

McKOWNVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

August 11, 1975

<i>PRESENT: Sandi Baliert (for P. Baliert)</i>	<i>Verla McCarville</i>
<i>Timothy Cohan</i>	<i>Donald Reeb</i>
<i>John Davis</i>	<i>John Smircich</i>
<i>James Dermody</i>	<i>Alice Torda</i>
<i>John Esler</i>	<i>Andrew Valenti</i>

- 1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as presented (Dermody, Cohan).*
- 2. The first item of discussion was that of the Transcendental Meditation house on Fuller Road and the ensuing traffic and parking problems along Fuller Road. It was stated that the house was presently for sale and should be sold by the end of August.*
- 3. The continuing problems of the doctors was discussed--several pre-trail meetings were held--a trail is scheduled for September.*
- 4. Discussion followed on the "Not-for-Profit Corporation" of the Association and all agreed that we should go ahead with the incorporation.*
- 5. Treasurer's Report by J. Davis--\$484.00*
- 6. A request was made that we follow-up on the sending of the zoning regulations to all persons who requested them at the Open Meeting.*
- 7. The current Town Zoning Ordinance on the number of un-related persons living in single-family dwellings in Guilderland (McKownville) was discussed. It was suggested that a recommendation be made to the Town Board to have this ordinance changed from the current 5 to 3 in order to be consistent with the Albany ordinance. It was mentioned that with the current housing shortage at the University, a large number of students would start over-occupying single-family dwellings. It was agreed that a flier be distributed to all residents of McKownville in order that they be aware of the Zoning ordinance and report any non-compliances.*
- 8. A brief report on the current status of the Water District was given. A suggestion was made that a recommendation be made to the Town Board on what McKownville residents would like as far as consolidation is concerned.*
- 9. A report on the Reservoir--a bill was submitted to the insurance company for \$10,000. to clean out the reservoir--the erosion into the Reservoir--Harrington's Pond--and a recommendation that we encourage the Town to repair the Reservoir. The question was raised of what would happen to the Reservoir if consolidation of the Water District took place--(the property would go to the consolidated water district--Westmere). It was suggested that we find out alternatives before consolidation takes place and perhaps*

get an appraisal on the value of the property.

10. A recommendation was made that a Master Plan be drawn up for McKownville. Mr. Cohan, Mr. Reeb, and Mr. Smircich agreed to work on this project.
11. Other items discussed were the possibility of a tree-planting campaign (contact Mr. Finnan on Dillenbeck); the sidewalk repair from Hannan's to Knowles Terrace; and the re-classification of the streams. It was suggested that we ask the Town to move on the storm sewer hook-up. A lengthy discussion followed on the trouble with the sewers.
12. The problem of the incinerators (crematorium) from the Becker Animal Hospital was discussed. Since zoning ordinance prohibits a crematorium in a residential area, Mr. Valenti agreed to contact Mr. Astiz, a nearby resident, regarding the odor. If there was enough objection from area residents, this should be brought up at a Town Board meeting.
13. The continuing arson problem was discussed, together with the problem of opening water hydrants at fires. It was suggested that the Water Department be notified to check all the hydrants in insure proper operation in time of emergencies. Mr. Cohan indicated that the B.C.I. were working on the arson problem and investigating the cases.

Peter Balient and John Smircich said they would work on a letter to the Town Board requesting that some positive action be taken by the Town to correct the hydrant problem.

14. The topic of the McKown's Grove area was brought up with a suggestion that a plot plan be made. Town officials indicated that there was not enough money to support a park other than Tawasentha. A suggestion was made to request the Town to try to obtain Federal Funds for a project of this type.

Mr. Valenti suggested that the Town should be asked to 'ear-mark' some money for a recreational area and put some of this into the budget.

15. New Business:

1. the light on Fuller Road; the problems with the "old" firehouse
2. the need for more Open Meetings;
3. the General "Meet-the-Candidates" meeting scheduled for late September at the Tom Sawyer;
4. a request that at least two members from the Association attend each Town Board meeting--start in alphabetic order.
5. Mrs. McCarville said she would do publicity coverage--newspapers and radio.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Torda

Alice Torda, Secretary