November 17, 1971; that the pumping station is coming along well, and nearing completion. Although dates are set for each locality, no deadline has been established for the individual hookup. In cases where emergency arises, they may be able to give relief depending on the area. It could be two years hence before the hookup is complete. Sewer permits will not be available at the Receiver of Taxes office until the temporary system is working.

Mr. Carl Walters, Supervisor of the Town recalled to mind that the Sewer Project Contract was signed with the City of Albany some three years ago. It has been estimated that 300 gallons per minute can be pumped to the treatment plant but no uncontaminated water (explanation on Requirement Sheet) can be connected to the sanitary sewer system.

Mr. G. W. Hamme, Past President of the Association, and from the Norwood Street section requested information and was told that by the middle of the following week staking would begin; that there are plans for a hookup of that street in October; that it was not recommended to have common trenches into homes but if it seemed necessary, it would be permitted. Mrs. M. Pesnel from the street inquired into sump pump drainage as did other residents and was told this could not be connected to the sewerpipe. Mr. Brewster had called at Mrs. Pesnel's home to investigate the problem. The treatment plant is unable to cope with sources of uncontaminated water.

Clay piping versus cast iron piping was discussed. Clay piping will be used as the Dept. deems it less costly and satisfactory. The trenches will be from 3-5 feet deep and probably 12-13 feet wide at the top.

The Dept of Water and Sanitation has a list of contractors for the homeowners use. Any resident with questions or difficulty can call this office.

Questions were asked concerning gas pipes etc. going into the houses. The contractors will consider these locations; older houses and foundations will be considered. Gravel or sand can be used to fill the septic tanks. Four to six inches of gravel will be laid in the trenches under the pipes.

A question was asked why the septic tanks were to be filled and the answer was for health and safety. If health and safety laws are not followed, State and Federal Funds will be withheld. Questions that were asked concerning changing their sewer outlet from the back of the house to the front were told to inquire of their plumber.

From 25 to 40 years the cost per year per house will run from \$100-\$110. The charge will be made when the system is fully installed even though the individual may not be hooked up. This is not a Federal income deduction. The regular storm sewers will continue to be maintained.

A question was asked about the new developments absorbing some of the Town's taxes. The reply was that 1/5 of the taxes, excluding water and sewer have gone down since 1958 - \$4.00 on a \$1,000, assessed valuation.

Mr. Walters, Mr. Brewer and Mr. Martin were thanked for their time and help.

Mr. Barber called on Andrew Valenti, a Director of the Improvement Association to make nominations for Vice President and Directors to fill vacancies. Through nominations and unanimous vote Melvyn L. Behn was elected as Vice President and Hugh Prytherach, John Davis and James Dermody were elected as Directors. John Purdy took the chair as President. (Sheet of Officers and Directors attached).

It was suggested by G. W. Hamme, a Past President that a Treasurer's report be made to the President in the near future and that a program for the Improvement Assn. be planned; that someone be in touch with Fred Abele concerning the Water Board news. Mr. Prytherach made a motion that a Youth Commission be delegated to clean up debris dumped near the Methodist Church Pond. This was seconded by Mr. Hamme and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Tot-Lots in the Birchmont area were brought into discussion. The Town-Wide Plan has included these so it was decided that this was a suggestion for the Town Board to accelerate in this particular area.

In the absence of the Treasurer, dues were collected by the Secretary.

Meeting Adjourned.

Bernice E. Hamme  
Secretary.