

without readvertising for bids and letting contracts as above required, expend, under the supervision of the county surveyor, of his deputy, for repairs and maintenance of roads and bridges, or for the protection of travel thereon, such sum or sums, as such board may appropriate, and may employ a repair crew for such purpose, and may purchase and retain the necessary road machinery and tools *and materials* for the purpose of making such repairs, but such expenditures shall not in any one year, exceed one-half of the amount so appropriated for roads and bridges for said year in said county."

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 15, 1913.

CHAPTER 292—S. F. No. 659.

An Act authorizing certain cities of the first class to issue bonds for defraying the cost of making certain local improvements in advance of the collection of special assessments therefor.

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

Section 1. \$150,000 street improvement bonds authorized.

—Any city of the first class not operating under a home rule charter is hereby authorized to issue and sell its bonds to an amount not exceeding \$150,000, the proceeds whereof shall be placed in the treasury of said city and kept distinct from all other funds, except funds used for the same purposes, and shall be used only for the purpose of paying, to the amount of the special assessments levied and assessed therefor and in advance of the collection of such assessments, the cost of the following public improvements in said city:

1. Paving, re-paving or macadamizing any street, lane or alley therein.
2. Any gutter or gutters along any such street, lane or alley.
3. Laying or placing any curbstones along any such street, lane or alley.
4. Laying, relaying or extending any sewer in said city.

Sec. 2. **Assessments for paying bonds.**—All assessments, the amounts whereof are advanced from said special fund and all penalties accruing thereon shall be paid, when collected, into the treasury of the city to the credit of that fund and shall be used only for the purposes for which said fund was created. All interest collected on such assessments shall be credited to and become a part of the sinking fund of said city if there be one.

Sec. 3. How issued and sold.—Said bonds shall be issued only in pursuance of a resolution adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the city council or other governing body of such city. The faith and credit of the city shall be pledged to the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon. The council or governing body shall include in the tax levy of each year an amount sufficient to pay the current interest on such bonds, and the sinking fund of the city shall be pledged to their redemption at maturity, provided, that no such bonds shall be sold for a less amount than ninety-five per cent of the par value thereof and accrued interest thereon.

Sec. 4. Thirty years at 4 per cent.—Bonds issued under this act shall run for a term not longer than thirty years and bear interest at a rate not higher than four per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. The place of payment of principal and interest and the denomination of said bonds shall be fixed by the resolution authorizing their issue, and all or any of them may be in the form of coupon bonds or of registered certificates, so called, as the purchasers may prefer.

Sec. 5. How signed.—All bonds or certificates so issued shall be signed by the mayor, attested by the city clerk and counter-signed by the city comptroller of said city and be sealed with the city seal; except that the signatures to the coupons attached thereto, if any, may be lithographed. None of such obligations shall be sold for less than 95 per cent of their par value and accrued interest, or to any but the highest responsible bidder therefor.

Sec. 6. Application.—This act shall not apply to any city whose inhabitants have adopted a charter pursuant to Section 36, Article 4 of the state constitution.

Approved April 15, 1913.

CHAPTER 293—S. F. No. 708.

An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 139, General Laws of Minnesota for the year 1907, as amended by Chapter 358, Laws of 1909, relating to salaries of county treasurers in counties having, or which hereafter may have a population of 200,000 inhabitants or over and not more than 275,000 inhabitants and providing help and compensation therefore in county treasurer's offices in such counties.

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

Section 1. Two extra deputies and one cashier for treasurer of Ramsey county—Salaries.—That Section 2, Chapter 139, General Laws of 1907 be amended to read as follows: