

CHAPTER 95.

FIRE COMPANIES.

AN ACT to organize fire companies in the village of Waterloo in Blackhawk County and regulate the same.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That upon petition of twenty or more legal voters, inhabitants of the village plat of Waterloo, in Blackhawk county, State of Iowa, petitioning therefor, the Trustees of Waterloo and East Waterloo townships in said county, shall notify a meeting of the legal voters residing in said village, which notice shall be published in some newspaper printed in said village if any such there be, for two weeks prior to the time of holding such meeting, and by posting up a copy of said notice at two public places in such village at least two weeks before the day of such meeting, and said trustees shall from time to time call like meetings upon the petition of twenty or more legal voters of said village, in the same manner.

SEC. 2. The said legal voters at such meetings may by a majority vote adopt the provisions of this Act, which shall thereupon take effect and be in force in said village of Waterloo.

SEC. 3. And the said legal voters for the purpose of preventing and extinguishing fires, may at such meeting, by a majority vote, provide and keep in repair one or more fire engines, hose, hooks, ladders, engine houses and all apparatus usual or necessary for said purpose, and may vote to raise money for said purposes and for other necessary charges and expenses of said village, to an amount not exceeding one thousand dollars at any one time, which shall be assessed upon the taxable inhabitants and property of said village in the same manner which is provided by law in case of building school houses in school districts.

SEC. 4. After the legal voters of said village have adopted the provisions of this Act as herein provided, the trustees of said township may appoint in writing any number, not exceeding eighty, of the inhabitants of such village, members of a hook and ladder company, and such members shall elect annually, at such time as such trustees shall prescribe, one of their number as foreman, and as many assistant foremen thereof as they shall think proper, not to exceed five; but such foreman and assistant foremen may be removed by said trustees for good

Trustees of Waterloo to call meeting.

Meeting may adopt this Act.

Meeting may procure and keep in repair Fire Engines, etc.

Cost not to exceed \$1,000

Organization of a Hook & Ladder Co.

and sufficient cause. And such trustees may appoint as ^{Organization} aforesaid, any number of such inhabitants not exceeding ^{of a Fire Co.} eighty-five, as members of a fire company for each fire engine procured and kept for the extinguishment of fires in said village; and such fire company may elect annually at such time as the trustees shall prescribe, one of their number as foreman and as many assistant foremen as they shall deem proper, not exceeding five, but such foreman and assistant foremen may be removed by such trustees for good and sufficient cause. Such trustees may from time to time fill any vacancy that may occur in such company or companies.

SEC. 5. One of the trustees of each of said town- ^{Engineers of} ships and the foreman of each company organized under ^{Fire Depart-} Section four of this Act, shall compose a Board of En- ^{ment.} gineers for the Fire Department of such village, and shall choose one of their number as Treasurer, and one ^{Treasurer,} of their number as Clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep ^{Clerk and} a record of the doings of said village and of said Board ^{Chairman—} and to make out and certify copies thereof; and they ^{their duties.} shall also choose one of their number chairman, whose signature together with that of the clerk, to any notice or any other writing required to be given by the Board, shall be valid and sufficient.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Board of Engin- ^{Duty of En-} eers to keep or cause to be kept in order all apparatus ^{gineers.} provided by such village for the extinguishment of fires, as also the building or buildings in which such apparatus may be kept, and to cause all cisterns and fountains of water prepared for the fire department to be fully supplied and kept in perfect order.

SEC. 7. Said Board shall have power to make such ^{Board shall} by-laws and pass such ordinances for the government of ^{make by-laws} such companies as may be organized under the provis- ^{and pass ordi-} ions of this Act, as they shall deem proper, not in- ^{nances.} consistent with the laws of this State, or of the United States, and may enforce such by-laws and ordi- ^{Enforce laws.} nances by penalties not exceeding twenty dollars for any offence, to be sued for in the name of the said Board and recovered for the use of the village; but no such by-law or ordinance shall prescribe any penalty for any act which shall be prohibited and for doing which a penalty shall be prescribed by the laws of this State, and no such by-law or ordinance shall take effect until two ^{By-laws take} days after it shall have been published in a newspaper ^{effect.} printed in such village, if there be one; if there be none, until four days after a printed copy thereof shall have been posted in six of the most public places in such vil-

lage, of which publication or posting an affidavit shall be made and filed with the clerk of said Board, within five days after it shall take place. They may also establish such regulations respecting the kindling, guarding and safe keeping of fires, and for the removing of shavings and other combustibles from any building or place as they shall think expedient, by giving notice as aforesaid, and provide a reasonable compensation to be paid the foreman of each company.

May regulate kindling fires
Compensation
Treasurer give bond.

SEC. 8. The treasurer shall execute a bond with two sureties, in a sum to be fixed and approved by the Board and filed with the clerk thereof, for the use of the fire department of said village, and shall pay all warrants audited by the Board and signed by the chairman and attested by the clerk when sufficient funds are in the treasury, and shall in the month of September in each year, and oftener if required by said Board, render to the Board an exact account of the moneys received and from what sources the same were derived, and the amount paid out and on what account, in which all penalties recovered by virtue of this Act shall be included.

Books open to inspection. SEC. 9. All the books and records of the Board shall at all times be opened to public inspection.

Benefit, members of Fire Engine and Hook & Ladder Co. SEC. 10. All the members of any fire engine, hook and ladder, hose or other company organized under the provisions of this Act, shall be entitled to all the benefits and privileges conferred upon like companies in any incorporated city or town by the provisions of Chapter fifty-one (51) and sixty-nine (69) of the Revision of A. D. 1860, as fully and to all intents and purposes as though said village of Waterloo was incorporated.

This bill having remained with the Governor three days, (Sunday excepted,) the General Assembly being in session, has become a law this 3rd day of April, 1862.

ELIJAH SELLS, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 96.

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS.

AN ACT amendatory to an act entitled an Act to provide for the making and repairing of public highways and prescribing the further duties of Township officers in certain cases.
Approved March 23d, 1858.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly*