

WATER TAXES IN MCKOWNVILLE

- I. The operation expenses of producing water for Westmere and McKownville in 1976 was \$250,382.10. Westmere and McKownville consumed 529,147,840 gallons; the operation expenses per 1000 gallons was \$.473. McKownville consumed 87,032,390 gallons. Our share of the operation expenses was \$41,166.32
- II. McKownville paid in metered sales \$31,622.13, and the interest and other charges received from McKownville water users was \$2741.85, and property taxes for water were \$65,445.57. The total of these \$99,809.55
- III. McKownville debt service on its water plant etc. was \$25,055.84
- IV. McKownville had an unexpended balance from previous years of \$10,720.99. The sum of \$41,166.32 and \$25,055.84 less \$10,720.99 is \$55,501.17.
- V. The property tax rate would then be: \$55,501.17 less \$31,622.13 less \$2741.85 for \$21,137.19. This sub-total divided by the value of taxable property in McKownville (\$4,164,521) yields a tax rate of \$.507 per \$1000. The 1976 tax rate which we paid was \$15.98. We paid \$44,308.38 for the use of NEIP treatment plant and other capital services, with no indication from the Town of the cost of such services.
- To quote from the June 6, 1977 Audit and Control report(77M-279):

Audit of Expenditures-Water Districts

In certain instances, it was impossible to determine the rationale or basis for the charging of expenses to the individual districts.

In order to adequately account for all expenses and insure their proper allocation, some equitable basis for such allocation should be instituted.