

prescribed by this act. They shall appoint the place of holding such election, and post notice thereof in three public places within said village, ten days prior to such election.

SEC. 28. This is a public act and need not be pleaded nor proven in any court in this state, and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 11, 1878.

CHAPTER 10.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE VILLAGE OF TAOPI, IN MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

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

SECTION 1. That the following parts of sections of land situated in the county of Mower and State of Minnesota, to-wit: The south half of the south-west quarter and the south half of the south-east quarter of section nine (9), and the north half of the north-west quarter, and the north half of the north-east quarter of section sixteen (16), all in township one hundred and one (101), north of range fifteen (15) west, be and the same is hereby set apart for incorporation as the village of Taopi, under and pursuant to the provisions of that certain act of the legislature of the state of Minnesota, approved March fourth (4th), A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five (1875), entitled an act to provide for the organization of villages in the state of Minnesota, and shall and may organize as a municipal corporation by the act of the inhabitants thereof, and the inhabitants thereof are hereby authorized to organize such municipal corporation and village in manner and form as provided in said act, and shall thereupon be endowed with all the powers, rights and duties mentioned in said act, excepting as hereinafter otherwise provided.

SEC. 2. The name of the said municipal corporation shall be the village of Taopi.

SEC. 3. The council of said village shall have power by ordinance to restrain, regulate, license or prohibit the sale, giving away or disposing of or dealing in spirituous, malt, fermented or vinous liquors within the corporation limits of said village; *provided* that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the

people of said village from deciding for themselves whether license shall or shall not be granted in said village, and to that end the village recorder shall, upon the written request of ten or more legal voters of said village, post notices in three of the most public places of said village, at least ten days before any annual village election, that the question of granting license for the sale of spirituous, malt, fermented and vinous liquors, will be submitted to the electors of said village at such election for their approval or rejection, and all those voting at such election who are in favor of granting such license shall have the words "License, Yes," written or printed upon their ballots; and all those voting at such election who are opposed to granting such license, shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words "License, No." And if it shall appear upon canvassing the votes that a majority of the ballots cast at such election upon the said subject of license shall read "License, No," then the village council shall grant no license for the sale of spirituous, malt, fermented or vinous liquors for one year from the date of such election; *Provided, however,* That nothing herein contained shall prevent said council from granting license to persons engaged in the business of druggists to sell liquors for medicinal purposes, only said druggists to pay for said license a sum to be fixed by said council, not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100).

SEC. 4. Until the time when the elections of said village shall determine the question whether such license for the sale of such liquors shall or shall not be granted, the council of said village shall have power by ordinance to restrain, regulate, license or prohibit the sale, giving away, disposing of or dealing in spirituous, malt, fermented or vinous liquors. And if at any annual village election the said question shall not be submitted, then the said council shall have the said power by ordinance to restrain, regulate, license or prohibit the said giving away, disposing of or dealing in spirituous, malt, fermented or vinous liquors, until such time as the people shall in form and manner aforesaid decide such question, it being the true intent and meaning of this act that such power shall vest in such council for and during all times and periods as may not be provided for by the decisions of the electors as aforesaid upon such subject.

SEC. 5. All ordinances, rules and by-laws shall be enacted by a majority of all the members of the village council, and shall be signed by the chairman, attested by the recorder and published once in a newspaper published in the said village; and if there be no newspaper published in said village, then by posting them conspicuously in three (3) of the most public places in said village for ten (10) days, and shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.

SEC. 6. All work of the village, when the amount thereof is over five dollars (\$5), except highway taxes, shall be let by contract to the lowest bidder, and the common council may require a bond with sureties, to be approved by them, for the faithful performance of the contract. Not less than ten (10) days notice shall

be given of the letting of the contract, by posting notices by the recorder in three (3) public places in the village, to be signed by the president, setting forth the work to be done, and the council shall retain the privilege of rejecting any and all bids at their discretion, and also such notice shall be filed with the recorder at the same time.

SEC. 7. No elective officer shall receive compensation, except the recorder, constable and justices of the peace, and in all cases compensation shall be fixed by the by-laws, except the justices of the peace and constables, which is fixed by statute law.

SEC. 8. That all street and alley crossings shall be constructed and maintained out of the common fund of the village, and that the following named persons are designated as commissioners under the general laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five (1875), providing for the organization of villages in the State of Minnesota, to post notices of the first election, and to conduct the same in said village, to-wit: Charles Smith, L. M. Tubbs and O. N. Olbery.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 6, 1878.

CHAPTER 11.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER, IN THE COUNTY OF MOWER, STATE OF MINNESOTA.

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

SECTION 1. That all that part of the township of Dexter, county of Mower, and State of Minnesota, included within the following described limits to-wit: All of sections thirteen (13) and fourteen (14), and the north half of sections twenty-three (23) and twenty-four (24), in town one hundred and three (103), range sixteen (16) west, be and the same is hereby set apart for incorporation as the village of Dexter.

SEC. 2. That the following named persons are hereby designated as commissioners under the general laws of this State, to post notices of the election in said village: J. L. Gaskill, Dr. L. D. Jackson and Daniel Vermilya.

SEC. 3. That upon organization as directed in the general laws