

This hearing has been called by the Town Board for the purpose of hearing all persons upon the proposed consolidation of the McKownville Water District and the Westmere Water District. The hearing was called at the request of, among others, The Board of Fire Commissioners of the McKownville Fire District.

Some brief facts concerning this consolidation are as follows:

1. The Westmere Water District has been selling water to the McKownville Water District for the past seven years due to the fact that it is not economically feasible to rehabilitate the McKownville Reservoir and Treatment plant. The cost of rehabilitating the McKownville water facilities based upon the EPA manual entitled "Estimating Water Treatment Costs", Volume 3 dated August, 1979, is estimated to be in excess of \$650,000.00.

2. Water usage rates would remain the same for both districts and no changes are anticipated in consumption.

3. Water rents at the present time are as follows:

\$12.00 every six months for 30,000 gallons for McKownville and Westmere Water Districts. No change is anticipated.

Estimated comparison for taxes of the two districts if consolidation takes place are as follows:

	1980 tax rate per \$1,000.	Cost for home assessed at \$5,000.	ESTIMATED 1981 tax rate per \$1,000.	Cost for home assessed at \$5,000.
McKownville	\$20.62	\$103.10	\$19.48	\$97.40
Westmere	\$19.28	\$ 96.40	\$19.48	\$97.40

5. At least two additional connections between the two districts are desirable for fire protection and better domestic supply in the event of a water main break. If consolidation is effected, these connections may be made without the expense of water meters and meter pits at each connection and the expense of reading such meters at frequent intervals.

Feasibility Study by a professional engineer experienced in these matters? Is it the policy of the town to act on matters of such importance w/o an engineering study?

I've heard previously that on business interests in the water district need more water. Do they ask for additional water? Are they willing to pay for individual meters?

Totalize readings of individual meters

Previous
Connection
Three Hills
Terrace

6. The consolidation of the two districts will strengthen each district for bonding purposes in that as the district grows, the financial strength of the district should result in savings upon bond interest rates and similar costs.