



CITY OF DANBURY

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COMMON COUNCIL

REPORT

November 4, 2004

Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Members of the Common Council

Re: Indian Spring Water Company

The Common Council Committee appointed to review acquisition of the Indian Spring Water Company met on October 26, 2004 at 6:30 P.M. in the Third Floor Caucus Room in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Calandrino, Cavo and Barry. Also in attendance were Director of Finance Dena Diorio, Director of Public Works William Buckley, Assistant Corporation Counsel Les Pinter and Council Member Mary Saracino, ex-officio.

Mr. Buckley said there are ten private water companies owned by Ron Black. Mr. Black's attorney wrote to the Mayor five months ago asking if the City would be interested in acquiring the Indian Spring Water Company. There are 90 customers served by the company behind St. Gregory's Church. The City sells them water from a two-inch pipe. We would evaluate the system and determine the necessary improvements and assess benefits, which would include acquisition costs and improvements and bill the 90 customers. Public hearings would be held and improvements made in conjunction with Chapter 21. He is looking for direction from the Common Council on how to proceed.

Mr. Cavo asked Mr. Buckley for an approximate cost. Mr. Buckley said that the cost should be under \$100,000. This is an operating system that is not in bad shape. He would run an 8-inch line rather than the 2-inch and meter individual homes. The customers are paying \$250.00 per year for water. The average city customer pays \$100. The extra \$150 would go into the assessment. He still has to evaluate the system. Mr. Cavo asked if the \$100,000 would be completely paid by the homeowners. Mr. Buckley said it would because it would not be fair to take it from the Water Fund.

Mr. Cavo made a motion to recommend authorizing Mr. Buckley to continue the process of acquiring the Indian Spring Water Company. Seconded by Mr. Barry. Attorney Pinter said that it is inherent in the motion that Mr. Buckley report back to the Common Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH CAVO, Chairman

MICHAEL CALANDRINO

KEVIN BARRY