

Provide fire
plugs.

quired to make suitable provision for the protection of the property in said town from fire, by providing an ample number of fire-plugs or public hydrants properly adapted to the purpose and conveniently situated for use.

Keep account
of receipts and
disbursements.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That said water commissioners are hereby required to keep an accurate account of their receipts and disbursements in conducting said works, and to render a report thereof annually to the mayor and councilmen of said town, and if at the end of any fiscal year there shall remain in their hands a surplus of receipts after paying all expenses, such surplus shall be paid into the treasury of said town for the general purposes thereof; and if there shall in any year or years be a deficiency or failure of receipts to meet expenses, the mayor and councilmen of said town are authorized, directed and required to levy the same as other taxes are now levied upon the assessable property of said town, and to collect the same and pay it over to said water commissioners; and for the purpose of meeting any immediate demands, the said water commissioners are authorized from time to time to borrow money in sums not exceeding one thousand dollars, and to pledge the credit of said town for the repayment of the same.

Limit to borrow

No compensa-
tion.

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That said water commissioners shall serve without compensation, and shall not become bidders for the doing of any work, or furnishing of any supplies required to be done or furnished in the erection, extension or improvement of said water-works, or the conducting of the same when completed, nor shall they, or any of them, be interested directly or indirectly in any contract made with said board for the doing of work for or furnishing of supplies to said board; provided, however, that said board may appoint a person, who may or may not be one of themselves, as secretary and treasurer of said board, whose duty it shall be to keep a correct record of the receipts and disbursements aforesaid, and to receive all sums of money due and owing said board, and to pay the same out upon the order of said board, or a majority thereof, upon written draft or order signed by the president of said board (which president shall be elected by said board from amongst their own number, at the time of their organization, and annually thereafter), and it shall also be the duty of such

Appoint secre-
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Duty of secre-
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