

VILLAGE AFFAIRS.

Middletown Water-Works—An Additional Appropriation of \$15,000 Called For.

By a notice elsewhere in our columns it will be seen that the Board of Trustees have called a meeting of the tax-payers of the village to vote upon an appropriation of \$15,000 for the use of the Water Commissioners in obtaining an additional supply of water.

This amount, in addition to the \$35,000 already appropriated, the Commissioners find to be necessary, and do not feel at liberty to go on with the work without consulting the tax-payers, and without some provision being made assuring that sufficient funds will be forth-coming to carry the work to a satisfactory completion. The tax-payers have no right to vote an issue of *bonds* without a previous act of the legislature, but they have the power to vote a tax to raise *money*. The Commissioners, therefore, ask that the citizens vote the appropriation in money, with the understanding that the tax is not to be levied, but that at the meeting of the legislature next winter a law shall be secured authorizing an additional issue of bonds to cover the above amount. Without this contingent appropriation the Commissioners will be compelled to abandon present plans, which would prove a serious detriment to the village.