

CHAPTER 95—S. F. No. 524

An act relating to towns; permitting towns to purchase and maintain public dumping grounds; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Sections 365.10 and 366.01.

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

Sec. 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 365.10, is amended to read:

365.10 Towns; dumping grounds; town meetings, powers. The electors of each town have power, at their annual town meeting:

(1) To determine the locations of pounds, and number of poundmasters, and to discontinue any such pounds;

(2) To select such town officers as are to be chosen;

(3) To direct the institution and defense of all actions in which the town is a party or interested; to employ necessary agents and attorneys for the prosecution or defense of the same, and to raise such sums of money for that purpose as they deem necessary;

(4) To make such lawful orders and bylaws as they deem proper for restraining horses, cattle, sheep, swine, and other domestic animals from going at large on the highways, and provide for impounding such animals so going at large;

(5) To fix penalties for violations of any order or bylaw made by such town, except such as relate to the keeping and maintaining of fences;

(6) To vote money for the repair and construction of roads and bridges, and determine the amount thereof to be assessed as labor tax, and to vote such sums as they deem expedient for other town expenses, including the construction and maintenance of docks and breakwaters;

(7) When they deem it for the interest of the town to direct that a specified amount of the poll and road tax be expended, under the direction of their town board, on the roads of an adjoining town;

(8) To authorize the town board to sell and convey or lease any real or personal property belonging to the town, not conveyed to and required to be held by the town for a special purpose;

(9) To authorize the town board to purchase or build a town hall or other building for the use of the town, and to determine, by ballot, the amount of money to be raised for that purpose; but, if a

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site for a town hall is once obtained, it shall not be changed for another site, except by vote therefor designating a new site by two-thirds of the votes cast at such election of the legal voters of the town;

(10) To authorize the town board, by vote, to purchase grounds for a town cemetery, and limit the price to be paid, and to vote a tax for the payment thereof;

(11) To authorize the town, either by itself or in conjunction with one or more other towns, to purchase grounds for a public park and to limit the price to be paid therefor, to authorize the town, alone or in conjunction with such other town or towns, to care for, improve, and beautify such parks, and to determine, by ballot, the amount of money to be raised for that purpose, and to vote a tax for the payment thereof;

(12) To vote money to aid in the construction of community halls, to be erected by farm bureaus, farmers clubs, or other like organizations.

(13) *To vote a tax to purchase and maintain a public dumping ground.*

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 366.01, is amended to read:

366.01 Powers. *Subdivision 1.* The supervisors of each town shall constitute a board to be designated "The Town Board of _____," and any two shall constitute a quorum except when otherwise provided. The supervisors shall have charge of all the affairs of the town not by law committed to other officers. They shall draw orders on the treasurer for the disbursement of money to pay the town expenses, and for all money raised by the town to be disbursed for any other purpose. They may pay the premium upon the bond of the town treasurer where the surety is a corporation authorized by law to be surety.

Subd. 2. They may prohibit or license and regulate the keeping of billiard, pool, and pigeon-hole tables, games of amusement, games of skill, juke boxes, roller skating rinks, bowling alleys, circuses, shows, theatrical performances, and the sale of fireworks, and may license and regulate public dancing places, fix the price and time of continuance of such license, and, when in their opinion the public interest requires it, revoke the same. They may license the sale of soft drinks and soft drink vending machines and may fix the price and duration of such licenses and when in their opinion the public interest requires it, revoke the same.

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Subd. 3. They may appropriate out of the general fund of the town and draw orders on the treasurer for the disbursement of money to pay the annual dues in the Minnesota unit of the national association of township officers or a county unit that belongs to the Minnesota unit and the actual and necessary expenses of such delegates as the town board may designate to attend meetings of any such association. The aggregate amount for such purposes so expended by any such town in any one year shall not exceed the sum of \$100.

Subd. 4. They may select and designate a bank as the depository of town money for a time not extending beyond their official term, on the execution by such bank of a sufficient bond to the town, in double the sum deposited, to be approved by the board and filed in the office of the town clerk, and thereupon may require the treasurer to deposit all or any part of the town money in such bank. Such designation shall be in writing, and set forth all the terms and conditions upon which the deposits are made, be signed by the chairman and clerk, and filed with the clerk. The town treasurer shall not be liable for the loss of money while so deposited, and all interest thereon shall belong to the town.

Subd. 5. *They may acquire by gift or purchase, in the name of the town, a tract of land, either within or without the limits of the town for public dumping ground for the use of the inhabitants of the town but no such lands shall be acquired without the limits of the town without the approval of the governmental unit in which such lands are located. They may thereafter maintain the dumping ground and, by resolution, adopt rules and regulations for its use.*

Subd. 6. *They may make such agreements with other counties, towns, villages, governmental subdivisions, individuals or corporations as they shall deem necessary for the location, construction or maintenance of any such dumping ground.*

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CHAPTER 96—S. F. No. 590

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An act relating to motor vehicles; authorizing the use of decals or other materials in place of printed, stenciled, or painted letters required by law; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Chapter 168, by adding a section.

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