

To the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Middletown.

The undersigned Water Commissioners of the Village of Middletown, would respectfully report to your honorable body that, in pursuance of the powers vested in them by Chapter 347 of the Laws of 1866, passed April 3d, and Chapter 246 of the Laws of 1872, passed April 16th, and also by a vote of the taxable inhabitants at a meeting duly convened for the purpose, investigated the question of obtaining an additional supply of water for the use of the village, diligently, and as thoroughly as the limited time allowed them would permit, and finally purchased of Gabriel Wood the land and water power known as the Otis Factory, and have constructed thereon a substantial stone canal and pump-house, and arranged for laying  $3\frac{1}{4}$  miles of 12-inch pipe.

The work was commenced about the middle of September, and diligently prosecuted under James W. Hamilton, Superintendent of the works connected with the water works, and pumping machinery; James G. Crawford, mason; and S. D. King, Superintendent of trenching and

pipe laying: and we fully expected to have had the same in working condition by the first of December last, and would have succeeded had not the company with whom we made the contract to furnish pipe utterly failed to furnish the same in the time agreed upon. Could we have foreseen their failure to fulfil their contract, or had we anticipated the amount of rain-fall, or, more especially, the large snow-fall this winter, ensuring an abundant supply of water for the coming season, we could and would have saved a large expense to the village by postponing the commencement of the works until spring.

But, owing to the long drouth and the scanty supply of water in the reservoir, we simply obeyed the urgent demands of our citizens for an additional supply of water, as all felt, that should the drouth that had prevailed continue through the winter, our village would have been cut off from their accustomed supply of water.

The canal and pump-house are completed, the water-wheel and pumps are on the ground, the pipe more than half laid, and the entire work can be completed in May or June of this year.

In conclusion, we would state that the locality selected for obtaining an additional supply of water, while involving a heavy expenditure of money, will, in our opinion, furnish an abundant supply of water for an indefinite period of time, without any necessity for diverting but a very small portion of the surplus water of Shawangunk Kill during a season of flood.

For report of our receipts and disbursements, see statement annexed.

E. M. MADDEN,  
U. T. HAYES,  
J. DRAPER,  
J. M. MATTHEWS,  
J. B. HULSE,  
Water Commissioners.

RECEIPTS.

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Village appropriation        | \$ 4,000 00 |
| Collections, water rents, &c | 6,704 97    |

Total receipts 10,704 97

DISBURSEMENTS.

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Paid indebtedness of old Board up to May 1st, 1872 | 2,903 23 |
| “ repairs acc't                                    | 337 40   |
| “ expense acc't                                    | 368 70   |
| “ interest on bonds                                | 7,073 50 |

Total disbursements 10,682 83

Balance 22 14

REPAIRS ACCT ITEMIZED.

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Paid R D Wood, 6 hydrants           | 228 00 |
| “ Erie Railway, freight on same     | 5 67   |
| “ J R Van Duzer, repairs            | 33 10  |
| “ Wm Faulker, “                     | 6 50   |
| “ Rogers & Son, “                   | 11 00  |
| “ M L Sproat, disburse'ent on rep's | 53 13  |

337 40

EXPENSE ACCT ITEMIZED.

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Paid E R Harding, moving safe        | 10 00  |
| “ E M Madden, copy of water act      | 3 00   |
| “ A B De ning, stationery            | 3 03   |
| “ W L Sproat, salary                 | 200 00 |
| “ “ “ cutting weeds, &c              | 12 00  |
| “ S E Mapes, taxes                   | 6 26   |
| “ L Armstrong, overp'd water rent    | 2 00   |
| “ S M Boyd, old adv acc't            | 21 00  |
| “ Stivers & Kessinger, ad. & print'g | 110 71 |

368 70

EXTENDING WATER WORKS.

RECEIPTS.

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Bonds sold at par | \$35,000 00 |
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Accrued interest on same 666 65

Total receipts 35,666 65

DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Real estate acc't               | 3,782 01  |
| Canal and pump house acc't      | 6,383 73  |
| Trenching and pipe laying acc't | 10,111 06 |
| Pipe acc't                      | 6,607 70  |
| General expense acc't           | 717 10    |
| Pumps and machinery acc't       | 590 21    |

Total disbursements 28,191 84

Balance 7,464 81

CANAL & PUMP HOUSE ACCT ITEMIZED.

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid J W Hamilton, supt.           | 200 00   |
| “ “ “ pay rolls                    | 4,954 34 |
| “ Homer Ramsdel & Co., cement      | 471 25   |
| “ Erie Railway freight,            | 84 30    |
| “ Eaton & Russell, lumber & timber | 311 21   |
| “ Theron Welle, timber             | 137 25   |
| “ H F Simons, sand                 | 99 75    |
| “ Osborn & House, lime             | 57 45    |
| “ I Cuddey, blue stone             | 44 79    |
| “ R Van Horn & Son, labor          | 23 35    |

6,383 73

TRENCHING & PIPE LAYING ITEMIZED.

|   |           |
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| Paid S D King, Supt., trenching and pipe laying | \$ 450 00 |
| “ S D King's pay rolls                          | 8,288 18  |
| “ G W Beyea, stump puller                       | 50 00     |
| “ Ira Lockwood, blacksmithing                   | 72 62     |
| “ W E King, handles, repairs, etc               | 94 63     |
| “ Vail & Brink, powder, tools, etc              | 1,147 63  |
| “ Galen Otis, plank                             | 8 00      |

Total 10,111 06

PIPE ACCOUNT ITEMIZED.

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Hobbie, Ayrault & Co., pipe | 4,500 00 |
| “ Erie Railway, freight          | 2,095 20 |
| “ S R Corwin, insuring pipe      | 12 50    |

Total 6,607 70

PUMP & MACHINERY ACCT ITEMIZED.

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Paid Cauldwell, iron pipe | 300 00 |
| “ Erie Railway, freight   | 290 21 |

Total \$590 21