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Chapter 303.

An Act to amend section one of Chapter one hundred sixty-six of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred eighty-seven, entitled "An Act creating the Fort Fairfield Village Corporation."

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

Section 1, chapter 166, private and special laws 1887, amended.

Section 1. Section one of chapter one hundred sixty-six of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred eighty-seven is hereby amended by striking out in the second and third lines thereof, the words "one" "four" "five" "six" "forty-three"; so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Corporate limits defined.

'Section 1. The following described territory, namely: Lots numbered two, three, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen and seventy-nine, in the town of Fort Fairfield, according to Sawyer's survey of township letter D, in the first range, together with the inhabitants therein, be and the same are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Fort Fairfield Village Corporation.'

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 21, 1905.

Chapter 304.

An Act in relation to the South Paris Village Corporation and to establish a system of municipal lighting.

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

Authorized to install plant for supplying gas and electricity.

Section 1. The South Paris Village Corporation, created by law and duly organized, in the town of Paris, in addition to the powers already granted it, is hereby authorized and empowered to install a plant for the purpose of making, generating and supplying gas or electricity, or both, for the purpose of lighting its streets and public buildings, also for the purpose of selling, distributing and supplying gas or electricity, or both, for lighting houses, stores and other buildings, and furnishing heat and power for any other purpose to its citizens and inhabitants, within its corporate limits.

May lease or purchase water power in town of Paris.

Section 2. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act said South Paris Village Corporation shall have power to purchase, or lease for a term of years, and control, any water power or privilege, within the limits of the town of Paris, or it may furnish such necessary power by the establishment of a steam plant, or may lease or purchase the necessary power to

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carry out the provisions of this act, as it may hereafter determine, from any corporation, person or firm, owning or controlling any such power. Said village corporation shall have the authority to lay its pipes and wires and construct and maintain its lines in, upon, along, over, across and under the roads and streets within its corporate limits, or within the said town of Paris, subject, however, to the conditions and restrictions hereinafter provided.

—may establish steam plant.

—may lay pipes and wires.

Section 3. Said village corporation shall not lay its pipes or bury its wires in any road or street, or dig up or open the ground in any road or street, or erect its poles and string its wires and cables within the said town of Paris, or within its corporate limits, without first obtaining permit from the municipal officers of said town in the same manner as provided for corporations organized under chapter one hundred and two of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

Consent of municipal officers shall be obtained for laying pipes, etc.

Section 4. Said village corporation is hereby authorized to construct and maintain its poles, lines, fixtures and appliances upon, along, over and across the roads and streets of the town of Paris, upon the conditions and under the restrictions provided by section eight of chapter one hundred and two of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

May maintain poles, lines, etc., along streets.

Section 5. Said village corporation, for the purpose of carrying into full effect the provisions of this act in the establishing, constructing, furnishing, equipping and fully maintaining its works, may, at any legal meeting of said corporation, called for that purpose, raise money, and issue bonds registered, or with interest coupons, in such denominations, and on such time and rate of interest, as may be determined at such meeting, to an amount necessary for said purpose, which, taken in connection with any other indebtedness of said village corporation, will not exceed five per centum of the last regular valuation thereof. Said bonds shall be signed by the assessors and treasurer of said village corporation, but the coupons need be signed by the treasurer only.

At legal meeting of corporation may raise money or issue bonds.

—indebtedness limited to five per cent of valuation.

Section 6. The care and management of said lighting system, and regulation of charges for lighting of houses, stores and other buildings, shall be under the control of the assessors of said village corporation; or, if the corporation so vote, said duties shall be placed in the hands of a commission who shall be chosen at its first meeting after this act shall be accepted. Said commission shall consist of three legal voters, one to be chosen for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and after said first meeting one shall be chosen annually for three years. In case of vacancy on said board the assessors may fill the same by appointment until the next annual election.

Assessors shall have management of lighting system.

—or management may be in hands of a commission.

—commission shall consist of three legal voters.

—vacancies, how filled.

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Acceptance of this act to be by majority of voters.

—not more than four meetings shall be held.

—when meetings may be held.

Required to purchase certain property of Norway and Paris Street Ry. Co.

How property of Norway and Paris Street Ry. Co. may be taken over.

Section 7. Said village corporation shall not proceed under the provisions of this act until after the same shall be accepted by a majority of the voters present at a meeting of said corporation called for that purpose. And there may be held not exceeding four such meetings within two years from the date of approval of this act for said purpose of acceptance, the first one to be held within four months from said date of approval, and no subsequent meetings for that purpose to be held within four months of the next previous meeting.

Section 8. Said South Paris Village Corporation shall be further required to purchase at a fair cash value of the Norway and Paris Street Railway Company, after this act shall have been legally accepted, all its poles set in the ground, cross arms and insulators thereon, wires strung and transformers, now in use within the limits of said South Paris Village Corporation, which were formerly owned by the Oxford Light Company, but no other property; provided said Norway and Paris Street Railway Company desires to dispose of the same and will deliver the same free of incumbrances; but said purchase shall not include any part of the property as above described not heretofore used and owned by said Oxford Light Company.

Section 9. In case said village corporation fails to agree with said Norway and Paris Street Railway Company as the present owners of said property, upon the terms of purchase and value of the property above mentioned within three months after this act shall have been accepted by said village corporation, then the value of said property shall be determined by appraisal by three disinterested men, one to be designated by said Norway and Paris Street Railway Company, another by said village corporation, and the third to be chosen by the two thus designated. Each party shall notify the other in writing of the name of the person so chosen by it, and all subsequent proceedings in arriving at a hearing shall be under the direction of said appraisers, the award of whom, or a majority of whom, made in writing to each party shall be binding on both parties and shall be carried out within sixty days after such award is made. On payment, or tender, within said time by said village corporation of the amount so fixed, said property hereinbefore designated shall become vested in said South Paris Village Corporation and be free from all liens, mortgages, and incumbrances theretofore created by the Oxford Light Company, or the Norway and Paris Street Railway Company.

Section 10. This act shall take effect when approved.