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OF THE
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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1903.

Chapter 344.

An Act to incorporate the Brooks Village Corporation.

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

Section 1. All that part of the town of Brooks embraced within the following bounds, namely: Beginning on the west line of the town of Monroe, near the railroad crossing next east from the dwelling house of P. B. Clifford, thence running south by land of A. E. Carpenter, on said Carpenter's east line, to land of N. A. Cilley, thence running westerly on south lines of lands of N. A. Cilley and C. F. Bessey to land of J. B. McTaggart, thence running westerly on south lines of lands of J. B. McTaggart, Clara E. Ames and Joseph N. Ginn to the old Belfast road, so called, thence westerly on south line of land of Joseph N. Ginn, and north line of land of Robert Nickerson, south lines of lands of F. W. Gibbs and F. B. Thompson, to the road running from Belfast to Unity, thence westerly on south line of land of Frank Quimby, to land of C. T. Scribner, thence southerly on east lines of lands of C. T. Scribner, C. F. Foss, Mary E. Webber and George Johnson to land of C. H. Dickey, thence westerly on north line of land of C. H. Dickey, and south lines of lands of George Johnson and E. L. Prime to the east line of the town of Knox, thence northerly on east line of the town of Knox to the south line of the town of Jackson, thence easterly on the south line of the town of Jackson to the west line of the town of Monroe, thence southerly on the west line of the town of Monroe to the place of beginning, together with the inhabitants thereon, be and the same is hereby created a body corporate by the name of Brooks Village Corporation, with all the rights and privileges granted by the laws of the state to similar corporations. .

Territorial
limits.

—corporate
name.

Section 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and vested with power, at any legal meeting called for the purpose, or at its annual meeting, to raise money by taxation, or otherwise, including the power to issue bonds or notes therefor, provided the whole amount does not at any one time exceed five per cent of the assessed valuation of such corporation; for the purpose of organizing and maintaining within the limits of said corporation, an efficient fire department; for building, renting, purchasing, repairing, and maintaining engine houses, hook and ladder carriage houses and lockups or police stations; for purchasing, repairing and maintaining fire engines, hose, ladders, buckets, machines and other apparatus for the extinguishment and prevention of fire; for the location, construction, and repair of

May raise
money.

—proviso.

—fire
department.

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reservoirs and aqueducts; for the procuring of water and pumps, pipes, hydrants and machinery for handling and distributing the same; for building, repairing and maintaining schoolhouses; for building, repairing and maintaining sidewalks; for building, repairing and maintaining sewers; for setting out, maintaining and caring for shade trees; for maintaining and improving the common lands, for the purchasing and renting of real estate for any of the above purposes; to pay for the services of one or more police officers, night watchmen or any other officers to whom the said corporation may vote a salary or other compensation; to erect and maintain lamp posts and lamps, and provide for lighting the streets within the limits of said corporation; and for school purposes, and may receive, hold and manage devises, bequests or gifts for and any of the above purposes.

Section 3. For the purpose of building schoolhouses, said corporation shall have all the powers, that towns now have, for taking land for schoolhouses and play grounds, and the proper officers of the town of Brooks, shall have the same power in such taking, as they would have if it was the town taking said land, so far as it relates to the locating and appraising said land, and all such taking shall be governed by the same laws.

Section 4. Any money raised by taxation by said corporation for the purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property and polls within the territory by the assessors of said corporation, in the same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of county and town taxes, and said assessors may copy the last valuation of said property by the assessors of the town of Brooks, and assess the taxes thereon, if said corporation shall so direct, and may abate any tax by them so assessed; the tax on polls not to exceed the sum of one dollar to any one person in one year.

Section 5. 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 purposes aforesaid, 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 lists of the assessment so made, to certify and deliver 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 pay over the same to the treasurer of said corporation, who shall receive the same and pay it out to order or direction of the 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

—for
schoolhouses.

—sidewalks.

—sewers.

—police.

—lighting of
streets.

May take
lands for
schoolhouses.

Assessments,
how and by
whom made.

Duties of
assessors.

—duty of
collector.

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

Section 6. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a clerk, treasurer, assessors, collector and such other officers as may be provided for in the by-laws of said corporation.

Officers.

Section 7. Said corporation at any legal meeting thereof, may adopt a code of by-laws for the government of the same, provided, the said by-laws are not repugnant to the laws of the state.

By-laws.

Section 8. All officers of said 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 of said corporation, at which this charter is accepted, and the annual election of officers shall be in the month of March.

First election

Section 9. The collector shall give bonds in double the amount of the tax so raised, and the treasurer in such sum as the assessors direct, which bonds shall be approved by the assessors and clerk.

Bonds of collector and of treasurer.

Section 10. E. C. Holbrook, E. G. Roberts, E. A. Carpenter, F. R. York, or either of them are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of the 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 and conspicuous places within said limits, seven days at least before the time of said meeting; and either of said persons are authorized to preside at said meeting until after its organization, and until after a moderator shall have been chosen by ballot and sworn, and at all meetings of said corporation a moderator shall be chosen in the manner and with the same powers as in town meetings.

First meeting, how called.

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

Poll tax payers shall be voters.

Section 12. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor, so far as to empower the first meeting of said corporation to be called.

Approval of this act.

Section 13. In the meeting prescribed in section ten of this act for the first meeting of said corporation, the legal voters shall vote by ballot on the question of accepting this charter; and if the majority shall vote in favor of its acceptance then it shall take effect in all its parts, and the corporation shall proceed to organize and choose its officers as provided in section eight of this act. There shall be but one meeting called each year for the purpose of the acceptance of this charter.

Acceptance of charter.