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SOLUTION:

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$$\Rightarrow H_{\text{inlet}} = 10.2 \text{ m}$$

$$H_{\text{outlet}} = \left(\frac{p}{\rho g} + \alpha \frac{V^2}{2g} + z \right)_{\text{outlet}} = \frac{412 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa}}{(1000 \text{ kg/m}^3)(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)} + \frac{(3.62 \text{ m/s})^2}{2(9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)} + 2.75 \text{ m}$$

$$\Rightarrow H_{\text{outlet}} = 45.4 \text{ m}$$

$$\dot{W}_{\text{fluid}} = \rho Q g H = (1000 \text{ kg/m}^3) \left(\frac{11.5 \text{ m}^3}{\text{hr}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} \right) (9.81 \text{ m/s}^2) \overbrace{(45.4 \text{ m} - 10.2 \text{ m})}^{\Delta H}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{W}_{\text{fluid}} = 1100 \text{ W}$$

$$\eta = \frac{\dot{W}_{\text{fluid}}}{\dot{W}_{\text{shaft}} (= WT)} = \frac{1100 \text{ W}}{(3500 \text{ rpm}) \left(\frac{2\pi \text{ rad}}{\text{rot}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ sec}} \right) (3.68 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m})} = \frac{1100 \text{ W}}{1350 \text{ W}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \eta = 0.81 \Rightarrow \boxed{\eta \approx 80\%}$$

$$\dot{W}_{\text{required}} = 1350 \text{ W} \left(\frac{\text{hp}}{746 \text{ W}} \right) = \underline{1.8 \text{ hp}} \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Specify motor that can supply at least 1.8 hp (probably use a 2 hp motor)}}$$

If motor is 85% efficient, then we need to supply the motor with

$$\dot{W}_{\text{motor}} = \frac{\dot{W}_{\text{required}}}{\eta_{\text{motor}}} = \frac{1350 \text{ W}}{0.85} = \boxed{1590 \text{ W} \approx 2.1 \text{ hp} = \dot{W}_{\text{motor}}}$$