

place in either of said towns, and on such notice, as shall be designated in writing by the chairman of the supervisors of the said town of Horton.

Duty of super-
visors.

SECTION 3. At such meeting, the said supervisors of said towns, or a majority of them, shall proceed to adjust and equalize the amount of labor and work to be done by each town, in repairing and keeping in order the said town road, and to re-divide and re-apportion said road between the said towns so as to equitably equalize the portion or portions thereof to be repaired and kept in order at the expense of each town; and the determination arrived at shall be put or placed in the shape or form of a resolution and passed and adopted as such; which resolution shall thereafter be of binding force on said towns and each of them, and shall govern said towns respectively as to all matters therein and thereby determined, until changed, modified or abrogated, according to law, or by competent authority.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 19, 1878.

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CHAPTER 277.

AN ACT relating to town insurance companies, and amendatory of chapter three hundred and forty-four of the laws of Wisconsin for 1876, entitled "An act to codify and consolidate all laws in relation to town insurance companies.

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

Amended.

Directors and
their duties.

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter three hundred and forty-four of the laws of Wisconsin for 1876 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 2. Every company so formed shall choose of their number not less than five nor more than nine directors to manage the affairs of said company, who shall hold their office for one year and until others are elected; and such directors shall choose one of their number president, one secretary, and one treasurer: *provided*, that the directors may elect any member of the company as treasurer. Such treasurer shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, execute and file with the secretary of such company a bond conditioned for the faith-

ful discharge of the duties of his office, with two or more good and sufficient sureties payable to such company, in the penal sum of not less than five thousand dollars, and in such further sum as such directors may order, such bond and sureties to be approved by the president and two or more of the directors of such company.

SECTION 2. Section six of chapter three hundred and forty-four of the laws of Wisconsin for 1876, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 6. Every member of such company who may sustain loss or damage by fire or lightning shall immediately notify the president of such company, or in his absence the secretary thereof, who shall forthwith convene the directors of such company, whose duty it shall be, when so convened, to appoint a committee of not less than three nor more than five members of such company, except in case the loss is supposed to be less than three hundred dollars, then the president and secretary to appoint such committee to ascertain the amount of such loss or damage; and in case of the inability of the parties to agree upon the amount of such loss or damage, the claimant may appoint one disinterested person on his part and upon receiving notice from such claimant of such appointment, and the name of the person so appointed, the president of the company shall forthwith appoint a member of such company, and the two persons so appointed shall forthwith proceed to appoint a third person, who shall be disinterested, and the three persons so appointed shall constitute a committee of reference, who shall have full authority to examine witnesses and to determine all matters in dispute, who shall make its award in writing to the president, or in his absence to the secretary of such company, which award thereon shall be final. The said committee of reference shall each be allowed the sum of two dollars per day for each day's service so rendered, and the sum of five cents per mile necessarily traveled in the discharge of such duties, which shall be paid by the claimant, unless the award of said committee shall exceed the sum offered by the company in liquidation of such loss or damage, in which case said expense shall be paid by such company.

Amended.

Adjustment of losses.

SECTION 3. Section ten of chapter three hundred and forty-four of the laws of Wisconsin for 1876 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 10. No company formed under this act shall insure any property out of the town or towns in which said com-

Amended.

Restrictions.

pany is located: *provided, however*, that any such company at its annual meeting may by a majority vote of the members present, authorize its directors to insure any farm property or detached dwelling-houses and contents in any adjoining town or towns, or in any incorporated city or village, which is located in or adjoining the towns in which such town insurance company is located: *provided*, such farm property or dwelling and contents shall be detached at least two hundred feet from any exposure; and all acts to which this section is amendatory shall be construed so as not to disorganize any town insurance company organized under the laws of Wisconsin for 1874, or previous; and all acts and proceedings of such town insurance companies are hereby legalized and declared valid to all intents and purposes.

Amended.

Election of directors.

SECTION 4. Section twelve of chapter three hundred and forty-four of the laws of Wisconsin for 1876, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 12. The directors of such company shall be chosen by ballot, at the annual meeting thereof, which shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of January in each year, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the voters present at any such meeting, and every person shall have one vote for each two hundred dollars for which he or she may be insured, at such election, or in the transaction of any business of such company, but no person shall be allowed to vote by proxy, except women.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 19, 1878.

[No. 333, A.]

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CHAPTER 278.

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred and sixty of the laws of Wisconsin for 1877, entitled "an act to revise, consolidate and amend the charter of the city of Stevens Point," approved May 17, 1858, and the several acts amendatory thereof.

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

Amended.

SECTION 1. Section fifteen of chapter four of said chapter two hundred and sixty of the laws of Wisconsin