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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN**

AN ACT in Relation to the Buckfield Village Corporation, Es-
pecially to Establish a Municipal Water System for Said
Corporation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. The Buckfield Village Corporation, created
2 and duly organized by law, in the town of Buckfield and
3 county of Oxford, in addition to the powers already granted
4 it, is hereby authorized and empowered to install a municipal
5 water system for the purpose of supplying the Buckfield
6 Village Corporation, the inhabitants of said village corpora-
7 tion and the inhabitants of the town of Buckfield with pure
8 water for domestic, industrial, manufacturing, sanitary and

9 municipal purposes, including the extinguishment of fires
10 and all other purposes which the said corporation may need
11 water for, also the right to raise money at any legal meeting
12 of said corporation called for that purpose for repairing,
13 sprinkling or applying any other substance to the streets
14 within the limits of said corporation for the purpose of keep-
15 ing the streets in good order and laying the dust.

Sect. 2. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions
2 of this act so far as it relates to a water system, said Buck-
3 field Village Corporation may detain, collect, store, use and
4 distribute water from North Pond, in said Town of Buck-
5 field, and from any tributaries to or source of water flowing
6 into said pond, or from stream flowing from said pond in
7 the Town of Buckfield, may enter upon any lands in said
8 Town of Buckfield for the purpose of making surveys for
9 its pipe lines or works, and may take and hold by purchase
10 or otherwise any land and real estate necessary for erecting
11 dams, reservoirs, or for preserving the purity of the water
12 in said water shed, and for laying and maintaining acque-
13 ducts and pipes for taking, discharging, conveying and dis-
14 posing of said water.

Sect. 3. Said Buckfield Village Corporation shall be liable
2 for all damages that shall be sustained by any person or
3 corporation to their property by the taking of any land what-
4 soever, or water or by flowage, or by excavating through
5 any land for the purpose of laying pipes, building dams or
6 constructing reservoirs. If any person or corporation sus-

7 taining damages as aforesaid and said village corporation
8 shall not mutually agree upon the sum to be paid therefor,
9 such person or corporation may cause his or its damages
10 to be ascertained in the same manner and under the same
11 conditions, restrictions and limitations as are, or may be
12 prescribed in the case of damages in laying out highways.

Sect. 4. Said Village Corporation is hereby authorized to
2 lay in and through the streets and highways of the Buck-
3 field Village Corporation and of the Town of Buckfield,
4 and to take up, repair and replace all such pipes, aqueducts
5 and fixtures as may be necessary for the objects above set
6 forth, and when said village corporation shall lay any pipes
7 or aqueducts, or dig up any of said streets, it shall be done
8 with as little obstruction to public travel as possible, and
9 shall, without unnecessary delay, cause the earth to be re-
10 placed in as good condition as possible, all digging in said
11 streets, as above set forth, to be under the supervision of
12 the selectmen of the Town of Buckfield.

Sect. 5. Said village corporation, for the purpose of car-
2 rying into full effect, the provisions of this act in the estab-
3 lishing, constructing, furnishing, equipping and fully main-
4 taining the water system herein contemplated, and for pur-
5 chasing the property of the Buckfield Water Power & Elec-
6 tric Light Company, hereinafter mentioned, in this act, may,
7 at any legal meeting of said village corporation, called for
8 that purpose, raise money and issue bonds, registered or
9 with interest coupons, in such denominations, and on such

10 terms and rate of interest, as may be determined at such
11 meeting, to an amount necessary for said purpose, which
12 taken in connection with any other indebtedness of such
13 corporation, shall not exceed twenty per centum of the last
14 regular valuation thereof. Said bonds shall be signed by
15 the assessors and treasurer of said village corporation, but
16 the coupons need be signed by the treasurer alone, and that
17 by his fac-simile signature.

Sect. 6. The care and management of said water system
2 and the regulation of prices and charged for water supplied
3 as herein contemplated shall be under the control of the
4 assessors of said village corporation; or, if the village cor-
5 poration, at any time, shall so vote, said duties shall be placed
6 in the hands of a commission of three legal voters of said
7 village corporation, one to be chosen for one year, one for
8 two years, and one for three years, and after being first so
9 chosen, one shall be annually chosen for a three years term.
10 In case of a vacancy on said board or commission, the
11 assessors shall fill the same by appointment until the next
12 annual meeting of said village corporation.

Sect. 7. Said Buckfield Village Corporation shall pur-
2 chase all the pipes laid in the ground, hydrants set, dams
3 built, and the entire property of the Buckfield Water Power
4 & Electric Light Company, within the limits of said town of
5 Buckfield, and assume all the indebtedness of said Buckfield
6 Water Power & Electric Light Company, including the bond
7 now outstanding.

Sect. 8. Whoever shall knowingly or maliciously corrupt
2 the water supply of said village corporation, whether frozen
3 or not, or whoever shall wilfully and maliciously destroy
4 any of the property of said village corporation shall be pun-
5 ished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or by
6 imprisonment not exceeding two years.

Sect. 9. Said village corporation shall not proceed under
2 this act until after it shall have been accepted by a majority
3 vote of the voters present at a meeting called for that
4 purpose.