

MCKOWNVILLE WATER ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING Held January 11, 1977 at the Stuyvesant Plaza Office  
Present: Abele, Schwartz, Zyniecki, Purdy, Esler, Swyer  
Absent: None

Called to order at 7:50 PM by Chairman Abele  
The stated purpose of the meeting was to study the proposed consolidation of the McKownville and Westmere Water Districts.

It was noted that all members had received in advance the chart prepared by Chairman Abele showing how the proposed consolidation could be effected and the resulting combined budgets and a probable consolidated tax rate. These figures were discussed at length.

In addition the following items were discussed:

1. The probable adjustment in rates per thousand gallons of water to reflect more realistically the cost of producing the water. It was noted that the present rate structure had been criticized by the States Auditors.
2. Possible reactivation of the pond as a water supply, as also the filter plant. All were agreed it would no longer be feasible as it would be nearly impossible to produce water of a desirable quality with existing equipment.
3. The question of ownership of the property (Water District vs. Town) raised by John Esler who noted that a legal opinion had been obtained to substantiate his opinion that the property belonged to the Water District. He recommended that the Town Board obtain a ruling or legal opinion on this and that the property be taken into the merged district as an equity of the McKownville District.
4. Insurance monies which had been recovered and which are now held in escrow for the McKownville District.
5. The fate or disposition of the McKownville reservoir pond and surrounding property and filtration plant building.

All members of the Board were in unanimous agreement that the following recommendations be adopted and directed to the Town-wide Water Advisory Board, the Town Supervisor and the Town Board.

1. That the Town Board pursue and institute proceedings for the consolidation of the McKownville and Westmere Water Districts on the basis of the figures studied.
2. That the McKownville reservoir pond and filtration plant building and property surrounding same be retained and preserved for recreational uses, either by creation of a McKownville Park District or incorporation into the Town of Guilderland park system, to be used for ice skating, nature trails, green area and allied uses.

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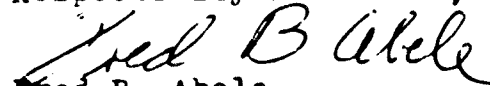
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recommendations continued:

3. That a ruling or legal opinion be obtained on the ownership of the McKownville Water District property (District vs Town) from a disinterested party (such as the Attorney General's Office).
4. That the \$10,000 recovered from insurance and presently in escrow for use by the McKownville Water District be continued in escrow for use solely within the confines of the present McKownville Water District for application toward improvements or replacements necessary to the distribution system. That any monies recovered from sales of equipment or salvage of equipment be likewise earmarked.
5. That EPA funds be solicited for use for improvement of the McKownville Reservoir pond.
6. That the McKownville Water Advisory Board be continued to represent the taxpayers interests in the Hamlet of McKownville.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous agreement at  
9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Fred B. Abele

Secretary Pro Tem