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Water Merger

Rejected By Voters

McKownville voters narrowly turned back a proposal to consolidate their water district with the Westmere Water District yesterday.

The proposal dies and the districts remain separate because a majority of residents in each water district had to approve the merger for it to occur.

In the Westmere Water District, the vote was 195 in favor and 46 opposed, but in McKownville, the vote was 208 in favor and 233 opposed, according to results from Town Clerk Jane Springer. Voting seemed heaviest around 7 p.m., she said.

McKownville residents will continue to purchase their water from the Westmere Water District, unless the facilities in McKownville are restored. Town officials have said restoring the McKownville filtration plant would cost about \$50,000 a cost to be borne by the residents of the district.

The Town Board delayed consideration of making the McKownville Reservoir into a recreational area until the results were in on the merger proposal.