

The McKownville Improvement Association

August 5, 1980

Mrs. Jane Springer
Town Clerk
Guilderland Town Hall
Guilderland, New York 12084

Dear Mrs. Springer:

In accordance with the requirements of Town Law, and following the advice of Attorney John Tabner, which you sought on our behalf, we hereby submit 44 petitions containing 452 signatures requesting that the resolution of the Town Board of July 8, 1980, providing that the McKownville Water District and the Westmere Water District be consolidated into one water district, be submitted to a referendum of the electors of the subject water districts. These petitions are accompanied by 44 duly witnessed acknowledgments also using the form which you provided us.

In accordance with our obligation to promote the public interest of the hamlet of McKownville, we have supported this petition because of the importance of the issue to the citizens and, more importantly, because of the significance of the unanswered questions brought forth at the public hearing on this matter.

The concerns on this question are many. There is general agreement that the major issues are:

- The threat of imminent danger if the supply line from Westmere breaks,
- The interest of the Crossgates project in the reservoir site,
- The ability of the water system to supply sufficient water to fight major commercial fires, and
- The disposition of McKownville's Water District's assets if there is a consolidation.

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We sincerely hope that in the ensuing days before the referendum that the questions of the citizens in this regard receive the attention that they deserve because we believe that a better informed electorate is able to make their own decision in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Melvyn L. Behn
President

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Received by: _____
Town Clerk

Date: _____