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CHAPTER 476.

AN ACT authorizing the village of Cassville to establish an academy, and to assess, levy and collect taxes for the erection or leasing and maintenance thereof, and to issue bonds for the purpose of borrowing money to build or lease and maintain the same, and for other purposes.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

May purchase
site for and
build academy.

SECTION 1. The village of Cassville, in the county of Grant, is hereby authorized and empowered, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, to purchase or lease real estate in or near said village and not outside of the town in which said village is located, and to erect thereon a building suitable for use as an academy, business college and institute of higher education; such real estate when purchased or leased and buildings and appurtenances thereto when erected and built thereon in all, together with the expense of maintaining the same, for three years from the date hereof, an amount not to exceed two per cent. of the assessed value of the property in said village annually collected for the duration of three years.

Board of trustees for.

SECTION 2. Said village of Cassville shall at the village election next occurring therein, elect a board of trustees, five in number, one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of four years, and one for a term of five years. And annually thereafter shall elect a trustee for a term of five years, in addition to filling by election any vacancy which may at the time of such election by reason of death, resignation or other cause occur in said board.

May levy tax.

SECTION 3. Said village of Cassville is hereby authorized to raise by tax upon the taxable property of said village each year for the succeeding three years for the purpose of purchasing or

leasing real estate and erecting or leasing buildings for such academy and for the equipping and maintaining the same for such period of three years, an amount annually not exceeding two per cent. of all the taxable property of said village as assessed at the annual assessment.

SECTION 4. The question of purchasing or leasing such real estate and buildings and maintaining the same, and raising the money by tax therefor as authorized by this act shall be submitted to the qualified electors in said village at the next regular village election, or an election called for such special purpose, and a vote thereon shall be by ballot written or printed or partly written and printed in the following form, viz: For an academy and tax therefor, or against an academy and tax therefor, and the vote when canvassed shall be returned and filed in the office of the village clerk of said village.

Questions, to be submitted to electors.

SECTION 5. At the same election specified in the preceding section of this act, and by a ballot deposited in a box separately from the ballots provided for in the preceding section, the qualified electors of said village may vote for members of the board of trustees provided for in section 2 of this act, and the ballot used in the voting for such trustees shall specify the names of five persons resident of said village and more than twenty-one years of age, such vote to be written or printed, or partly written and printed to be headed by the words "For Trustees."

Election, how conducted.

SECTION 6. In case a majority of the electors voting at such election, shall vote in favor of building or leasing and maintaining such academy and raising such tax therefor, the five trustees chosen at such election for trustees shall seven days after such election, at the hour of two o'clock P. M., meet together at the office of the village clerk of said village, and organize said board of trustees, by the election of one member thereof for president, one member thereof for secretary and one member thereof for treasurer, and shall at the same time by lot or otherwise, determine the length of the term of membership of each member of said board.

Meeting of trustees.

SECTION 7. In case a majority of the electors as aforesaid shall vote in favor of building or leasing and maintaining said academy, and levying such

Tax, how levied and collected.

tax therefor, the supervisors of said village shall within thirty days after such election, levy upon all the taxable property of said village an amount not to exceed two per cent. of all the taxable property of said village and collect in the same manner as other taxes are collected for state, county and village purposes; and shall direct the treasurer of said village to collect and make return of such taxes on or before the first day of July, 1891, for the first year, and for each two succeeding years the time of levying and collecting said tax shall be the same as the time of levying and collecting the general taxes.

Powers of trustees.

SECTION 8. The said board of trustees shall be authorized after the collection of said taxes for the year 1891, to act for said village in the purchase or lease of the real estate hereinbefore mentioned and the erection or lease thereon of buildings suitable for such academy, and shall be authorized to borrow money upon bonds issued by them for such purpose in the name of such village for such sums as may be necessary to build or lease such buildings and maintain such academy for such period of three years; provided, however, such amount shall not be permitted to exceed, together with the interest thereon, the sum hereinbefore provided for, to be expended by such village for said purpose.

Tax to pay current expenses of academy.

SECTION 9. Said village is hereby further authorized to raise each year after the expiration of such period of three years a sum sufficient to pay the current expenses and maintenance of said academy. The amount to be raised therefor each year not to be permitted to exceed one-half of one per cent. upon the assessed property of said village, said taxes to be raised in the same manner as other taxes for village, county and state purposes.

Trustees may employ teachers

SECTION 10. Such board of trustees shall be empowered to employ teachers for said academy as may be needed, prescribe the departments and course of study thereof and the qualifications and charge of tuition for students attending the same. This act shall be considered a public act and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 25, 1891.