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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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shall be construed to give the right to hold a head of water to propel machinery on said dam or when the same is required for manufacturing purposes. And they shall further have the right to remove rocks from the channel in said lake above said dam hereby authorized, and may take land and material for building said dam, and if the parties owning said land and materials cannot agree upon the damages therefor, then said damages shall be estimated by the county commissioners for Piscataquis county as provided by law in case of taking land for public highways.

—may take land.

—damages, how estimated.

SECT. 3. In case the Sebec Dam Company repairs its dam permanently so as to hold a head of water at the present height of its dam on or before April first, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, this act shall be null and void.

When act shall be void.

Approved March 14, 1895.

Chapter 174.

An Act to incorporate the Van Buren Village Corporation.

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

SECT. 1. So much of the territory of the town of Van Buren as is bounded on the easterly side by the line dividing said town from Hamlin plantation ; on the northeasterly side by the Saint John river ; on the northwesterly side by the northwesterly side line of Michael Violette's homestead farm ; and on the southwesterly by the rear line of the river lots from the westerly corner of Michael Violette's farm as far as the line which divides said town of Van Buren from Cyr plantation ; thence following said Cyr plantation line as far as the Hamlin plantation line above mentioned, and comprising the territory upon which is situated Van Buren village in the town of Van Buren, together with the inhabitants thereon residing, be and are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Van Buren Village Corporation, with all of the powers and privileges ordinarily granted to such corporations whether the same shall be specifically mentioned in this act or otherwise.

Boundaries.

Corporate name.

SECT. 2. Said corporation, at any legal meeting called for that purpose, may raise such sum or sums of money as may

Authorized to raise money,

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for certain purposes.

be required for the purchase, repair and preservation of one or more fire engines, building of engine houses, and all other things connected therewith, for the construction of reservoirs, aqueducts and hydrants for the procuring of water and for the organizing and maintaining within the limits of said territory an efficient fire department. Said corporation shall in like manner have power to raise such sum or sums of money as may be required to build and maintain a system of drains and sewers and to provide water to be used in connection therewith; to raise such sum or sums of money as may be required for the purpose of purchasing the property and franchise of the Van Buren Water Company, or of such individual or individuals as are now supplying said village or any part thereof with water, and to extend said water works to every part of the territory hereby incorporated, and to exercise the right of eminent domain within said limits for the purpose of obtaining the water and extending the works as aforesaid, and in taking water or land as aforesaid, for the purposes aforesaid said village corporation shall be liable to pay all damages sustained by any person by such taking, and if any person sustaining damages 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 conditions, restrictions and limitations as are by law prescribed in the case of damages by the laying out of highways. Said corporation shall file in the northern registry of deeds in the county of Aroostook, plans of the location of all land and water rights taken under the provisions of this act; and no entry shall be made on any lands except to make surveys, until the expiration of ten days from said filing; and with such plan the said corporation may file a statement of the damages it is willing to pay to any person for the property so taken, and if the amount finally awarded does not exceed that sum, said corporation shall recover costs against said person, otherwise such person shall recover costs against said corporation. And said corporation may supply the inhabitants of said village with water upon such terms as its officers shall determine, and said corporation shall also have the right to raise such sum or sums of money as may be required for the purpose of lighting the streets of said village, and also for the purpose of furnishing light

—liable for all damages.

Shall file in registry of deeds, plan of location, and land and water rights.

—may supply water.

for the inhabitants of said village upon such terms as its officers shall determine. Said corporation shall also have the right to raise such sum or sums as may be required for building a public hall, for making and improving public streets, planting shade trees, purchasing land for public parks, and improving and ornamenting the same. Said corporation shall also have the right of raising such sum or sums as may be required for establishing a public library, and maintaining the same.

SECT. 3. Any money raised by said corporation for the purpose aforesaid shall be assessed upon the property and polls within the territory aforesaid by the assessors of said corporation in the same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of municipal taxes and said assessors may adopt the last preceding valuation of said property made by the assessors of the town of Van Buren and assess the tax thereon, if said corporation shall so direct, may correct said valuation or make a new valuation thereof and assess the same on that valuation.

How money raised, shall be assessed.

SECT. 4. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors of said corporation by the clerk thereof, of the amount of money raised at any meeting for the purpose aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said assessors as soon as may be, to assess said amount upon the estates and polls of persons residing on the territory aforesaid, and upon the estates of non-resident proprietors thereof and to certify and deliver the assessment to the treasurer or collector of said corporation, whose duty it shall be, and he shall have the same authority to collect the same in like manner as county and town taxes are by law collected by towns.

How assessed, and collected.

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

Officers.

—powers of fire wardens.

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 laws and constitution of this state and the United States, as they may deem expedient

May adopt by-laws.

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How meetings shall be called.

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 two 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 the written application of seven legal voters to said assessors, stating the time, place and purpose for which said meeting is requested.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 8. Henry A. Gagnon, Joseph F. Theriault, Allan E. Hammond, Abraham J. Dubay and Peter C. Keegan, or either of them may call a meeting for the purpose of organizing said village corporation and for that purpose may notify the legal voters thereof to meet at some suitable time and place within the limits aforesaid, the notice to be posted up in two public and conspicuous places within said limits seven days at least before the time of said meeting, and either of said persons is authorized to preside at said meeting until after its organization and until its officers shall be chosen and sworn and afterwards at all regular meetings of said corporation, a moderator shall be chosen in the same manner and with the same powers as in town meetings.

How officers shall be chosen.

SECT. 9. The clerk, assessors, treasurer, collector and fire wardens of said corporation shall be chosen by ballot and the remaining officers shall be appointed by the assessors and all shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties. The treasurer and collector shall give bonds in double the amount of tax to be raised, which bond shall in each case be approved by the assessors and clerk.

May issue bonds.

SECT. 10. For any of the purposes named in this act the corporation may at any legal meeting or meetings called for the purpose, vote to issue its bonds to an amount not exceeding in all five per cent of its valuation and bearing not more than six per cent interest.

Act shall be in force when

SECT. 11. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor so far as to authorize the calling of a meeting or

meetings for the purpose of accepting the act and organizing under the same, 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.

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accepted by
the legal
voters.

Approved March 14, 1895.

Chapter 175.

An Act to authorize the Peoples' Savings Bank of Lewiston, Maine, to construct and maintain Safety Deposit Boxes.

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

The Peoples' Savings Bank of Lewiston, Maine, is hereby authorized and empowered to construct, own, maintain, operate and rent for hire safety deposit boxes for the safe keeping of personal property; provided, however, that said savings bank shall not be liable for any loss of property deposited in said boxes for safe keeping beyond the sum paid for the hire of the box containing said property so lost; and provided further, that the construction of said deposit boxes, and their location within the vaults of said bank shall be subject to the approval of the state bank examiner, who shall make careful examination, and certify his approval to said bank before said boxes shall be rented.

Savings bank,
authorized to
construct
safety boxes.

--shall not be
liable beyond
sum paid for
hire of box.

--construc-
tion shall be
subject to
approval of
bank
examiner.

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