

Chap. 164

An Act to incorporate the Fire Department of the city of Kenosha.

The People of the State of Wisconsin represented in Senate and Assembly do enact as follows :

General Corporate powers.

SECTION 1. That all persons who now are or hereafter may become members of the Fire Department of the city of Kenosha, and their successors, shall be and hereby are ordained, constituted and declared to be and continue a body politic and corporate, in fact and in name, under the name and style of the "Fire Department of the city of Kenosha," and by that name they and their successors may and shall have perpetual succession, and shall be known in law, capable of suing and being sued, of pleading and being impleaded, of answering and being answered to, of defending and being defended, in all suits, complaints, matters, causes, courts and places whatsoever, and both in law and equity, and capable of having a common seal, of acquiring by purchase, gift, devise or otherwise, and of holding and conveying any real, personal or mixed estate, necessary, proper or expedient for the object of this incorporation: Provided, That the amount of said estate shall at no time exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. The members of the Fire Department of the city of Kenosha, hereby incorporated, shall have, and are hereby declared to have full power and authority to make and prescribe such by-laws, rules, ordinances and regulations, and the same to alter, amend and change at pleasure, as to them from time to time shall seem needful or proper, touching the management and disposition of their funds for the objects aforesaid, touching the regular and special meetings of the department, the regulation, duty and conduct of their members, delegates and board of Trustees, the election and displacing of officers and delegates, the admission and expulsion of members, the filling of vacancies in offices, and touching every other matter and thing necessary or expedient for the good government and promotion of this incorporation, or which pertains to the business and objects for which the said incorporation is by this act instituted: Provided, That such by-laws, rules, ordinances and regulations be not repugnant to the constitutional laws of the United States or of this State.

Proviso.

Board of Trustees—how constituted.

SEC. 3. The officers of said Department, by this act incorporated, shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Collector, who together with the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department and the delegates from the several Fire Companies and other bodies pursuant to the provision of the constitution and bye-laws of the Department, shall constitute a board of trustees, a majority of whom shall be a quorum for

the transaction of business; and said officers and delegates, separately, and as a board of Trustees shall do and perform such duties and things as may be incumbent upon or required of them by the constitution or by-laws of the department.

SEC. 4. There shall be an annual meeting of the members of said corporation on the second Monday of January, in each year, at which the officers shall be elected by ballot by a majority of the members present, from their own body, and the officers elected shall hold their offices for one year or until others be chosen in their places; but in case it at any time happens that an election of officers shall not be made or had on that day, the said corporation shall not be dissolved, but it shall and may be lawful to hold such election thereafter, pursuant to public notice given in one or more of the newspapers printed in said city.

Election of officers.

SEC. 5. Of the Fire Department of the city of Kenosha, Isaac W. Webster shall be President; William L. Hinsdale, Vice President; Frederick S. Lovell, Secretary; John R. Phelps, Treasurer, and John E. Henry, Collector, who, together with the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, duly appointed by the Common Council of the city of Kenosha, and the delegates chosen aforesaid, shall constitute the first board of Trustees, and shall hold their offices until the second Monday of January next, or until others shall be chosen in their stead.

Appointment of first board of trustees.

SEC. 6. The funds of said corporation shall consist of a general fund, which shall be applied to such general purposes of the Fire Department as the board of Trustees shall in their discretion determine; and of a firemen's benevolent fund, (arising from donations and other sums specially devoted to said fund) the interest arising from which shall be appropriated to the relief of indigent and disabled firemen and their families as may be interested in the fund, and who may be in the opinion of a majority of the Trustees worthy of assistance.

Of funds and their disposition.

SEC. 7. All certificates now required to be obtained by firemen from the Clerk of said city pursuant to the provision of any law of this state, shall hereafter be obtained from the department, by this act incorporated; which certificates, signed by the President and Treasurer of this department and countersigned by the City Clerk of said city and under the seal of this incorporation shall have the like effect of those heretofore obtained from the said city Clerk, and shall be satisfactory evidence of the facts therein contained, and each person applying for such certificate shall pay therefor such sum as the by-laws of the department shall prescribe for the benefit of the corporation and the objects thereof.

Department to give certificates

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to make out and deliver to the city Clerk once in each year, or whenever

Trustees to give city clerk a list of members.

he may request it, an accurate list of all members of this corporation, who are exempt from jury or military duty, that are or may become entitled to the benefits thereof.

Declaration. SEC. 9. This act is hereby declared to be a public act, and the same shall in all courts and places be regarded benignly and favorably for every beneficial purpose hereby intended.

SEC. 10. The legislature may alter, modify, amend or repeal this act at any future session.

Repealing Clause.

SEC. 11. All acts and parts of acts which contravene the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

FREDERICK W. HORN,
Speaker of the Assembly.

DUNCAN C. REED,
President pro tempore of the Senate.

Approved, March 8th, 1851.

NELSON DEWEY.

Chap. 165.

An Act to extend the navigation of Fox River and to provide for the improvement of the same above Fort Winnebago to Swan Lake.

The People of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Use of Dredge Boat when discretionary.

SECTION 1. After the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers shall be completed or when the said improvements shall not require the use of the dredge boat now owned by the State for said improvement, the said Boat may be used in the discretion of the board of Public Works for the further improvements of Fox River or of any tributary to the Fox or Wisconsin Rivers or Lake Winnebago.

Guaranty against injury.

SEC. 2. Before the said boat shall be used for the purpose specified in the preceding section, the board of Public Works shall receive from the person or persons desiring such use sufficient guaranty that said boat shall be returned to the Commissioners upon demand uninjured and in good repair.

Expense not to be borne by State.

SEC. 3. No monies shall be paid out of the State Treasury to defray any portion of the expenses that may be incurred in using said boat for the purpose of such improvement.

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