

said purpose, or the failure to procure volunteers to fill the quota, shall be applied to the support of the families of men who have been or may hereafter be drafted into the military service of the United States from said town.

Compensation of treasurer.

SECTION 6. The compensation to the town treasurer of said town, for receiving and disbursing said moneys, shall be fixed by said town board of supervisors.

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

Approved February 16, 1864.

## CHAPTER 57.

[Published February 18, 1864.]

AN ACT to amend section two of chapter thirty-nine of the general laws of 1864, entitled "an act to authorize towns, cities and incorporated villages to raise money by tax for the payment of bounties to volunteers for the military service of the United States, and to provide for the levy and collection of the same."

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

Petition for special meeting.

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter thirty-nine of the general laws of 1864, is hereby amended, so as to read as follows: "Section 2. A special meeting may be held in any town, city or incorporated village of this state, for the purpose or purposes mentioned in section one of this act, upon written petition to the clerk thereof, signed by five or more qualified electors and freeholders of such town, city or incorporated village, which petition shall set forth the purpose or purposes for which said special meeting is asked by the petitioners, together with the amount of money sought to be appropriated or raised by tax at such meeting for each of said purposes; and it is hereby made the duty of every such clerk, upon presentation to him of such petition, to call a special meeting of the qualified electors of such town, city or village, by posting notices of the same in three or more public and conspicuous places in such town, city or village, stating the time when and the place where such meeting will be held, and the ob-

Call for meeting.

ject of the same, together with the amount of each tax proposed to be voted thereat, which notice shall be so posted not less than five nor more than fifteen days previously to the time appointed for holding such special meeting. Such meeting, if in any town, shall be held at the place of the last annual town meeting in such town, whenever the same shall be practicable, and shall be opened and conducted in the manner provided by law for holding annual town meetings. In all other cases, such meetings shall be held at the place designated therefor in the petition asking for the same. The board of inspectors for meetings in cities and villages, shall be chosen by a majority of the electors present at the opening of the polls, and the village or city clerk (as the case may be) shall be the clerk of said polls, but in case of his absence or refusal to act, a clerk for said polls may be appointed by the board of inspectors, and the same laws which now govern the holding of elections, as to time of opening and closing the polls in cities and villages, shall govern in the holding of the meetings contemplated by this act: *provided*, that the electors assembled at any such meeting, not less than twelve in number, may, before proceeding to vote on the question of raising any such tax, agree or determine upon a less sum to be voted for any such purpose than the amount named therefor in the petition aforesaid; and a correct and complete record of the proceedings of every such meeting shall be kept, in which shall be stated the amount of each tax voted thereat, and the purpose for which the same was voted; and such proceedings shall be signed or attested by the officers thereof, and filed and recorded in the office of the clerk of the proper town, city or village; *and provided, also*, that the board of supervisors of any town, the common council of any city, or the board of trustees of any village, in which a tax or taxes shall have been voted at a meeting held for that purpose in pursuance of this act, shall be authorized to issue town, city or village orders, as the case may be, for the payment of the whole or any part of such tax or taxes, bearing interest of not more than seven per cent. per annum; and such orders may be made payable at such time or times and at such place as such respective boards may determine, within the period or periods limited for the collection of such taxes; and such orders shall be receiv-

When meeting to be held.

Inspectors and clerk.

Less bounty may be agreed upon.

Record of proceedings to be kept and signed.

Issue of orders, &c.

Orders receivable for taxes.

able in payment of any taxes of such town, city or village, as the case may be, at any time after the same shall become due and payable."

Penalty for neglect of duty.

SECTION 2. Section eleven of said chapter thirty-nine is hereby amended, so as to read as follows: "Section 11. In case any town clerk, supervisor or other officer of any town, city or incorporated village authorized or required by law to perform any duty or service, either in giving the notices of any meeting authorized by this act, or in conducting or holding any such meeting, or in issuing any warrant for the collection of the taxes voted at any such meeting, or in collecting such taxes, shall willfully refuse and neglect to perform the duty or service so required of him, for the purpose of preventing the holding of such meeting, the voting of a tax thereat, or the collection of any such tax when voted, or shall refuse to issue or sign any town, village or city order authorized to be issued by his or their respective town, village or city, each and every person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable to be indicted and punished therefor, as provided by law in cases of misdemeanor."

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved February 17, 1864.

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## CHAPTER 58.

[*Published February 24, 1864.*]

AN ACT to incorporate the Bohemian relief society of the city of Milwaukee.

(*See supplement to local laws.*)