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Waterbury Votes To Complete Its New Fire Station

WATERBURY, Oct. 3 — A total of 41 legal voters of the village of Waterbury voted unanimously tonight to authorize the trustees to borrow not more than \$25,000 on village notes to complete construction of the new fire station, street department building and central heating building.

The potential legal voting strength is about 1,100, according to Robert M. Egan, tax collector. Such a small attendance was surprising, village officials said, in view of the heated debate which has been rampant in the village during the past few days.

The increase voted tonight will make the total cost \$60,000.

No definite plan of financing was discussed. The trustees, Victor A. Backels, village president; Stephen Doran and attorney Charles J. Adams were authorized to borrow the additional funds with the understanding that the budget committee will bring in a permanent plan of financing at the next annual meeting in March.

Various members of the building committee, which includes Burton C. Luce, William E. Collins, E.V. Henderson, R.M. Egan and Dr. E.H. Steele, working in cooperation with the village trustees, reported on various aspects of construction and costs.

It was learned that on Sept. 10 the total expenditure was \$29,500, with an unpaid bill of \$4,000. The committee reported that the excess in cost was caused primarily by unforeseen ground conditions.

During excavation, it was found that a brook ran under the old fire station building, which necessitated digging 12 feet instead of the planned five. It also necessitated expensive changes in the foundation and overall construction.

In addition, costs on various items had increased 10 per cent from the time the estimate of \$35,000 was voted in March and the beginning of construction.