

CHAPTER XXIX.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNDING OF THE CITY DEBT OF THE FORMER CITY OF WEST SAINT PAUL, IN DAKOTA COUNTY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. That section two (2) of an act entitled "An act to provide for the funding of the city debt of the former city of West Saint Paul, in Dakota county, and for other purposes," approved March 11, 1873, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read, after the words "turn over," in the third line thereof, "to the board of supervisors of the town (or city council) of West St. Paul whenever demanded by said board of supervisors (or city council) so to do," instead of the words within thirty days after the passage of this act, to the board of supervisors of the township of West St. Paul;" and after the word supervisors, in the ninth line of said section two (2), to read "(or city council) when they shall demand the same," instead of "within thirty days after the passage of this act."

SEC. 2. That all of section eight of said act be stricken out, and that the following be inserted instead thereof, to-wit: "Said board of supervisors, or common council of the town or city of West St. Paul, shall then issue in lieu of said old bonds scrip, warrants, or other evidence of debt, as they may find due by the report of said commissioners, or may stipulate for a less sum with the owners thereof than so reported, new bonds, with coupons attached in series running on, or before, three, five and ten years after date, and bearing date March second, (2) A. D. 1874, and bearing interest not to exceed the rate of ten per cent. per annum, which shall be payable every six months, and with the principal may be made payable at such bank or banks as the board of supervisors (or city council) of the town of [or] city of West Saint Paul may designate therein. Said new bonds shall be signed by the chairman of the board of supervisors (or mayor of the city) of West St. Paul, and countersigned by the town or city clerk thereof. It shall be the duty of said board (or common council) immediately after the surrender of these old evidences of debt, to cancel and destroy the same, except the improvement certificate[s] heretofore issued by the proper authorities of the former city of West St. Paul, which said certificates shall be filed in the

office of the town or city clerk of West St. Paul by the owners thereof, and the amount of tax and penalty mentioned in, or that may be due upon, said certificates shall be a lien in favor of the owners thereof, upon the real estate in said certificates mentioned and described. And if not paid into the treasury of said town or city by the time of the next return of delinquent taxes by the said town (or city) to the county auditor, the said amount in each of said certificates mentioned remaining unpaid, shall then be returned to the county for collection as delinquent. Whereupon it shall be the duty of the county auditor to extend the same on his rolls against said property in said certificates mentioned, for collection; and if not paid within the time prescribed by law, then the same shall become a lien on said real estate, and said real estate shall be subject to all the penalties and charges, as property delinquent for taxes for county and state purposes. All moneys collected or paid in as due upon said improvement certificates, shall be paid to the owners thereof as fast as collected. *Provided*, That said improvement certificates shall not exceed in the aggregate, for the principal thereof, twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

SEC. 3. The failure from any cause of the commissioners or any other officers in said act mentioned, to comply with said act, in regard to the time in which they were to perform any of their said duties, as in the said act required, shall in no wise impair or affect the validity or legality of said new bonds so issued by said board of supervisors, or common council of the town or city of West Saint Paul, but the same shall in all respects be as though they had performed all of their said duties, within the time specified in said act; *Provided*, Said commissioners shall have met once a month for six consecutive months, and shall have given due notice of the purpose, time and place of their meeting as in said act required, in at least three daily newspapers, published at the capital of the state, and which said notice shall have been published at least five consecutive days in said [daily] newspapers.

SEC. 4. This act shall take [effect] and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 9, 1874.