

ber present to the common council a complete and accurate statement of the cost of all sprinkling done during the preceding summer, and shall state the cost to each block separately.

2. The cost of any sprinkling done shall be paid out of the general fund or out of the ward funds or be assessed against the abutting property as the common council shall decide. In case the council shall order the cost of such sprinkling or any part thereof, to be assessed against abutting property such cost of sprinkling shall be charged and collected as a tax in the next tax roll against the lands abutting on the part of the street sprinkled in proportion to frontage of each parcel of land abutting upon such street. The cost of such sprinkling shall in the first instance be paid out of the general fund, which fund shall be reimbursed by the assessments collected therefor.

3. All contracts entered into by said city for the sprinkling of streets shall be let to the lowest bidder in accordance with the charter of such city and the statutes of the state; provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed as prohibiting the doing of such sprinkling by such city under the direction of one of its own departments, where such methods of contracting or doing the work are now authorized by statute or by the charter of any such city.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 388.

AN ACT to amend section 892 (891) of the statutes, relating to the publication of the official notices in villages.

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

SECTION 1. Section 892 (891) of the statutes is amended to read: Section 892 (891). 1. Every contract, conveyance, commission, license or other written instrument shall be executed on the part of the village by the president and clerk, sealed with the corporate seal, and in pursuance only of authority therefor from the village board. All ordinances and by-laws shall be signed by the president and countersigned by the clerk: and if any penalty or forfeiture is thereby, in any event, imposed shall, before taking effect, be published one week at least in some newspaper printed in the village and if there be no newspaper printed in such village the village board may designate a newspaper having a general cir-

*publication in said village and printed in the county, in which such village is located, or may, in lieu of the printing thereof, have copies * * * of such ordinances and by-laws posted in at least three public places * * * in said village, one week, and proof thereof filed and recorded by the village clerk before the same shall take effect.*

2. Proof of such publication to be by the affidavit of the printer or foreman in the office of such newspaper, or of such posting by the * * * affidavit * * * of the party posting the same, which shall be attached to * * * filed and recorded with such ordinance or by-law, * * * which, when done, such record to be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated. All ordinances shall be suitably entitled and in this style: "The village board of do ordain as follows." All authorized ordinances and by-laws shall have the force of law and remain in force until repealed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 389.

AN ACT to amend section 1251 of the statutes, relating to the collection of highway taxes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1251 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1251. 1. If any person assessed for highway taxes in towns in which such taxes are payable in labor shall neglect to appear and work on the highway at the time and place specified in the notice required to be given by the superintendent, unless satisfactory cause shall appear to such superintendent for such neglect, he shall not thereafter be entitled to pay his highway tax assessed for that year or any part thereof in labor, but shall be thereafter liable to pay the same in money.

2. *When any person or persons shall be liable to pay his or their highway taxes in money as provided in this section the town board may direct the superintendent of the highway district to employ some other competent person or persons to work upon the highway under the direction of the superintendent. The superintendent shall furnish each of the persons so employed with a certificate showing the amount due him for services which*