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CHAPTER 302.

AN ACT relating to unincorporated villages, and amending sections 819, 1045, and 1078 of the statutes of 1898.

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

Powers of town board; as to unincorporated villages. SECTION 1. Section 819 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended so as to read, when amended, as follows: Section 819. The supervisors of each town shall constitute a board, to be designated the "town board of _____;" and any two shall constitute a quorum except when otherwise provided. They shall have charge of all the affairs of the town not by law committed to other officers; they shall draw orders on the treasurer for the disbursement of money to pay the town expenses and for all other purposes except for the support of schools; they shall have charge of all actions in which the town is a party; see that all penalties and forfeitures for the benefit of the town, all breaches of official bonds to the damage of the town and all injuries to the town are prosecuted for, and the damages and penalties and forfeitures collected and paid to the treasurer. If the town contains an unincorporated village they may appoint, upon petition of ten resident free-holders, one or more fire wardens for such village, who shall possess the powers and perform the duties prescribed by these statutes to fire wardens in incorporated villages; and if the town contains such a village of not less than three hundred inhabitants, within an area of one-half square mile, upon petition of a majority of the freeholders, resident in such area, the town board shall designate the limits of such unincorporated village and record the same in the office of the town clerk, and if the public good requires it, may appoint not exceeding three policemen, one superintendent of police, and one night watchman, prescribe their duties and make by-laws for their government, and for the purpose of restraining drunkenness, disorderly conduct and the careless use of fire arms, such board may adopt such by-laws as they may deem expedient, and fix a penalty not exceeding ten dollars for each violation thereof. Such by-laws shall be published in the manner prescribed for the publication of by-laws adopted by town meetings and shall have the same effect as such by-laws. Said policemen, superintendent and watch-

man shall have the same power as constables. Whenever the limits of a village have been designated as herein provided, the town board shall have and exercise the powers within the limits of such village, granted to village boards by sections 905 to 909, both inclusive, and the corresponding town officers shall have and exercise the powers and duties by said sections conferred upon the village officers therein mentioned. The town board shall also, upon a petition of a majority of the freeholders, residents of such unincorporated village, erect lamp posts and lamps and provide for the lighting of the streets thereof by gas or otherwise. The cost of such lighting shall be ratably assessed by the town board upon the taxable property of such designated village and the town clerk shall enter the same when assessed, upon the tax roll of the town against such property. The board of any town in which the town clerk has on file in his office chattel mortgages to secure the payment of not less than one thousand dollars during any year, may secure a fire-proof safe for the use of such clerk and pay therefor out of the general fund. The chairman of every town board may administer oaths or affidavits in all matters or proceedings coming before such board.

Duties of assessors; as to unincorporated villages. SECTION 2. Section 1045 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended so as to read when so amended, as follows: Section 1045. The assessor shall enter upon the assessment roll opposite to the name of the person to whom assessed, if any, as before provided in regular order as to lots and blocks, sections and parts of sections except that so much as is within the limits of an incorporated village or unincorporated village the limits of which have been designated by the town board, shall be assessed in one part of the roll from the best information he can obtain, a correct and pertinent description of each parcel of real property in the assessment district not exempt from taxation and the number of acres in each tract containing more than one acre. When two or more lots or tracts owned by the same person are deemed by the assessor so improved or occupied with buildings as to be practically of separate valuation, they may be entered as one parcel. Whenever any tract, parcel or lot of land shall have been surveyed and platted and a plat thereof recorded according to law, the assessor shall designate the several lots and subdivisions of such platted ground as they are fixed and designated by such plat.

Tax roll, how made; as to villages. SECTION 3. Section 1078 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended so as to read, when so amended, as follows: Section 1078. From the assessment roll when so corrected, the town clerk (and the clerk of each city

or such village as aforesaid, where a different course is not directed by its charter) shall make out in a book to be called a tax roll, a complete list of all the taxable real property therein arranged, except as herein directed in regular order as to lots and blocks and sections and parts of sections, by the proper corrected descriptions and having entered opposite in separate columns the name of the person to whom assessed before, and the valuation thereof, ascertained as aforesaid, after such description, and also a complete alphabetical list of all persons in his town having any taxable personal property, with the aggregate valuation of such property ascertained as aforesaid, and the number of the school district in which it is subject to taxation set opposite in separate columns. Whenever the property situate in an incorporated village or unincorporated village, the limits of which have been designated by the town board is embraced in a town tax roll the list of the real property and of persons taxable for personal property as aforesaid shall be entered in a continuous part of the roll and the valuations be separately footed. Public lands sold and not patented and lands mortgaged to the state shall be separately entered under a proper heading.

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

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CHAPTER 303.

AN ACT to re-imburse Joseph M. Hanton for moneys expended in caring for Willie Garling, a ward of the state board of control.

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

Appropriation. SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to Joseph M. Hanton out of any money in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for expenses incurred in caring for Willie Garling, a ward of the state board of control, the sum of four hundred and twenty dollars.