

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1891.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1891.

CHAP. 323 before the day of meeting, naming the time, place and purposes of such meeting.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 31, 1891.

Chapter 323.

An Act to legalize and correct certain irregularities in the town meetings of the town of Palermo.

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

Doings of town
of Palermo,
made valid.

The several annual town meetings of the town of Palermo for the past six years, and the votes in the same, as well as the official acts of the officers elected in said meetings, are hereby declared to be legal and valid.

Approved March 31, 1891.

Chapter 324.

An Act to incorporate the Van Buren Water Company.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. Peter C. Keegan, Patrick Lynott, Allan E. Hammond, Solomon Madore, Simeon Cyr, Michael A. Barrett, Joseph F. Theriault, Alexander Theriault, Henry A. Gagnon, Michael Michand, Mary Keegan, Margaret Sharkey, Julia Farrell, Annie J. Sharkey, Rosa B. Sharkey, Frederick W. Keegan, their associates, successors and assigns are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic by the name of the Van Buren Water Company, for the purpose of conveying to and supplying the village of Van Buren and vicinity with pure water.

—corporate
name.

May hold real
estate.

SECT. 2. Said corporation for said purpose is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate necessary and convenient therefor, to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Authorized to
acquire water.

SECT. 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized to acquire by purchase or otherwise, the several springs or streams on

the height of lands overlooking said village and to erect and maintain reservoirs and dams, and lay down and maintain all pipes and aqueducts necessary for the proper accumulation, conduct, discharge, distribution and disposition of water and forming proper reservoirs thereof; and said corporation may take and hold by purchase or otherwise, any lands or real estate necessary therefor, and may make excavations through any lands whatever when necessary for the purposes of this corporation.

—may take and

SECT. 4. Said corporation shall be held liable to pay all damages that may be occasioned to any person by the taking of any land or other property, or by the flowage or by excavation through any land for the purpose of laying down pipes and aqueducts, building dams and reservoirs, and also damages for any other injuries resulting from said acts; and if any person sustaining damage as aforesaid and said corporation cannot mutually agree upon the sum to be paid therefor, such person may cause his damages to be ascertained in the same manner and under the same limitations, conditions and restrictions as are by law prescribed in the case of damages by the laying out of railroads.

Liability for damages.

—how ascertained in case of disagreement.

SECT. 5. The capital stock of said corporation shall be five thousand dollars, which may be increased to twenty-five thousand dollars, by a vote of said corporation and be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

Capital stock.

SECT. 6. Said corporation is hereby authorized to lay down in and through the streets and ways in said town of Van Buren and to take up, replace and repair all pipes, aqueducts and fixtures as may be necessary for the purposes of their incorporation, under such reasonable restrictions as may be imposed by the selectmen of said town. Said corporation shall be responsible for all damages to persons and property occasioned by the use of such streets and ways, and shall also be liable to said town for damages from obstructions caused by said corporation and for all expenses including reasonable counsel fees incurred in defending such suits with interest on the same.

May lay pipes in the streets of the town.

—responsible for damages.

SECT. 7. Said corporation is hereby authorized to make contracts with the town of Van Buren, Van Buren Village Corporation whenever such a corporation shall be formed, and with any or all other corporations or individuals for the

May make contracts to supply water to town and village.

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—town, may contract for water, and exempt from taxation.

purposes of supplying said corporations with water for fire and other municipal purposes or any other corporations or individuals with water for any other purposes whatsoever; and said municipal corporations by its selectmen or assessors shall have the legal right to contract with said water company; and in consideration of supply of water for public buildings, school houses and other public places, said town may contract with said corporation to remit its taxes and other public burdens.

Shall not unnecessarily obstruct public travel.

SECT. 8. Said corporation in making any changes, additions or improvements on its works in any of the streets of said Van Buren village, shall cause the same to be done with as little obstruction to public travel as may be practicable, and shall at its own expense without unnecessary delay, cause the earth and pavements removed by it to be replaced in proper condition.

Penalty, for injuring property, or corrupting water.

SECT. 9. Any person who shall willfully injure any of the property of said corporation or who shall knowingly corrupt the springs or streams or its tributaries out of which said water company's water is obtained, in any manner whatever, or render them impure, whether the same be frozen or not or who shall throw the carcasses of dead animals or other offensive matter into said waters or who shall willfully destroy or injure any dam, reservoir, aqueduct, pipe, hydrant or other property held or owned by said corporation for the purposes of this act, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not less than one year and shall be liable to said corporation for three times the actual damage, to be recovered in any proper action.

Act void, if works are not in operation within six years.

SECT. 10. In case the works of this corporation shall not be put in actual operation within six years from the date of the approval of this act, the rights and privileges herein granted shall cease.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 11. The first meeting of said corporation may be called by a written notice thereof, signed by any three corporators herein named, served upon each corporator by giving him or her the same in hand or by leaving the same at his or her last and usual place of abode, seven days before the time of meeting.

SECT. 12. This act shall take effect when approved.