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OF THE

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CHAP. 137

Chapter 137.

An Act to amend the charter of the city of Auburn and to provide for a Board of Public Works.

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

Board of public works established.

—powers and duties of.

Section 1. A board, to be known as the Board of Public Works, is hereby established in and for the city of Auburn, which shall have and exercise all the powers and be charged with all the duties relative to the construction, maintenance, care and control of the streets, highways, bridges, sidewalks, drains and sewers in said city which are now conferred or imposed upon the city council, municipal officers and commissioner of streets, by the charter and ordinances of said city, and the general laws of the state; but this act shall not be construed to deprive the city council or municipal officers of said city of the jurisdiction conferred by law over proceedings for the location, alteration or discontinuance of streets in said city or of proceedings for the location of tracks in and upon the surface of said streets.

Election of board.

Section 2. This board shall consist of five members, one from each ward, who shall be elected by the city council in the month of March.

Tenure.

Section 3. At the first election one member shall be elected for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, and after the first election one member to be chosen each year for a term of five years unless it becomes necessary to fill a vacancy caused by death or resignation, in which event the election shall be for the unexpired term of the incumbent whose place has been made vacant, and such vacancy may be filled for the remainder of such unexpired term by ballot of the city council in joint convention.

Persons not eligible.

Section 4. No member of the city council shall be eligible for service upon this board.

Organization of board.

Section 5. This board shall on the third Monday in March or soon thereafter as practicable organize by the choice of one of its members as chairman, and shall elect a secretary whose duty it shall be to keep a record of the proceedings of the board, to notify members of meetings and perform such other duties as the board may direct.

Superintendent of streets and sewers.

—powers.

Section 6. The board shall also elect a superintendent of streets and sewers who shall have executive charge of work under the direction and control of the board and shall at all times conform to all rules and directions of said board. Said superintendent may contract for necessary labor and materials subject at all times to the approval of the board, to whom he

shall render an account monthly, or oftener if required, of all receipts, expenditures and outstanding bills.

Section 7. The weekly pay roll and all bills not passed upon by the board shall be approved by the chairman of the board, or in his absence by some member designated by him before being paid from the city treasury.

Approval of pay roll and bills.

Section 8. The compensation of the superintendent of streets and sewers shall be fixed by the board and shall be paid from the appropriation made for the work of the board.

Compensation of superintendent of streets and sewers.

Section 9. The board shall, at the beginning of each financial year, submit to the city council for its guidance in making appropriations, a statement of work proposed to be done in its department, with approximate estimates of cost, and such other information regarding its work as may seem to them proper or the city council may require, and shall at the close of the year make a full, detailed report to the city council of receipts and expenditures and of work done; said board shall have no authority to make expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated for its use by the city council, and no part of said appropriation shall be paid to any member of the board for services as a member of the board.

Board shall submit to city council a statement of proposed work.

—with estimates of cost.

—at close of year shall make full report.

—shall not exceed appropriation.

Section 10. This act shall take effect when accepted by the city council of the city of Auburn, and the first election of commissioners hereunder shall be held on the third Monday of March, nineteen hundred three, or as soon thereafter as practicable, if this act shall then have been accepted; otherwise, immediately upon such acceptance. All other acts or parts of acts now in force which conflict with this act, are hereby repealed.

Provisions for acceptance of this act.

Section 11. This act shall take effect when approved so far as necessary to authorize the city council of the city of Auburn to take action relative to its acceptance.

Approved March 10, 1903.

Chapter 138.

An Act to incorporate the Maine Midland Railroad Company.

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

Section 1. Edward P. Borden, of Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, Thomas B. Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, state of Pennsylvania, William P. Oglesby, of Philadelphia, state of Pennsylvania, Charles Eisenlohr, of Philadelphia, state of Pennsylvania, Arthur C. Denniston, of Philadelphia, state of Pennsyl-

Corporators.