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An Act to incorporate the Madison Village Corporation.

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

SECT. 1. The territory embraced within the limits of highway district Number Twenty-one, in the town of Madison, together with the inhabitants thereon, is hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Madison Village Corporation.

Limits of corporation.

Corporate name.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby empowered, at any legal meeting called for that purpose, or at its annual meeting, to raise money for organizing and maintaining a fire department, for the purchase and repair of apparatus for the extinguishment of fires, for a supply of water from any incorporated water company for fire and other municipal purposes, for lighting streets, for sidewalks, for sewers, for night watch and for a police force.

Authorized to raise money.

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

Taxes, how assessed.

—abatement of.

SECT. 4. Upon a certificate being filed with the said assessors by the clerk of said corporation, of the amount of money raised for the purposes aforesaid at any meeting, it shall be the duty of said assessors, as soon as may be, to assess said amount upon the polls and estates of the persons residing on the territory aforesaid, and upon the estates of non-resident proprietors thereof, and they shall certify and deliver the assessments so made to the collector, whose duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as county and town taxes are by law collected by towns, and to pay over the same to the treasurer of said corporation, who shall receive the same and pay it out to order or by direction of said corporation, and keep a regular account of all moneys received and paid out and exhibit the same to the assessors whenever requested; and said corporation shall have the same power to

—taxes, assessment and collection of.

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direct the mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of town taxes.

Officers.

SECT. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a clerk, treasurer, three assessors, collector, fire wardens, and such other officers as may be provided for, in the by-laws thereof; and said fire wardens shall have exclusively all the power and authority within the limits of said corporation that fire wardens now have, chosen by towns in town meeting.

By-laws.

SECT. 6. Said corporation may adopt a code of by-laws, not repugnant to the laws of the state, for the government thereof and for the management of its fire department.

Officers, how chosen.

SECT. 7. All the officers shall be chosen by ballot and sworn; the first election to be at the meeting called to accept this act, and the annual election of officers thereafter shall be in the month of March.

Bond of collector and treasurer.

SECT. 8. The collector and treasurer shall give bonds in double the tax so raised, to be approved by the clerk and assessors.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 9. John N. Weston and associates, or either of them, are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation, and to notify the legal voters thereof to meet at some suitable time and place, within the limits aforesaid, by posting up notices in two public places within said limits, seven days at least before the time of said meeting; and either of said persons may preside at said meeting until after its organization, and until after a moderator shall be chosen by ballot and sworn, and at all meetings of the corporation, a moderator shall be chosen in the manner and with the same powers as in town meetings.

Qualification of voters.

SECT. 10. All persons liable to be taxed for polls, residing in the limits of said corporation, shall be legal voters at any meeting.

When act shall take effect.

SECT. 11. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor, so far as to empower the first meeting of said corporation to be called; and this act shall take and have complete effect in all its parts when accepted at any meeting of said corporation by a majority vote of the legal voters voting at said meeting.

Approved January 27, 1887.