

SEC. 6. Said bonds shall not be negotiated for a less sum than their face value, and if a surplus should remain from the sale thereof over and above the amount needed in connection with the amount appropriated by the county of Stearns for the purpose herein designated, to complete said bridge, such surplus may, by a vote of the qualified electors of said township taken at any annual township election, be appropriated to such other purpose or purposes of public improvement in said township as may by such vote be determined upon.

SEC. 7. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 3, 1879.

CHAPTER CLVI.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FREE WAGON BRIDGE ACROSS THE MINNESOTA RIVER BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SPARTA IN CHIPPEWA COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF STONEY RUN IN YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. The town of Sparta in Chippewa county and Camp Release in Lac qui Parle county and the towns of Stoney Run and Lisbon in Yellow Medicine county are hereby authorized to issue the bonds of their respective towns to the amount of not to exceed eighteen hundred dollars in the aggregate, with interest coupons attached, to aid and facilitate the construction of a free wagon bridge across the Minnesota river at or near where the ferry is now situated, between the town of Sparta in Chippewa county and Stoney Run in Yellow Medicine county, or where the wagon road is located on section nineteen in town of Sparta, that is to say that the town of Sparta may issue bonds in amount not to exceed nine hundred dollars, and the town of Camp Release an amount not to exceed three hundred dollars, and the towns of Stoney Run and Lisbon each amounts not to exceed three hundred dollars each.

SEC. 2. The said bonds shall be issued in such denominations as the board of town supervisors may determine, and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed ten per cent. per annum, which shall be payable annually, and the principal thereof shall be payable in not less than five nor more than ten years from the date of the issue of said bonds.

SEC. 3. Said bonds and any interest coupons that may be attached thereto shall be signed by the chairman of the board of supervisors

and countersigned by the town clerk, and a record shall be kept of all bonds issued under the provisions of this act, giving numbers, dates and amounts, and to whom issued, and when payable.

SEC. 4. Said board of supervisors are hereby authorized to negotiate said bonds as in their judgment may be best, and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause an annual tax to be levied on the taxable property of said town, in addition to all other taxes required by law, sufficient to pay the interest accruing on said bonds, and the principal of the same as they shall mature, and to apply the taxes so collected to the purpose therein provided and to no other.

SEC. 5. The proposition to issue said bonds shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of said towns at the next annual town meeting, or at a special election to be held in said towns, said special election, if had, to be called by the same authority in the same manner that calls for other town elections are made, and the proper officers shall insert in said notice a paragraph setting forth that the question of issuing said bonds will be voted on at said election. The ballots shall have plainly printed or written or partly written and partly printed on them the following words, "for issue of bonds for bridge," or "against issue of bonds for bridge," and said votes shall be cast at said election in the same manner as votes cast for town officers, and shall be canvassed by the same officers and if upon said canvass it shall appear that a majority of the electors who have voted on the said question shall have voted for the issue of said bonds, the issue shall be lawful.

SEC. 6. The several chairmen of the boards of supervisors of all such towns above named as shall vote as herein provided for the issue of said bonds, shall constitute a board of commissioners to contract for and supervise the construction of said bridge, and after said bridge shall have been constructed it shall be the duty of all such towns as shall issue bonds under this act to keep said bridge in a safe condition, and in good repair, each town bearing such proportion of the expense for this purpose [as] or the amount of bonds so issued by such town bears to the whole amount of bonds issued. *Provided*, that said towns shall not be required to reconstruct or repair said bridge if the same shall from any cause be destroyed or injured to the extent of more than one-half its value.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 10, 1879.