

CHAPTER 68.

[Published March 5, 1874.]

AN ACT to authorize the town of Mukwa, in the county of Waupaca, to build a bridge across the Big Wolf river, and to authorize said town to raise a tax to pay for the building of said bridge.

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

Location of
bridge.

SECTION 1. The town of Mukwa, in the county of Waupaca, is hereby authorized to build a bridge across the Big Wolf river, at the village of Northport, at the foot of Ferry street, on section 10, town 22, range 14, and for that purpose to levy a tax and draw town orders to such an amount as may be necessary, not to exceed the sum of two thousand dollars (2,000) in any one year; the said tax to be levied and collected the same as town taxes are now by law levied and collected.

Amount of tax
authorized.

Bridge com-
missioners,
how elected.

SECTION 2. The said bridge shall be built under the direction of a board of three commissioners, who shall be elected at the annual town meeting to be held in said town on the seventh day of April, 1874, and at each annual town meeting thereafter, until said bridge shall be completed. The names of the said commissioners shall be on a separate piece of paper, and shall be deposited in a separate box, and a certified statement of the votes cast for such commissioners shall be made by the inspectors of said election, and filed in the office of the town clerk of said town, and the persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared to be duly elected such commissioners.

Duties of bridge
commissioners.

SECTION 3. Said commissioners shall build said bridge from the point named in section one of this act, across the said Big Wolf river, to connect the public highway on the opposite side of the said river with the said Ferry street, and said commissioners may employ some competent bridge builder to construct said bridge under their direction, or they may let the contract for doing said work to the lowest and best bidder, under such plans and specifications as the said board shall prescribe, notice of the letting of said contract having been given in one or more newspapers published in said county, and by posting up notices in at least five public places in said town, for four weeks previous to the letting of said contract.

SECTION 4. The said bridge shall not be less than sixteen feet wide, and to be not less than six feet above high water mark, with strong railings on the sides of said bridge, and shall be constructed and maintained in a safe and substantial manner, for the passage of teams, animals and foot passengers, and shall not in any way interfere with or obstruct the free navigation of said Big Wolf river, or the running or rafting of logs or lumber, and said bridge shall be constructed across said river as nearly at right angles with the current of said river as may be practicable, and a draw shall be constructed in said bridge over the main channel of said river, and when open said draw shall have a clear space for the passage of boats or vessels of not less than sixty feet in width, and said draw shall be always kept in good working order, and shall be properly opened at all times for the passage of boats, vessels or any craft which cannot safely pass under said bridge.

Size and character of bridge.

SECTION 5. No tax shall be levied or collected under the provisions of this act until a majority of the voters of the town of Mukwa, voting upon said question, shall have voted in favor of said tax, at an annual town meeting, or at a special town meeting to be held in said town in accordance with the provisions of law, and all the voters of said town, voting at such town meeting upon said question, shall deposit a ballot containing the words "for the bridge tax," or "against the bridge tax."

Tax levy to be submitted to a vote of the town.

SECTION 6. The commissioners shall receive for each and every day's services performed under the provisions of this act, such compensation as is paid to the town supervisors, and all expenses incurred under the provisions of this act, shall be drawn from the funds as herein provided to be levied, and known as the bridge fund.

Commissioners compensation.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved February 25, 1874.