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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

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Chapter 253.

An Act to incorporate the Winterport Village Corporation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECT. 1. The territory included within the school districts numbers two and sixteen in Winterport, in the county of Waldo, together with the inhabitants thereon, be, and the same are hereby made a body politic and corporate by the name of the Winterport Village Corporation.

Boundaries.

Corporate name.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and vested with power, at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise money to defray the expenses of a night watch, a police force, and all other necessary measures for the better security of life and property, and for the promotion of good order and quiet within its limits ; for the purchase, lease, repair and preservation of one or more fire engines, engine houses, hose, buckets, ladders, or other apparatus for the extinguishment of fires, for the construction of reservoirs and aqueducts to supply water, for organizing and maintaining an efficient fire department, for the improvement of streets and sidewalks, and for the support of schools ; for the purchase and improvement of lands for village parks or commons, for the planting of shade trees, for the purchase or lease of lands for and the building of a village hall and library, for the lighting of the streets, for the building and maintaining of a slip and landing place for boats, and for any acts necessary for the prevention of infectious diseases and the preservation of the public health, within its limits ; *provided*, that no sum shall be raised or appropriated during any one year, exceeding three hundred dollars, unless two-thirds of the voters present, and voting at any legal meeting called therefor, vote to raise a larger sum.

May raise money for certain purposes.

Proviso.

SECT. 3. Any money raised by said corporation for the purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property and the polls within the aforesaid territory, by the assessors of said corporation, in the same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of town taxes ; and said assessors may copy the last valuation of said property by the assessors of the town of Winterport, and assess the tax thereon, if said corporation shall so direct, and may abate any tax by them so assessed, the tax on polls not to exceed, at any one assessment, the sum of one dollar to each poll.

Assessments, how made.

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Duty of assessors. SECT. 4. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors of said corporation, by the clerk thereof, of the amount of the money raised at any meeting for the purposes aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said assessors, as soon as may be, to assess said amount upon the polls and personal estates of persons residing on said territory, and upon all real estate of resident and non-resident proprietors thereof, within said territory, and of the assessors to certify and deliver to the treasurer or collector of said corporation, whose duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as town taxes, by law, are collected by towns, and to pay it out to the order or direction of the corporation, and exhibit all accounts thereof to the assessors when requested; and said corporation shall have the same power to direct the mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of town taxes.

Power in regard to collection of taxes.

Officers, powers and authority.

SECT. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a clerk, three assessors, treasurer, collector, three fire wardens, board of police officers, and such other officers as may be provided for in the by-laws of said corporation, and said officers shall severally have, exclusively, all power and authority within the limits of said corporation, that similar officers now have, or may have, chosen by towns; the said board of police officers to consist of such a number as the corporation may, from time to time, decide, who shall be duly sworn and have power to execute all warrants, and have the same power to preserve the public peace and prevent public disturbances within said corporation, as is given by the laws of this state to constables and police officers in cities in this state, and to restrain all infractions of and carry into effect such by-laws as said corporation shall adopt in pursuance of this act.

By-laws.

SECT. 6. The said corporation, at any legal meeting thereof called for the purpose, may adopt such by-laws and provisions not inconsistent with the constitution and the laws of the state as they may deem expedient and necessary for the better government and regulation of municipal affairs within said corporation, in which case such by-laws and provisions so adopted shall extend to said corporation as fully to all intents and purposes as the other provisions of this act, subject only, to such alterations or additions by a two-thirds vote, at any legal meeting of said corporation called for the purpose.

SECT. 7. All meetings of said corporation, after the first, shall be notified by warrant of the assessors, notices of which shall be posted up in three public places within its limits seven days prior to the meeting, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting; and a meeting shall at any time be called on written application of seven legal voters to said assessors, stating the time, place and purposes for which said meeting is requested.

Meetings, how called.

SECT. 8. Albert E. Fernald, Frank W. Kelley, and David H. Smith, or either two of them, are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation, and for that purpose to notify the legal voters thereof to meet at some suitable time and place within its limits, the notice to be posted up in three public places within said limits, seven days prior to the time of said meeting; and either of said persons is authorized to preside at said meeting until it is organized, and afterwards, at all meetings, a moderator shall be chosen in the same manner and with the same power as in town meetings.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 9. The qualification of voters at any meeting of said corporation shall be the same as is required at town meeting; and the assessors shall annually make a list of the legal voters in said corporation in the month of April, and shall post a copy of such list of voters in the clerk's office on or before the first day of June in each year, and it may be corrected at any time, including the day of election.

Qualification of voters.

SECT. 10. At the first meeting, prescribed in section eight of this act, the legal voters shall vote by ballot on the question of accepting this charter, and if two-thirds of the voters present shall vote in favor of its acceptance, then this act shall take effect, and they shall proceed to organize and choose its officers.

Acceptance of charter.

SECT. 11. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor, but shall not be binding on said corporation, unless accepted by them as hereinbefore provided.

When to take effect.