

Charter of the village of North Troy Vermont

No. 190 of the Acts of 1876:

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont

I. Geography

Section 1.

All that part of Troy in the County of Orleans, enclosed within the following boundaries, to wit, in the county of Orleans, enclosed within the following boundaries, to wit, commencing at the northeast corner of land owned and occupied by Winfield S. Elkins, thence southerly along the line between the land owned and occupied by said Elkins, S. P. Hunt and C. P. Adams, to the highway leading from North Troy village to Newport, thence westerly in the highway to the River Road, so called, thence southerly in said River Road to the southeast corner of land owned and occupied by Curtis Elkins, thence westerly and southerly on said Curtis Elkin's south and east line to the Missiquoi River, thence westerly along said River Road to the southeast corner of land formerly owned and occupied by the late Harvey Elkins, deceased, thence westerly on the south line of said Harvey Elkins' land to the southwest corner of said land, thence southerly on the easterly line of land owned by John W. Currier to the southeast corner of said Currier's land, thence westerly on the south line of said Currier's land, thence westerly on the south line of said Currier's land to the West Road, so called crossing said road and continuing westerly to the southwest corner of land owned by H. B. Parkhurst, thence northerly on lot lines to the Canadian boundary thence easterly on the Canada line to the Missisquoi River, following said river to S. B. Hammond's north line, thence easterly along said Hammond's north line to said Winfield S. Elkins' northwest corner, thence along said W. S. Elkins' north line to point commenced at - all surface measure - shall hereafter be known by the name of the Village of North Troy, and by that name may have perpetual succession, and be capable of suing and being sued, pay prosecute and defend in any court, may have a common seal, and the same alter at pleasure, and shall be capable of purchasing, holding and conveying real and personal estate for the use of said village; and may, at any annual or special meeting warned for that purpose as herein provided, lay a tax upon the polls of the inhabitants, and the ratable estate within the same, whether residents or non-residents for any of the purposes herein mentioned and the trustees shall make out a rate-bill accordingly and deliver the same to the collector, who shall have the same power to collect such tax as the collector of town taxes, and may in like manner levy on and sell property to satisfy the same, and for want thereof may commit any person to jail against whom he has such a tax.

II. Bylaws

Section 2.

Said corporation shall have power to make such prudential bylaws and regulations as they shall from time to time deem proper; to alter, repeal or amend the same; such in particular as relate to their streets, sidewalks, alleys, public highways, commons and parks, the cleaning, repairing, improving the same; such as relate to slaughter-houses and nuisances generally; such as relate to a watch, and the lighting of the streets of said village, the restraining of any cattle, horses, sheep, swine, or geese, from running at large in said village; to establish and regulate a market; to suppress and restrain disorderly and gaming houses, and all descriptions of gaming, and for the destruction of all instruments and devices used for that purpose; to compel the owner or occupant of any unwholesome, noisome, or offensive houses or place to remove or cleanse the same from time to time, as may be necessary for the health or comfort of the inhabitants of said village; to regulate the manufacture and keeping of gunpowder, ashes, and all other combustible or

dangerous materials; to prevent immoderate riding or driving in the streets, and cruelty to animals; to regulate the erection of buildings, and prevent encumbering the streets, sidewalks and public alleys with firewood, lumber, carriages, boxes, or other things, and provide for the care, preservation and improvement of public grounds, to provide a supply of water for the protection of the village against fire, and for other purposes, and to regulate the use of the same; to compel all persons to remove from the sidewalks and gutters adjacent to the premises owned or occupied by them, all snow, ice, dirt, and garbage, and to keep such sidewalks and gutters clean; to license inn-keepers of saloons or victualing houses, and auctioneers, under such regulations and for such sums of money as the trustees may prescribe; to regulate or restrain the use of rockets, squibs, firecrackers, or other fireworks, in the streets or commons, and to prevent the practicing therein of any amusements having a tendency to injure or annoy persons passing thereon, or endanger the security of property; to regulate the making of alterations and repairs of stove pipes, fireplaces and other things from which damage by fire may be apprehended; and also to regulate the use of buildings in crowded localities for hazardous purposes; to provide for the preservation of buildings from fires by precautionary measures and inspections, and to establish and regulate a fire department and fire companies, and other matters deemed necessary for proper regulation of the affairs of said village: provided, that no such by-laws shall be inconsistent with the constitution or laws of the State or of the United States, and said corporation shall have power to impose such reasonable fine, penalty or forfeiture for the breach of any bylaws by them established, as they may judge reasonable, which may be prosecuted for and recovered in an action of debt before any court proper to try the same; in which action it shall be deemed sufficient to declare generally, setting forth the particular bylaw for a breach of which said suit is brought; and all fines, penalties and forfeitures so recovered shall be paid into the treasury of the village, to be expended for the benefit and improvement of the village, as may seem best to the board of trustees.

No. 7 of the Acts of Special Session of 1891:

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1.

The second section of the act of incorporation of the village of North Troy, approved November 27, 1876, is hereby amended so as to authorize said village, through its board of water commissioners, to be elected as hereinafter provided, to take the water of any fountains, springs, ponds or streams for the purpose of supplying inhabitants of said village with water for fire, domestic and other purposes, provided the owner, or other person having any interest in the same, shall not be deprived of such portion of such water as may be necessary for agricultural and domestic purposes.

Section 2.

Said village is authorized and empowered through said water commissioners, to construct and complete an aqueduct, with all necessary reservoirs and appurtenances, to conduct said water and distribute the same through said village, and for this purpose may enter upon and use any land over or through which it may be necessary or desirable for said aqueduct to pass, and may thereon lay and construct such pipes, reservoirs, and appurtenances as may be necessary for the complete construction and repairing of the same, and it may also, for the purposes aforesaid, dig up or occupy any common, highway, street, or bridge for the purpose of laying, constructing or repairing such aqueduct and the appurtenances thereof.

Section 3.

In any case where damage or compensation to owners of and other persons interested in, the water so taken, or such land as may be used for laying, extending, constructing and maintaining such aqueduct, and for such

reservoirs and appurtenances, is not adjusted by agreement, or if the owner thereof be a minor, insane or out of State, or otherwise incapacitated to sell and convey, the same shall be fixed by the board of

water commissioners, after hearing of all parties interested, such hearing to be had upon written notice of the time and place thereof, given at least ten days before said hearing, and said water commissioners shall within ten days after said hearing, file their award in the town clerk's office in the town or towns where the property in question is situated, and cause the same to be recorded in the land records of said town or towns.

Section 4.

When any person shall be dissatisfied with the award of the water commissioners so made, in any of the cases mentioned in the preceding section, such person may petition the Orleans County Court for a reassessment and award of damages, and such proceedings shall be had in said court on said petition as are provided by law for the assessment of damages for land taken for highways, except that the commissioners appointed by said court shall notify one of said water commissioners of said village, instead of one of the selectmen. Said petition shall be served on the clerk of said village within sixty days next after said award shall be filed in the town clerk's office as aforesaid, and at least twelve days before the term of court to which it is made returnable, but nothing in such proceedings shall prevent the water commissioners from entering on such land, and laying and constructing said aqueduct, reservoirs, and appurtenances, and using said water after their award shall have been made and the amount thereof tendered by them.

Section 5.

Said village may, at any legally warned meeting, enact and adopt such bylaws and regulations concerning the management and use of such aqueduct, reservoirs, and appurtenances, not inconsistent with law, as it may deem expedient, including the fixing and collecting of water rates, and the exaction of bonds from the collector of said rates for the faithful discharge of his duty, and the said water commissioners are hereby empowered to carry such bylaws and regulations into effect.

Section 6.

Said village may, at any legally warned meeting, authorize said water commissioners to lease, dispose of, or sell upon terms fixed by said meeting, to any person, partnership, or body corporate, or other company, any part or all of the rights and privileges granted by this act to said village, and any property acquired therein, to have and to hold the same for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of said village with water for fire, domestic, and other purposes; and said person, partnership, body corporate, or company, and their assigns upon such lease, disposal, or sale, shall for said purpose only succeed to the rights, privileges, and property so leased, disposed of, or sold, subject to all the conditions herein named, but the board of water commissioners herein provided for shall be continued for carrying out and completing any proceedings under this act hereafter needed.

Section 7.

Said village is hereby authorized to issue bonds, not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, on such items as said village shall prescribe for carrying into effect the foregoing provisions. And in case said village shall neglect to make reasonable provision for the payment of the interest and principal of said bonded indebtedness as the same shall become due and payable from time to time, it shall be the duty of the treasurer of said village to seasonably make out and deliver to the collector of said village a tax bill on the grand list of said village, and he shall therewith issue to said collector his warrant substantially in form as now provided for, to be issued for the collection of town or other taxes, directing the collection and payment of said tax to said treasurer within sixty days from the time of such delivery, in amount sufficient to seasonably and promptly pay the interest or principal, or both, then past due and unpaid, with all proper

charges for assessing and collecting the same. And Such tax shall be collected and paid to said treasurer

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promptly according to warrant; and the money so collected and paid to such treasurer shall be specially held, appropriated, and used for the payment of such interest or principal, or both, and for no other purpose save the incidental expense of assessing and collecting such tax. And it is hereby made the duty of the treasurer of said village to provide for and promptly pay the interest on and principal of said bonded indebtedness as the same shall become due and payable from time to time, without any vote thereupon of said village; and such tax bill shall have all the force and authority in every respect of a tax bill for a tax voted at any regular meeting of such village.

No. 324 of the Acts of 1912:

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. Section 3, and No. 7 of the Acts of the special session of 1891 is hereby (amended so as to read as follows:)

(Section 3.) In any case where water damage or compensation to owners of, and other persons interested in, the water or land taken or used as provided in the preceding sections of this act, or the taking thereof is not adjusted by agreement, or if the owner thereof is a minor, insane, out of the State or otherwise incapacitated to sell and convey, the same shall be established by the board of water commissioners after hearing all parties interested. Said water commissioners shall give written notice to persons owning or interested in the lands or property to be affected by their action, or to their legal representative, at least ten days before such hearing, of the time and place when and where they will consider the question of public convenience and necessity of their proposed action and the claims of the respective parties for damages, and if the water commissioners, after examining the premises and hearing the parties interested, adjudge that the convenience of the inhabitants and the public good require the taking of land, water or the entry upon or through lands or other property for any of the purposes specified in said sections, they shall so award and shall also award each party owning or interested in the property affected, the amount of damages to which said water commissioners adjudge him entitled, and said water commissioners shall, within ten days after such hearing, file their award in the town clerk's office in the town or towns where the property in question is situated, and cause the same to be recorded in the land records of said town or towns.

Section 2.

Section 4 of No. 7 of the acts of the special session of 1891 is hereby (amended so as to read as follows:)

(Section 4.) When any person is dissatisfied with the decision or award of the water commissioners, made in any of the cases mentioned in the preceding section, such person may petition the Orleans County Court for a rehearing as to the necessity and public convenience of the proposed action of the water commissioners and for a reassessment of damages, and such proceedings shall be had in said court on said petition as are provided by law for the assessment of damages for land taken for highways, except that the commissioners appointed by said court shall notify one of said water commissioners instead of one of the selectmen. Said petition shall be served on the clerk of said corporation within thirty days next after said award shall be filed in the town clerk's office as aforesaid and least twelve days before the term of court to which it is made returnable; but nothing in such proceedings for reassessment of damages shall prevent such water commissioners from entering upon such land, laying and constructing such aqueducts, reservoirs and appurtenances and using said water, after their award shall have been made and the amount thereof tendered by them.

Section 3.

The incorporated village of North Troy is hereby authorized and empowered to construct and maintain

sewers and lay the same along the streets of said corporation and to require its residents to connect their

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buildings with such sewers upon such notice and upon such penalties as may be prescribed by its bylaws. The trustees may lay sewers through the lands of persons and corporations whenever it shall be necessary to do so. And in case said trustees and the owners of such land cannot agree upon the damages so sustained by such owners and the necessity of taking the same or if such owner be a minor, insane, or out of the State, or otherwise incapacitated to sell and convey, said trustees shall proceed to assess such damages and determine the necessity of taking such lands in the same manner as provided by the charter of the village of North Troy and the amendments thereof in taking lands and water for the purpose of obtaining a water supply for said village, and the owner of said lands shall have the same right of appeal as therein provided.

Section 4.

Said trustees, in making, altering or repairing sewers, shall have power, subject to the ordinances and bylaws of said village, on giving twelve days notice to the parties of the time and place of hearing, to assess the owners of lands adjoining and adjacent to such sewers and which may receive special benefits therein, according to benefits conferred. And when they shall have made any such assessment they shall make a report thereof, setting forth their doings in that respect; which report they shall cause to be recorded in the town clerk's office in Troy, and when so recorded the amount so assessed shall remain a lien in the nature of the tax upon the land so assessed, until the same shall be paid. From such assessment there shall be the same right of appeal to the Orleans County Court, and the same proceedings in respect to such appeal as is provided in the preceding sections of this act, and the final decision of the county court in the matter of such appeal shall, when the record thereof is duly recorded as aforesaid, be a lien on the lands so assessed as aforesaid, and above mentioned; but such appeal shall not delay the making, altering or repairing such sewer, and if the owner of such lands shall neglect, for the space of six months from the final decision of said trustees, or in case of appeal to the county court, to pay the village treasurer the amount of said assessment, the trustees shall issue their warrant for the collection of the same directed to the village collector of taxes who shall have authority to sell at public auction so much of said land as will satisfy said assessment and all legal fees; and who shall proceed in the same manner as collectors of town taxes are required by law to proceed in selling real estate at auction for the collection of town taxes.

Section 5.

Said village may at any annual meeting warned for that purpose, vote to expend not to exceed twenty five thousand dollars in building and laying sewers in said village.

Section 6.

Said village is hereby authorized to issue bonds in a sum not exceeding twenty five thousand dollars on such terms as said village shall prescribe, to furnish money for building and laying said sewers.

Section 7.

The provisions of section 7 of No. 7 of the acts of the special session of 1891, as far as applicable, shall govern the issue and payment of said bonds and the interest therein, as they or it shall become due.

Section 8.

The village of North Troy is hereby authorized to enact any and all bylaws necessary to carry out the provisions of the several sections of this act.

III. Legal Voters

Section 3.

Every person who resides within the limits of said village, and is a legal voter in town meeting in the town of Troy, shall be entitled to vote at any village meeting.

IV. Election of Officers

Section 4.

At every annual meeting of said village, the qualified electors of said village shall, by ballot if called for, elect from among their number a moderator, a clerk, a treasurer, a collector of taxes, five trustees, three fire wardens, and an attorney.

(Amended by No. 303 of the acts of 1915:)

It is hereby enacted by the general assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. Section 4 of No. 190 of the acts of 1876 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

(Section 4.) At every annual meeting of said village, the qualified electors of said village shall, by ballot if called for, elect from their number a moderator, a clerk, a treasurer, a collector of taxes, three trustees, three fire wardens, and an attorney. The trustees elected at the last village meeting shall hold office during the remainder of their official year. At the village meeting to be held on the first Tuesday of January 1916, three trustees shall be elected, one for a term of one year, one for a term of 2 years and one for a term of 3 years. At the annual village meeting to be held on the first Tuesday of January 1917, and at every subsequent annual village meeting on trustee shall be elected for the term of three years. All vacancies in the office of trustee shall be filled at the next annual meeting or at a special village meeting duly called for that purpose. This act shall take effect when said village shall, at a meeting of the legal voters thereof duly called and held for that purpose, by a majority vote of the legal voters present and voting at said meeting, vote to accept the provisions thereof.

No. 7 of the Special Session of 1891:

(Section 8) Section 4 of the aforesaid act of incorporation is hereby amended so as to provide for the election in addition to the officers therein named, of five water commissioners, whose duty it shall be to carry into effect the provisions of this act. The term of office of said water commissioners shall be five years, excepting the several members of the first board of water commissioners, whose terms of office shall be determined as follows: The commissioner first chosen shall hold office five years from the next annual meeting; the commissioner next chosen shall hold office four years from the next annual meeting; the commissioner next chosen shall hold office three years from the next annual meeting; the commissioner next chosen shall hold office two years from the next annual meeting, and the commissioner next chosen shall hold office one year from the next annual meeting. The first board of water commissioners shall be elected at the first village meeting after the passage of this act, or in case of failure to so elect, at any subsequent village meeting. A vacancy in the board of water commissioners by reason of expiration of term of service shall be filled by election by the village at the annual village meeting held at the time of such expiration of term; and when a vacancy occurs in said board from any other cause, appointment to fill said vacancy by the trustees shall be only until the next annual meeting of the village, when the village shall elect a commissioner to fill the then expired term.

V. Moderator

Section 5.

It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside at all the meetings of said village, and he shall have the same power as a moderator of town meetings.

VI. Clerk

Section 6.

It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings of said corporation, and he shall give copies of the same when required, with power to certify the same. It shall be his duty to warn special meetings of said corporation, agreeably to the direction of the trustees, or a majority of them, and all annual meetings, by posting notice of the time and place of such meetings in at least three public places in said village, at least ten days previous to said time of meeting, together with a statement of the business to be transacted. Any meeting of said corporation may be adjourned, and any business may be transacted at such adjourned meeting, which might under the warning, have been transacted at the original meeting, as well as any other business, notice of which shall be given at such original meeting before the adjournment of the same.

VII. Treasurer

Section 7.

The treasurer and collector shall perform for said corporation the same duties required by law respectively of a town treasurer and a collector of town taxes, and shall have the same powers, shall proceed in the same manner, be subject to the same liabilities, and give like bonds to said corporation for the faithful performance of their respective duties.

VIII. Trustees

Section 8.

The trustees shall have the general care and management of the prudential interests of said village; shall make out all taxes, and direct the expenditures of all moneys belonging to said village, and shall draw all orders upon the treasurer, and generally shall perform all duties legally enjoined upon them by said corporation; and all powers vested in said trustees may be performed by a majority of them. The trustees, in case of death, removal or disability of any of the officers mentioned in this act, may perform their respective duties until others are elected.

IX. Highway district

Section 9. (as amended by No. 323 of the Acts of 1912:)

Section 1. Section 9 of No. 190 of the acts of 1876 is hereby (amended so as to read as follows:)

Section 9. All the territory embraced within the limits of said village is hereby constituted a highway district of the town of Troy, and all the highway taxes assessed upon the polls and ratable estate therein shall be paid in money; and the selectmen of the town of Troy shall make out a tax bill therefore, and deliver the same seasonably, as required by law, with a warrant for its collection, to the collector of said village, who shall collect the same as other taxes of said village are collected, and pay the same over to the

treasurer of said village; which money shall be drawn from said village treasury by the trustees, and shall be expended by them in building, constructing, sustaining, and repairing the streets, highways, walks, alleys and lands of said village, except fifteen percent thereof which shall be paid into the treasury of the town of Troy by the treasurer of the village of North Troy for the use of said town; and no surveyors of highways for said highway district shall be required or chosen by said town.

X. Streets, Sidewalks

Section 10.

The trustees of said village may lay out, alter, maintain and discontinue any street, road, lane, alley, or walk in said village, and appraise and settle the damages therefore, causing their proceedings to be recorded in the town clerk's office in said town; provided, that any person aggrieved by their proceedings shall have the like opportunity for applying to the county court for the county of Orleans, to obtain redress, as is or may be allowed by law to those aggrieved with the proceedings of selectmen in similar cases. Said trustees in making, altering, or repairing sidewalks shall have power, subject to the ordinances and bylaws of said village, on giving twelve day's notice to the parties of the time and place of hearing, to assess the owners of lands adjoining such sidewalk as the said trustees shall judge lands to be benefited thereby; and when they shall have made any such assessment, they shall make a report thereof, setting forth their doings in that respect; which report they shall cause to be recorded in the town clerk's office in said Troy, and when so recorded, the amount so assessed shall be and remain a lien, in the nature of the tax, upon the lands so assessed, until the same shall be paid. From such assessment, there shall be the same right of appeal to the county court, and the same proceedings in respect to such appeal as is before provided in this section, and the final decision of the county court in the matter of such appeal shall, when the record thereof is duly recorded as aforesaid, be a lien upon the lands so assessed as the above mentioned; but such appeal shall not delay the making, altering, or repairing of such sidewalk; and if the owner of such lands shall neglect, for the space of six months after the final decision of said trustees, or in case of appeal to the county court, to pay to the village treasurer the amount of said assessment, the trustees shall issue their warrant for the collection of the same, directed to the village collector of taxes, who shall have authority to sell at public auction so much of said land as will satisfy said assessment and all legal fees, and who shall proceed in the same manner as collectors of town taxes are required by law to proceed in selling real estate at auction for the collection of town taxes.

XI. Licenses

Section 11.

The trustees of said village shall have the sole power of granting licenses and vacating the same, within the limits of said village, agreeably to the bylaws, rules and ordinances thereof that the selectmen have by chapter ninety-five, and by section twenty-two of chapter one hundred and nineteen of the general statutes; and all moneys received for such licenses shall belong to the village treasury, and be paid to the same.

XII. Fire Wardens

Section 12.

The fire wardens of said village shall be present at all fires, having some distinguishing badge, fixed upon by the corporation; and said wardens, in time of fire are hereby empowered to demand reasonable assistance from the inhabitants of said village or any of them, and all persons who may be present at such times are hereby required to assist in extinguishing and preventing the spread of such fire, and to remove goods and effects out of any house or other building endangered by such fire; and the majority of said fire wardens present at any fire are hereby further empowered to cause to be pulled down or removed such

buildings as they may think necessary for the purpose of preventing the progress of spreading of said fire, and for that purpose may command the assistance of any person in said village; they are also empowered, by force if necessary, to suppress any tumults and disorders at said fire, and all persons present are required to yield strict obedience to said wardens and all orders given by them; and if any person shall neglect or refuse to obey the orders of said fire wardens or either of them, in time of fire in said village, in any manner authorized in this act, such offender shall, upon conviction before any justice of the peace, forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, with costs of prosecution, to the treasurer of said corporation.

XIII. Fire Department

Section 13.

The trustees of said village may organize one fire and hook and ladder company in said village, for the purpose of preventing fires, and at the expense of said village may purchase a fire engine and other necessary implements: provided, the corporation shall so direct by vote at a meeting duly called for that purpose.

XIV. Grand List

Section 14.

The trustees may make a grand list for said village at any time prior to voting a tax, on the following basis: the town grand list of Troy, comprised within the limits of said village, shall constitute such grand list, and the trustees shall deduct from same all real estate lying and being without the limits of said village, as near as may be, and such list, when completed, shall be final and conclusive upon all concerned.

XV. Competency

Section 15.

No member of said village shall be deemed thereby incompetent to act as judge, justice of the peace, juror, sheriff or constable in any cause in which said corporation shall be interested.

XVI. Annual Meeting

Section 16. (as amended by No. 255 of the acts of 1935)

The annual meeting of said corporation, for the choice of officers, and for the transaction of any business specified in the warning of said meeting, shall be held in the village of North Troy, on the last Tuesday of January each year.

XVII. State Legislature

Section 17.

This act shall take effect from its passage, and shall be at all times under control of the legislature of this State to alter or repeal.

XVIII.

Section 18.

At the first meeting of the legal voters of said village of North Troy to be held as provided in section sixteen of this act, the justices warning said meeting shall insert in such warning an article as follows: " To see if the legal voters of the village of North Troy will accept and approve of the act of incorporation of said village. " And if a majority of the legal voters present at such meeting are in favor thereof, then this act shall be in full force, otherwise of no effect.

APPROVED, NOVEMBER 25, 1876

No. 240 of the Acts of 1904 Eminent Domain

Section 1.

The trustees of the village of North Troy may make, maintain and repair such common sewers in said village as the public health or convenience of individuals shall require, and for that purpose may take the necessary land of such owners, on making compensation for the same.

Section 2.

In case the land required for the purposes aforesaid cannot be obtained by consent of the owners thereof, the extent of and necessity for such taking, and the compensation therefore, shall be determined by the trustees of said village, after hearing the parties interested. Such hearing shall be had on written notice of the time and place thereof, given at least ten days before said hearing, which notice shall substantially describe the lands desired; and said trustees shall within ten days after said hearing file their decision and award in the town clerk's office of Troy, and cause the same there to be recorded; if an appeal is taken from said decision and award, said trustees shall upon payment or tender of the amount of damages awarded by them to the persons entitled thereto, be authorized to proceed without further liability.

Section 3.

When any such owner is dissatisfied with the decision of said trustees, as to the necessity for or the extent of such taking, or with the amount of damages awarded, he may apply by petition to the Orleans County Court, setting forth the particulars wherein he claims to be aggrieved, and any number of persons so aggrieved may join therein; and said petition with a citation, shall be served upon the clerk of said village within sixty days after filing of the decision and award, and at least twelve days before the term of court to which such petition is made returnable; and the court shall thereupon appoint three disinterested persons as commissioners, who shall inquire into the extent of and necessity for such taking, and as to the damages. Said commissioners shall give at least six days notice to said petitioners and to the clerk of said village of the time and place of hearing, and shall report their findings to the court; and, upon hearing, the court may

accept or reject the report, in whole or in part, may make such orders in the premises as the justice requires, may render judgment for the damages sustained by the petitioner, may tax costs for either party and award execution in the premises.

No. 302 of the Acts of 1915 Bonding for Utility Construction

Section 1.

The village of North Troy is hereby authorized to issue its bonds to an amount not exceeding twenty five thousand dollars for the purpose of paying and retiring its outstanding bonds issued under and by virtue of the provisions of No. 7 of the Acts of the special session of the general assembly of 1891; and to pay and extinguish any other indebtedness of said village incurred in the payment of the bonds so issued and interest thereon; and for the purpose of executing and make necessary repairs to its water system.

Section 2.

Said village, by a majority of the legal voters present and voting in meetings duly warned and held for that purpose may determine what amount of bonds, not exceeding in the aggregate twenty five thousand dollars, shall be issued, the denomination of the bonds, at what time and place the same shall be payable, the rate of interest thereon and by whom they shall be signed.

Section 3.

In case said village neglects to make seasonable provisions for the payment of interest and principal of said bonds as the same shall become due it shall be the duty of the treasurer of said village to make out and deliver to the collector of taxes of said village a tax bill on the grand list of said village and he shall therewith issue to said collector his warrant substantially in form as now provided to be used for the collection of town or other taxes directing the collection and payment of said tax to said treasurer within sixty days from the time of said delivery in amount sufficient to promptly pay the interest and principal then past due and unpaid and the treasurer of said village shall promptly pay the interest and principal of such bonded indebtedness as the same becomes due without any vote thereon of said village and such tax bill shall have all the force in every respect of a tax bill, voted therefore by said village.

No. 176 of the Acts of 1929 Bonding for Road Building

Section 1.

The Village of North Troy is hereby authorized to issue its negotiable bonds to an amount not to exceed sixty thousand dollars for the purpose of paying the expenses incident to building and constructing hard-surfaced roads and sidewalks in said village, and also to retire its outstanding and unpaid notes and orders, and to pay any other indebtedness of said village.

Section 2.

Such village, by a majority of the legal voters present and voting in a meeting duly warned and held in whole or in part for that purpose, may vote to issue its negotiable bonds, not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of sixty thousand dollars necessary for the purpose mentioned in the preceding section; may vote to determine what amount of bonds not to exceed the sum of sixty thousand dollars, shall be issued, the denomination thereof, at what time or times and at what place or places the same shall be payable, the rate

of interest thereon not to exceed five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, whether such bonds shall be registered or shall have interest coupons attached and how such bonds shall be sold; provided that said bonds shall not extend over a period exceeding twenty years; and unless said bonds are serial, that a sinking fund be established sufficient in amount to secure the payment of the bonds at their maturity.

Section 3.

Each of such bonds shall be signed by the trustees of the village and be countersigned by the treasurer. If interest coupons are attached they shall be signed by the treasurer or by his lithographic signature. Such bonds shall contain, on the fact thereof, a statement of the authority conferred by this act, and of the vote of the village authorizing the issue thereof, and the same shall be conclusive evidence of the fact of the liability of such village to a bona fide holder thereof.

Section 4

The treasurer of the village shall keep an accurate account of each bond issued, stating therein the number and denomination of each bond, when, and if registered, to whom issued, when and where payable, the rate of interest thereof; and he shall also keep a true record of all payments of interest and principal, and, if coupons or bonds are taken up, shall cancel the same.

Section 5.

It is hereby made the duty of the village trustees and the treasurer to pay the interest and principal on such bonds as they shall fall due. If said village does not provide means for the payment of the interest and the principal on such bonds issued pursuant to this act, as the same shall become due, then it shall be the duty of the village trustees, without vote of such village seasonably to assess upon the grand list of such village a tax sufficient to meet the interest and principal of such bonds as the same become due, and to place the same with a proper warrant, signed by a justice of the peace, residing in such village, in the hands of the collector of taxes for the village. Such collector shall immediately collect such tax and pay same into the hands of the treasurer. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the holders of such bonds from resorting to any legal means to enforce payment of the same or interest thereon.

No. H 219 of the Acts of 1953 Transfer of Water Authority

AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES OF WATER COMMISSIONERS UNDER THE CHARTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH TROY TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE, AND TO REPEAL SECTION 8 OF NO. 7 OF THE ACTS OF 1891.

Section 1.

Water commissioners abolished. All powers and duties heretofore conferred on the water commissioners of the village of North Troy are hereby transferred to the trustees of the village of North Troy and the office of water commissioner is hereby abolished.

Section 2.

Section 8 of No. 7 of the Acts of 1891 is hereby repealed.

Section 3.

This act shall take effect from its passage.

No. H 227 of the Acts of 1955 Date of Annual Meetings

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 16 OF NO. 190 OF THE ACTS OF 1876, AS AMENDED RELATING TO THE CHARTER OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH TROY.

Section 1.

Section 16 of No. 190 of the Acts of 1876, as amended by No. 255 of the Acts of 1935, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 16.

The annual meeting of said corporation, for the choice of officers, and for the transaction of any business specified in the warning of said meeting shall be held in the Village of North Troy, on the (last Tuesday of January) second Tuesday after the first Monday in February each year.

Section 2.

This act shall take effect when approved by the majority vote of those legal voters of the village of North Troy present and voting at an annual meeting or at a special meeting of the village of North Troy duly warned for that purpose.

Section 3.

Section 2 of this act shall take effect from its passage.

No. H-3 of the Acts of 2003 Office of Constable

Dated April 11, 2003: The charter of the village of North Troy shall be amended to allow for the establishment of the office of constable for the purpose of law enforcement of village ordinances as well as state and federal laws. The village trustees shall have the authority to appoint a constable or constables. The position shall be filled only by a person who has graduated from a certified police academy and shall report to the board of trustees.