

MC KOWNVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors

June 30, 1974

8:30 p.m.

Present: Melvyn Behn Verla McCarville Guest: Mr. F. Abele
 Timothy Cohan Margaret McKinley
 John Davis Donald Reeb
 John Esler Alice Torda
 Steven Finn Andrew Valenti
 Lloyd Lininger

1. Mr. Fred Abele of the Water District gave a report on the consolidation of the water districts, indicating that in November of 1973 the turnover to the Westmere Water district took place. Mr. Abele stated that all the water is metered to show usage. Discussion followed on the water usage by the town of McKownville, the future of the land and the reservoir and water tax rates. Mr. Abele indicated that improvements in the distribution of the water had been made; rates have not gone up; the tax rate hasn't advanced any; and work on the extension of the water district.

Mr. Abele also spoke on the fire company indicating that they had wished to obtain a rescue-type vehicle. He stated that rescue equipment had to be left in the firehouse because of a lack of some type of a van--approximately \$12--\$15,000. would be needed for a new van and an auxiliary generator in the event of a power failure.

2. Mr. John Davis gave the Treasurer's report, indicating a balance of \$332.11 in May 31, 1973, with a balance on May 31, 1974 of \$460.00. Mr. Davis suggested putting \$400. into a savings account for interest purposes and retaining \$60. in the checking account. A suggestion was made to start fund-raising activities to increase the fund. A motion to set up the savings account was passed unanimously.

Mr. Davis spoke of the area at the end of Mercer Street which is currently being used as a play area for children. Also discussed was the future of the McKown Grove properties and the general use of this area.

3. The use of private homes by students was discussed, including the inherent parking problems because of too narrow streets. After considerable discussion of the problem, it was decided that consideration should be given to insure adequate parking for the size of the homes in relation to the number of renters. It was suggested that we consult with the town attorney for an interpretation of the law regarding conformity and meaning of family unit. This was moved to the Committee (Zoning).
4. Item #3 on the Draft Agenda (Combining of Sewer Improvement Areas) was discussed by John Esler. He indicated that the legislature had passed a ruling consolidating the sewer districts. He spoke

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of the meaning of sewer districts, improvement areas or drainage areas as indicated in the ruling, and the fact that 5% of electors or owners of rentable property were eligible to vote on this issue, and the implications of this ruling.

5. The next item discussed was the matter of the doctors--and the outcome of recent rulings. The Town indicated that Dr. Rissacker was in compliance with the zoning. They withdrew the citation against Dr. Rissacker since he is living in the house and using 25% for office space. H. Crouse seemed satisfied with Dr. Rissacker's statement and therefore, Dr. Rissacker is now in compliance.

The matter of Dr. Mastrianni--indications were that the Town is very patronizing to Dr. Mastrianni; that Dr. Mastrianni stated that the law was discriminating; that a hearing was to be held on August 7 at which time he would bring his attorneys.

After considerable discussion, it was decided that we should wait until after the hearing before taking any further action and involvement with the Town Zoning officials.

6. A report on the SUNYA pollution problem--the stacks on Fuller Rd. were being raised and were presently under construction. It was anticipated that the project would be completed by Fall 1974 and in use, depending on the availability of fuel.
7. Other items discussed were the status of the Waverly Place property, the Social Services building area (a recommendation was made that we draft a letter to the Town on this problem); and water and sewer lines.
8. Steve Finn indicated that he has looked into the possibility of a group of students from the University doing a study on McKownville and drawing up a "master plan" for this area in conjunction with the McKownville Improvement Association and residents. He seemed to indicate that this was possible and perhaps would prove helpful to the Town of Guilderland.

9. Committees:

1. Membership: Margaret McKinley and Alice Torda

Draw the interest of residents by questionnaires, fliers, interest in committees, stressing on items such as a lack of recreation, vandalism, etc. Publicity in newspapers, (TU-KN, the Town Crier, and the new Helderberg Sun) would be helpful. Also stated was that the Association should be active in issues like the fire house, and that 1974 is the 50th year of the Association and perhaps this could be a point of interest to draw on.

Planning : Timothy Cohan and Steve Finn

Recreation and Conservation: Melvyn Behn

Zoning Committee: Andrew Valenti and Donald Reeb

Other items discussed were cable television, by-laws, and a general meeting in September. A suggestion was made that perhaps a representative of the Town Board or a representative of the cable TV might be a speaker. A suggestion was made that perhaps Pastor Gerhardt of the Lutheran Church might be made a honorary member of the Association because of his past interest and contributions to the residents of McKownville. This items will have to be checked for by-law conformity.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Torda, Secretary