

No. 93.

AN ACT

To incorporate the village of Loretto, in Cambria county, into a borough.

Boundaries.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the village of Loretto, in the county of Cambria, shall be and the same is hereby erected into a borough, which shall be called the borough of Loretto, and shall be bounded and limited as follows, viz: Beginning at a point on the Philipsburg road, six perches north of the widow Walter's house; thence east to a point which includes the church and parsonage of St. Michael's; thence south to a point from which the line running west will include the town lots lying south of St. Mary's street; thence west to a point opposite to the place of beginning; thence north to the place of beginning.

Annual election.

SECTION 2. That the inhabitants of the said borough entitled to vote for members of the general assembly, having resided within the bounds of said borough at least six months immediately preceding the election, shall have power, on the Friday preceding the third Saturday in March next, to meet at the public school-house, and on the same day annually thereafter at the place aforesaid, and shall then and there, between the hours of one and six in the afternoon of said day, elect by ballot, one respectable citizen residing therein, who shall be styled the burgess, and five citizens of said borough to be a town council, and shall elect also as aforesaid one citizen as high constable; but previous to said election, the citizens qualified as aforesaid shall choose one citizen to act as judge, and two citizens to act as inspectors, one of whom shall act as clerk of said election; and the election to be conducted throughout according to the general election laws of this commonwealth, and the officers of the same shall be subject to the same penalties for mal-practices, as by the said election laws are imposed; the said judge and inspectors, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, shall take the same oaths or affirmations before any justice of the peace of the same county, as are prescribed by the laws of this commonwealth, and after the election shall be closed shall declare the persons having the greatest number of votes to be duly elected, and the certificates required by the general election law shall be duly made out and signed by them, and filed amongst the records of said borough.

Name.

Powers, &c.

SECTION 3. That from and after the first day of April next, the burgess and town council, and their successors in office, shall be one body, politic and corporate, by the name and style of the "Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Loretto," and shall have perpetual succession, and shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law of this commonwealth in all manner of actions whatsoever, and to have and use a common seal.

Penalty for neglect of duty.

SECTION 4. That if any person, duly elected to the office of burgess, member of town council, or high constable as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to take upon himself the duties of said office, he shall forfeit and pay for the use of said borough the sum of ten dollars, to be collected in like manner as sums of like amount are now recoverable by law.

SECTION 5. That all officers of said borough, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall take and subscribe before any judge or justice of the peace of said county, to "support the constitution Oath. of the United States, and of the state of Pennsylvania, and to perform the duties of his office with fidelity," and the certificates of the same shall be filed among the records of said corporation.

SECTION 6. That the said burgess and town council shall meet on the first Monday after their election, in each year, and appoint a clerk of Clerk, duties, said borough, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the papers, &c. records, and common seal of said borough, and be responsible for the same; and shall keep a fair record of all proceedings, resolutions, by-laws and ordinances of said council; and the said burgess and town council shall have power to make, erect, alter, revise, repeal or amend all by-laws, rules, regulations and ordinances as shall be determined by a majority of them, necessary to promote the peace, good order, benefit and advantage of the said borough, and particularly providing for the regulations, improving, repairing and keeping in order the streets and alleys. They shall have power to assess and apportion such taxes as Assessments. shall be determined by a majority of them, and also to appoint a street supervisor, treasurer, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary, from time to time: *Provided*, That in the assessment of taxes, such tax shall not exceed one-half of the tax assessed for county purposes, on the citizens of said borough.

SECTION 7. That the burgess is hereby empowered to issue his pre-Taxes. cept to the high constable as often as occasion may require, commanding him forthwith to collect all taxes so assessed, and the same to pay over to the treasurer.

SECTION 8. That the treasurer, street supervisor, and high constable, Securities. shall, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, enter into bonds with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the burgess, conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties.

SECTION 9. That the high constable of the said borough, shall, on High constable. giving surety and being qualified in the court of quarter sessions of said county, shall have and exercise all the powers appertaining to the office of township constable.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WILLIAM P. WILCOX,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

FRS. R. SHUNK.