

# McKOWNVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

## Board of Directors

May 14, 1973

PRESENT:    Mr. Melvyn Behn                      Mr. Steven Finn  
              Mr. Timothy Cohan                Mrs. Margaret McKinley  
              Mr. John Davis                     Miss Alice Torda  
              Mr. James Dermody                Mr. Andrew Valenti  
              Mr. John Esler

Mr. Melvyn Behn, President, called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. He spoke of some of the goals of the Association--our relationship with the Town in working together for the mutual benefit of all--the issues of garbage collection and the street conditions--which were brought up at the annual meeting on April 30. Mr. Behn stated that the Town felt garbage collection by the Town would not be of value.

Mr. Behn mentioned that he had received a call from Mrs. Leslie of the Public Relations department of Stuyvesant Plaza indicating that merchants of Stuyvesant Plaza would like to open rapport with the McKownville Improvement Association to obtain views in general from area residents. She indicated an interest in attending one of the Board meetings. After some discussion, it was the general feeling of the Board members that an invitation should go out to her in the near future. Mr. Behn would contact her as to her availability.

The next item discussed was the course of action to be taken regarding the proposed court action on the sale of the McKownville Reservoir property. Mr. John Esler and Mr. Timothy Cohan are to write a position paper on the matter giving an objective and impartial view. Mr. Cohan read a letter from the William Mulderry Realty giving an appraisal on the current market value of the property. (Copy attached.) It was decided that once this position paper and map are drawn up, we would solicit as many persons as possible in order to give an opportunity to review the matter before the next general meeting to be scheduled in early June. There was unanimous agreement that legal action would be necessary.

Mr. Behn re-established the Committees for the year:

Zoning Committee -----Mrs. M. McKinley  
Traffic & Safety -----Mr. J. Dermody and Mr. A. Valenti  
Conservation & Environment -----Mr. S. Finn  
Publicity -----Miss A. Torda

Mr. Behn stated that two recent nominees to the Board from the Annual Meeting did not find it possible to serve. There were Mr. Joseph Griesler and Mr. James Webster. Mr. Behn would contact both Mr. Eugene Napierski and Mr. Charles Parker who were runners-up in the election to see if they wished to serve on the Board.

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It was suggested that follow-up letters be sent to Commissioner Diamond on the pollution problem by SUNYA, requesting a firm date of completion on the remedying of this project. Mr. Finn indicated that he would obtain specific information on the proposed date that this project is scheduled for completion.

Considerable discussion followed on the street conditions following the sewer work. Mentioned was the fact that the contractor was now trying to negotiate a new contract in an amount of approximately \$175,000. to complete the work previously contracted for. General feeling was that since the Standard Engineering firm had contracted to do this work, including restoring streets to their original condition, they should be bound by the original contract with no additional expense to the Town. Mr. Cohan and Mr. Esler stated that they would try to obtain a copy of the original contract in order to ascertain this fact. Mr. Behn read a letter from a resident on Elmwood Street which he had written to Mr. Carl Walters regarding this problem. It was felt that a letter should be sent to the Town indicating resident dissatisfaction with the work and request that the Town delay final closing of the contract until the contractor completes the sewer work according to the original specifications.

The next general meeting will be held on Monday, June 11, at 8 p.m. in Christ Lutheran Church. Agenda items will be:

1. The Reservoir issue
2. The Sewer project clean-up

Mr. Cohan will contact Mr. Herbert Sunshine, Attorney, to attend the meeting to answer questions and give some points of view to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alice Torda*

Alice Torda, Secretary