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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

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Chapter 72.

An Act to incorporate the Bucksport Village Corporation.

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

SECT. 1. The territory embraced within the first school district of the town of Bucksport together with the inhabitants thereon, is hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Bucksport Village Corporation, with all the rights and privileges granted by the laws of the state to corporations.

Corporate limits.

—corporate name.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and vested with power at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise money by assessment or loan for the following purposes, to create and maintain a fire department, to maintain a police and a night watch, to light the streets and to procure or pay for water for fire and domestic purposes, to construct and repair sewers and sidewalks, and for the support of schools, and may make all suitable contracts for the purposes aforesaid, and may lay pipes or authorize the same in the public streets for purposes of sewerage and water supply.

May raise money.

SECT. 3. Money raised by said corporation for any lawful purpose, shall be assessed upon the property and polls, within the territory aforesaid, by its assessors, in the same manner as town taxes are assessed. The assessors may copy the last valuations of said property, made by the assessors of the town of Bucksport, and assess the tax thereon, or if the corporation shall so direct, may correct said valuation, or make a new valuation thereof, according to the principles established by the last state tax, and assess the tax on that valuation.

How assessed.

—valuation.

SECT. 4. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors of the corporation by the clerk thereof, showing the amount of money lawfully raised at any meeting, they shall proceed as soon as may be, to assess the same upon the polls and estates of the persons residing upon the territory aforesaid, and upon the estates located therein, of non-resident proprietors, and lists of the assessments so made shall be certified and delivered to the collector of said corporation, who shall collect the same as town taxes are collected, and pay the same within such time as the warrant shall prescribe, to the corporation treasurer ; and the treasurer shall receive the same and

Taxes, how collected.

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pay it out on the orders of the assessors for legitimate expenses of the corporation, and keep regular accounts of his official transactions, and exhibit the same to the assessors when requested, and make report to each meeting of the corporation at which officers shall be chosen. The corporation shall have the same power which towns have to direct the mode of collecting taxes.

Officers.

SECT. 5. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a clerk, treasurer, collector, three assessors and such other officers as its by-laws may properly allow; and said officers shall hold office for one year from the dates of their elections, and afterwards until their successors are chosen and qualified, and shall severally have exclusively all the power and authority within the limits of said corporation, that similar officers chosen by towns, now have or may have.

By-laws.

SECT. 6. The corporation, at any legal meeting, may adopt a code of by-laws not repugnant to the laws of the state, nor to its charter, for the efficient management of its affairs.

Officers, how chosen.

SECT. 7. All officers of the corporation shall be chosen by ballot and sworn to the faithful performance of their duties; the first election to be at the meeting of the legal voters on the territory aforesaid, called to accept this charter, and the annual elections shall be held in the month of April.

—first election, how called.

Clerk and duties.

SECT. 8. The clerk shall record all the doings and proceedings at the meetings of the corporation.

Collector and treasurer, shall give bond.

SECT. 9. The collector and treasurer shall each give bond in such sum and with such sureties as the corporation or its assessors may order, but in not less than double the amount of the taxes raised as aforesaid, to the inhabitants of the corporation, for the faithful performance of their duties; and said bonds shall be approved in writing by the assessors and clerk, and kept by the clerk.

When charter may be accepted.

SECT. 10. This charter may be accepted at any time within five years from its approval by the governor, and its rejection in any calendar year shall not prevent its acceptance in any later calendar year during the time aforesaid. E. P. Emerson, O. F. Fellows, G. W. McAlister, George W. Abbott, or either of them may call all meetings of the inhabitants of said territory, previous to the acceptance of this charter and the election of officers, by publishing the time, place and objects of said meeting, in the Ellsworth American, seven

—meetings, how called.

days at least before the time of holding the meeting; and all subsequent meetings shall be called and notified by the assessors as town meetings are called and notified.

SECT. 11. All persons liable to be taxed for polls, residing within the limits of said corporation, shall be legal voters at any meeting thereof.

Qualification of voters.

SECT. 12. At any meeting prescribed in section ten of this act, the legal voters shall vote by ballot on the question of accepting the charter; and if two-thirds of all the persons present and voting lawfully at said meeting, shall vote in favor of its acceptance, then it shall take effect, and the corporation shall proceed to organize and choose its officers.

Charter, how accepted.

SECT. 13. This act shall not, either before or after its acceptance, destroy or abridge any right, power or duty of the town of Bucksport.

Powers of town, shall not be abridged.

SECT. 14. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor, but shall not bind the inhabitants of the territory aforesaid, until its acceptance by them as hereinbefore provided.

When act shall take effect.

Approved February 17, 1891.

Chapter 73.

An Act to amend section two of chapter one hundred and forty-one of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, relating to Phillips Village Corporation.

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

Section two of chapter one hundred and forty-one of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven is hereby amended by inserting after the word "department" in the ninth and tenth lines the following: 'and to erect and maintain lamp posts and lamps and provide for lighting the streets within the limits of said corporation and to make contracts with any persons or corporations for said purposes, and it may authorize its assessors to make such contracts which shall be binding on said corporation,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Sec. 2, ch. 141, Private Laws of 1887, amended.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby invested with power, at any legal meeting called for the purpose to raise such sums of money as may be sufficient for the support of a suitable number of hydrants, in case water is brought into its limits in

May raise money for support of fire department, etc.