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Armenian Church

May 12, 1976

The Most Reverend
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate, Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Srpazan Hayr:

The enclosed minutes were recorded at a Special Parish Assembly held May 10, 1976. The Parish Assembly decided to sell the five acres which we own because of a pending highway which would cut through the middle of the land, making it worthless to us. After over a year of deliberations with the State of Illinois Highway Department, they have offered us \$23,500,000 for our land.

The details of the land are enclosed in a copy of a letter sent to you July 5, 1975. We have also enclosed a copy of your response to that letter.

We unanimously agree with the decision of the Holy Shoghagat Parish Assembly and ask that you, the Diocesan Council and the Board of Trustees confirm our decision. It is imperative that we sell this land in order to buy another suitable parcel of land.

We should note that at the Special Parish Assembly we did not resolve to purchase land. More deliberation is necessary for this.

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Deacon-in-Charge

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Parish Council Chairman

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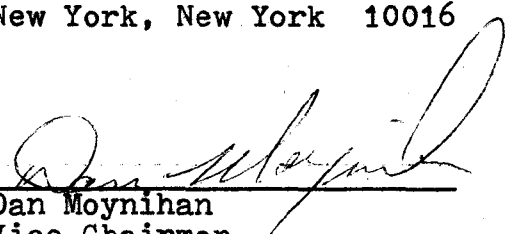



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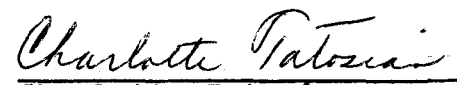
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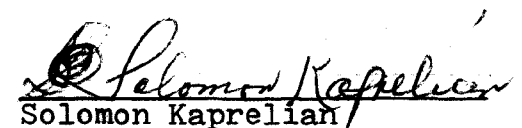

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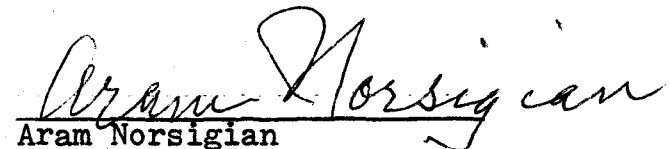

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Special Parish Assembly Meeting Minutes
Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church
May 10, 1976

The Special Parish Assembly of Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church was called to order at 8:15 p.m. on May 10, 1976 at Our Lady of Assumption Church, 9950 Bunkum Road, Fairview Heights, Illinois.

Due to the illness of Parish Council Chairman Liberty Tourijigian, Council Treasurer Charlotte Tatosian acted as chairman and conducted the meeting. By consensus, due to the absence of the Council secretaries, Judy Tourijigian was named secretary of the Assembly.

Eighteen dues paying members out of 52 were in attendance and thus a quorum was had.

Notice had been sent out to all members stating the nature of the meeting which was to consider sale of five acres of land on Highway 157 in Caseyville, Illinois which the Parish presently owns, to the State of Illinois Highway Department because of the state's decision to build a highway through the middle of our property.

Acting Chairman Tatosian stated that the Parish Council unanimously suggests to the Parish Assembly to sell the land to the State of Illinois for the negotiated price of \$23,500.00.

Discussion was held concerning the proposed sale, with various members stating opinions.

Mike Bohigian then made a motion to sell the five acres of land owned by the Parish located on Highway 157 in Caseyville, Illinois to the State of Illinois Highway Department for \$23,500.00 because of the state's plans to build a highway through it. The motion was seconded by Margaret Bohigian. A vote was then taken and 18 members voted for the motion, zero opposed and thus the motion was unanimously carried.

At this time Tatosian requested Architectural Committee Chairman Len Mooradian to address the meeting concerning other parcels of land under consideration by the committee. Mooradian then described two parcels of land

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Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church

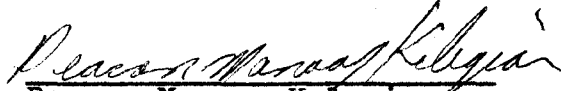
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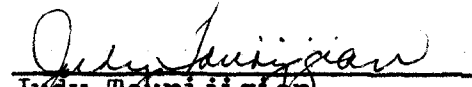
that may be suitable for our needs; one located on Highway 159 and the other on Huntwood Drive, both in Fairview Heights, Illinois. Discussion ensued. Mooradian stated that the committee had not come to a final decision yet but when it did, it would make a proposal to the Parish through another Special Parish Assembly meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. with a closing prayer by Deacon Manoog.

Respectfully submitted,


Deacon Manoog Kelegian
Deacon-in-Charge


Charlotte Tatosian
Acting Chairman


Judy Tourijigian
Acting Secretary



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ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN, PRIMATE

July 15, 1975

Deacon Manoog Kelegian
Deacon in Charge
Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church
3600 West Main Street, #2
Belleville, Illinois 62223

Dear Deacon Manoog:

We have received your letter of July 5, and are content with the complete background provided.

Please communicate the conditions of sale, when they are determined at the meeting you refer to, and we will present them promptly to the Council and Board of Trustees for approval.

Prayerfully,

Abp. Torkom Manoogian

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

228 Julia Place
Belleville, Illinois
July 5, 1975

The Most Reverend Archbishop Torkom Manougian
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York

Your Grace:

Initially, I wish to apologize on behalf of the 1974 Holy Shoghagat Parish Council for not having followed proper procedure when property was purchased in that the Diocese was not formally notified of same. To attempt to numerate reasons for this error would result in a lengthy dissertation and, in the end, still be to no avail. Thus, let it suffice to say that this year's Council with the guidance of Deacon Manoug, is endeavoring to perform all duties in accordance with the established By-Laws.

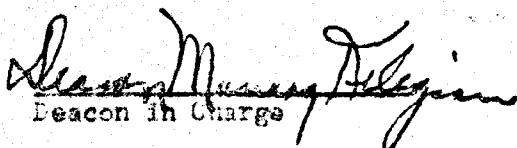
At any rate, in April of 1974, five acres of land located on Highway 157 in Caseyville, Illinois, were purchased for \$15,000.00. This parcel of land is located parallel to a prominent thoroughfare and is centrally available for our tri-community parish.

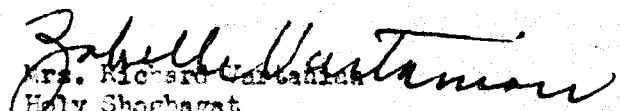
Unfortunately, a problem has arisen with the ground in that our recently formed Architectural Committee discovered in their exploration of the property that a highway is proposed to pass right through the middle of our land. Much investigation has ensued as well as a joint meeting composed of the Architectural Committee, the Parish Council, and the Chief Engineer of the Highway Department. This official stated that not only is such a highway on the books, but also that construction of same will probably come to pass in a year or so. In addition, after extensive dialogue, the Chief Engineer entertained the possibility of purchasing our land.

Consequently, the Parish Council called a Special Parish Assembly and reported all pertinent information to the Holy Shoghagat Church members who as our minutes submitted to you indicate, voted overwhelmingly to sell the property to the Highway Department if such is feasible. This then is the present situation with a meeting scheduled between the Architectural Committee and the Chief Engineer during this month. Our anticipation is that negotiations will commence at this meeting. Naturally, disposing of the property per se is fundamentally dependent upon the approval which we humbly seek of Your Grace and the Diocesan Council.

Once again, I apologize for our mistake. Please believe me when I say such was not intentional. Incidentally, if more detailed data is needed concerning the property question we shall happily submit same. May you enjoy a pleasant summer.

Most respectfully,


Deacon in Charge


Mrs. Richard Vartanian
Holy Shoghagat
Parish Council Chairman