

Town to Sell Land To Stuyvesant Plaza



CARL WALTERS

Pending state approval, the Town of Guelderland will sell slightly over one-half acre of land to Stuyvesant Plaza for further development of the shopping center.

The town board at its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night passed a resolution authorizing Supervisor Carl Walters to make application to the Environmental Conservation Department for approval of sale of the land in the McKownville Water District.

WALTERS SAID Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. will also sell about one-half acre of their land to Stuyvesant.

One McKownville resident, John Essler of 19 Elmwood Street, told the board that research had shown him sale of the land without public hearing was illegal.

Also, Essler said the water district belongs to the residents of the area and is deeded to them. As their current water supply reservoir, Essler said, he believed the town should keep the land, possibly for expanding

the reservoir or making the land into a park.

HE SAID HE ALSO believed the land should not be sold without a vote of district residents; as well as the public hearing.

He also cited a 1958 situation where the state Audit and Control Dept. had advised a former town supervisor that a public hearing must be held.

Town Counsel Frank Williams said the land which is owned by the town can be sold under rulings of section 64 of the law without public hearing.

Walters said land is deeded to water districts but is, nonetheless, town-owned, and the procedure is legal.

THE SUPERVISOR pointed out during discussion that Stuyvesant has been feeling the effects of the "larger regional shopping centers" and the town (and Niagara Mohawk) should help them "continue on and be a tremendous tax base." Walters said Stuyvesant pays one-third

the water district taxes in the McKownville area.

In other business, members of the Refuse Committee were appointed from volunteer town citizens as well as Sal Amato, board member. The chamber of commerce will also have one member. The first meeting will be held in December, Walters said.

Appointed were: Daryl Hull, 15 Service Road; Ned Briggs, 193 Pine Ridge Drive; Joan Floyd, 612 Maywood Ave.; Phil Bibbo, 3278 Marilyn St.; David DeCinto, Western Turnpike; Sidney Woodcock, 204 Debutante Drive; John Groves, 3 Warren St.; John McNamara, 10 Pine Knob Drive; Harry Worthington, Old State Road; Jack Pollard, Leesome Lane; and George Lemmon, 9 Leda Lane.

Walters appointed board member Roy McNiven as liason to the Senior Citizens' Planning Committee.

A **CONTRACT** of \$79,404 for the Westmere Water District Extension No. 1 was approved and will be awarded low bidder

William J. Keller pending approval of the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

December 19 at 8 p.m. has been set as public hearing date for a new local law dealing with planned unit development. Copies of the PUD drafts will be available for study at town hall from the town clerk, Dec. 1.

The board also approved a resolution to make co-application with the City of Albany for a federal grant of \$590,000 for purchase of a Pine Bush preserve totaling 176 acres. Of this land, 154 acres are in Guelderland; 22 in Albany. The site is located on the western edge of the Pine Bush.