

CHAPTER 33.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER SEVENTEEN (17) OF THE SPECIAL LAWS OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO (1872), ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE VILLAGE OF LITCHFIELD."

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

SECTION 1. That section eight (8) of chapter one (1) of chapter seventeen (17) of the special laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two (1872) be amended by striking out the comma at the end of line twenty-one (21) and adding the words "of the said corporation;" and by striking out line twenty-two (22) and all of line twenty-three (23) to the word "any," and inserting a period and the words "all prosecutions for violating," and by striking out the words "or for any assault, battery or affray, not indictable, committed within the limits of said corporation," commencing in line fifty-four (54).

SEC. 2. That section nine (9) of said chapter one (1) be amended by striking out the words "except as in section ten (10) of chapter first (1st) of this act is otherwise provided," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "and shall receive the same compensation, and in addition thereto such other compensation as."

SEC. 3. That section one (1) of chapter two (2) of said act be amended by inserting after the word "water," in line five (5) of subdivision twenty-six (26), the words "and to be required to labor on the streets of the said village;" and by adding to said section the following additional subdivisions:

Twenty-seventh—To build, maintain and regulate a watch house for the temporary confinement of offenders against the ordinances of the said village.

Twenty-eighth—To prevent assaults, batteries and affrays, and to provide for the arrest and punishment of persons guilty of the same.

Twenty-ninth—To erect lamp posts and lamps, and provide for lighting any portion of the said village.

Thirtieth—To establish and maintain a fire department; to appoint the officers and members thereof and regulate their duties; to purchase fire engines and all apparatus necessary for the extinguishment of fires; to erect and maintain engine houses; to compel, by appropriate penalties, the inhabitants of the said village to aid in the extinguishment of fires, and to pull down and raze such buildings in the vicinity of fires as shall be directed by them or any two of them who may be at the fire, for the purpose of preventing its communication to other buildings; to establish limits within which wooden or other combustible buildings shall not be erected; and generally to establish such measures for the prevention and extinguishment of fires as may be necessary and proper.

SEC. 4. That section two (2) of chapter two (2) of said act be amended by striking out all of said section after the word "in," in line four (4), and inserting in lieu thereof the words "any legal newspaper printed and published in the said village before they shall be of any force; they shall then be recorded by the recorder in books provided for that purpose, and the recorder shall note in the record the fact and time of publication; the record shall then be signed by the president and attested by the recorder, and when so signed and attested shall be conclusive evidence in any court of this state of the validity of the said ordinances.

SEC. 5. That section eight (8) of chapter three (3) of said act be amended by striking out the words "county commissioners," in line ten (10), and inserting the words "justice and district courts."

SEC. 6. That sections thirteen (13), fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) of said chapter three (3) be stricken out and the following sections inserted in lieu thereof:

Sec. 13. The common council shall have power to appoint a street commissioner and by ordinance define his duties; and no overseer of highways shall be elected in or for the said village; but the poll and road tax shall be collected as hereinafter provided, and shall be expended, and the streets, highways and public places governed, by the common council and officers of their appointment.

Sec. 14. The common council shall have power to levy and provide for the collection of taxes sufficient to give full effect to the powers herein granted, not exceeding one (1) *per centum* of the assessed valuation of the property in the said village in any one year; to levy and provide for the collection of road and poll tax, not exceeding the limits prescribed by law, and to audit claims and demands against the said village, and to direct orders to issue therefor.

Sec. 15. The common council shall, on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of August in each year, by resolution to be entered of record, determine the amount of corporation taxes to be levied and assessed on the taxable property in the said village, for the current year. On or before the first (1st) day of September, in each year, the village recorder shall deliver to the county auditor a copy of all such resolutions, certified under his hand and the corporate seal of the said village, and shall at the same time make and certify to the county auditor a list of the names of the owners of personal property subject to taxation within the said village; and the county auditor shall, upon the receipt of the said copy of the said resolutions and the said list, enter such taxes upon the tax books in the same manner as he is required to do in the case of town taxes, and the same shall be collected the same as other taxes are collected, and when collected paid over to the village treasurer.

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

Approved March 5, 1885.