

# Land Sale Opponents To Press Arguments

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**McKOWNVILLE** — The McKownville Improvement Association will hold an open meeting tonight at the Christ Lutheran Church on Western Avenue at 7:30 p.m. to further pursue its opposition to the proposed Town of Guilderland sale of slightly more than a half-acre of McKownville Water District land to Stuyvesant Plaza.

In a written announcement of the meeting, an association spokesman alleged Guilderland officials are selling the property "without proper notice and hearing."

**THE BATTLE** OF the sale legality without a hearing dates back to November, 1972, when Town Supervisor Carl Walters announced the proposed sale and the board passed a resolution authorizing application for sale approval from the state Environmental Conservation Department.

Several association members at that time, including John Esler of 19 Elmwood St., claimed the sale without a hearing was illegal.

**ESLER WAS** convinced in his claim by Frank Williams, town counsel who said that the town owns the land through transactions which preceded the establishment of the board of water commissioners.

The land is proposed for sale for a sum of \$2,500.

The association claims not only an illegal sale, but that the town should keep the land for reservoir expansion or perhaps as a park.

**THE ASSOCIATION** spokesman said all residents in the community are welcome at the meeting tonight. Also under discussion, if time permits, is "the condition of area streets following sewer construction work," the spokesman said.

The association has announced its new officers for

1973-74: Melvyn Behn, president; John Esler, vice president; Miss Alice Torda, secretary; and John Davis, treasurer.

Members to the board of directors include Andrew Valenti, Verla McCarville, John Prudy, Timothy Cohan, Margaret McKinley, James Dermody and Stephen Finn.