

Guilderland Water Si

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The Guilderland Town Board termed "very encouraging" news about the latest phase in the town's search for a municipal water supply and promptly authorized acquisition of up to six acres of land surrounding a test well.

A tentative report from J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, the town's water engineer, said that recent testing of the well on the "Rasmussen site" off State Farm Road has shown the well will have a "firm yield

considerably in excess of that determined for the French's Mill well," and recommended acquisition of lands around the well site.

Unanimous Vote

The site of the test well is near the juncture of State Farm and Nott Roads and on a large tract owned by Troy developer Carl Rasmussen. The town's option on the land will expire Saturday, Supervisor Gordon Robinson told the board in asking immediate action.

By unanimous motion, the

three councilmen present and Mr. Robinson authorized Town Attorney Frank J. Williams Jr. to exercise the town's option on up to six acres of land at the opted price of \$1,000 per acre.

In his preliminary report to the board, Mr. Fraser pointed to two other aspects of the well supporting town acquisition of the surrounding land. "The quality of the water in this aquifer is very good," he said, "and the site is strategically located with respect to

the proposed overall town water district."

While the engineer did not write specifically of the well's potential "firm yield," Mr. Robinson said after the meeting that it was probably "better than double" the yield of the French's Mill well which was in the area of 250,000 gallons per day.

Well On Way

Unconsciously employing a pun, the supervisor said, "It looks like at last we're well on our way to solving the town's

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By law Mr. Rockefeller must

election to his third four-year

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water problem." The "water problem" has been at issue in the town for the past few years, focusing primarily on the advisability of seeking an underground supply within the town or contracting with neighborhood communities.

Mr. Robinson credits his election in 1962 in large part to his support for further underground testing. A federally supported survey of several years ago said the town would need a supply of 4 million gallons by 1980. The supervisor indicated last

night that the potential of the "Rasmussen" well should enable the town to take "a major step forward" in meeting that goal.

The town's latest press for a municipal supply also includes testing of a well in the McCormacks Corners area. This will be done by Richard Ferraioli of Altamont who is under contract with the town in the water search program.

In other matters, the board appointed the Fraser firm to

design the water distribution system for the Three Hills Terrace area at a cost of \$1,000. Authorization for drawing up plans for the system came at a board meeting last month.

The Amrad Construction Company which is dredging the McKownville reservoir was authorized to install a new intake at the reservoir on a "cost plus 15%" basis not to exceed \$2,800. Removal of silt to date has disclosed that the reservoir's intake is presently in "very bad"

shape, the board was advised by the town's water engineer.

Two public hearings on proposed zone changes were scheduled for the board's meeting Feb. 2. Luigi Serafini seeks a change from residential to local business for lands along Karner Road, and John Link seeks a change from local business to industry for a parcel along the Altamont-Dunnsville Road. Mr. Link told the board in a letter that a woodworking firm is interested in purchasing lands he owns including a former machine shop on the site.