

SEC. 16. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

GEORGE BRADLEY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WILLIAM HOLCOMBE,
President of the Senate.

APPROVED--August the seventh one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

HENRY H. SIBLEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
August 7, 1858. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

FRANCIS BAASEN, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER LXXIII.

An Act to incorporate the Town of St. Joseph.

- SECTION 1. Boundaries of the town.
2. First election; town government; first Town Council.
3. Manner of holding elections.
4. Town Council created a body corporate.
5. Act takes effect on passage.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. That so much land as is contained in the plat of the Town of St. Joseph, in the County of Stearns, and recorded in the Register of Deeds' office in said county, containing three hundred and twenty (320) acres, be and the same is hereby created a town corporate by the name of St. Joseph, and shall have and enjoy all the powers, privileges and responsibilities usually enjoyed by municipal corporations.

SEC. 2. That for the good order and government of said town, it shall be lawful for the qualified voters of said town to meet on the first Wednesday of May next, and at the same time annually thereafter, at such place in said town as the Town Council hereinafter appointed or any three of them may direct, and then and there proceed to elect by ballot one President, one Secretary and three Trustees, qualified voters of said town, who shall hold their offices one year or until their successors shall be elected and qualified; and such President, Secretary and Trustees being so elected and qualified shall constitute the Town Council of said town, any

three of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business pertaining to their duties and for the purposes of entering said town site and acquiring the title thereto. Peter Loas is hereby appointed President; — Litz, Secretary; John H. Linneman, Martin Fidler, and George Siford, Trustees of said town;—and they shall constitute said Town Council until their successors are elected as herein provided, with all the powers and duties of the same.

Election—man-
ner of holding

SEC. 3. At the first election to be held under this Act, there shall be chosen by the electors present at the time for opening the polls, on the day for holding said first election, two Judges and a Clerk of said election, who shall take an oath or affirmation faithfully to discharge the duties required of them by this Act; and at all subsequent elections the Trustees, or any two of them, shall act as Judges, and the Secretary, or in his absence some person to be appointed by the Judges, shall be Clerk. The polls shall be opened between the hours of ten and eleven in the forenoon and closed at four in the afternoon of said day, and at the close of the polls the votes shall be counted and a true statement thereof proclaimed to the voters present by one of the Judges; and the Clerk make a true record thereof, and within five days thereafter he shall give notice to the persons so elected of their election;—and it shall be the duty of said Town Council, at least ten days before each and every election, to give notice of the same by putting up notices at three of the most public places in said town.

Corporate
powers of town
council

SEC. 4. The President and Trustees of said town are hereby created a body politic and corporate, with perpetual succession, to be known and designated by the name of the Town of St. Joseph, and shall possess all the rights and be subject to all the liabilities usually belonging to municipal corporations.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

GEORGE BRADLEY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
RICHARD G. MURPHY,
President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

APPROVED—June twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

WILLIAM HOLCOMBE,
Governor *ad interim.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
June 23, 1858. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

FRANCIS BAASEN, Secretary of State.