

## No. 325.

## AN ACT

To incorporate the village of Friendsville, into a borough.

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* so much of the townships of Choconut, Apalachian and Middletown, *Boundaries.*

in the county of Susquehanna, as is included within the following limits, to wit:—Beginning at a stake and stones on the lands of Joshua Gurney, in the township of Middletown; thence south thirty-seven degrees west three hundred and twenty rods across lands of the said Gurney, and those of William Carlon, deceased, to a stake and stones; thence north fifty-three degrees west four hundred and eighty rods to a stake and stones on lands of Canfield Dayton, in the township of Apalachian; thence north thirty-seven degrees east three hundred and twenty rods to a stake and stones on lands of the estate of James Peronnet, deceased; thence south fifty-three degrees east four hundred and eighty rods across the corner of Choconut to the place of beginning, be and the same is hereby incorporated into a borough, which shall be called and styled the borough of Friendsville.

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SECTION 2. That the inhabitants of said borough entitled to vote for members of the general assembly, having resided therein ten days immediately preceding the election, shall, on the third Friday of April next, and annually thereafter on the third Friday of February, which now is, or hereafter may be fixed by law for the election of constables and other township officers within this commonwealth, meet at the school house in said borough, and then and there, between the hours of one and seven o'clock, P. M., elect, by ballot, one of the citizens who shall be styled burgess of said borough, and four other citizens to be styled the town council, and one street commissioner, all of whom shall be residents of said borough; which election shall be, in all respects, conducted as is provided by law for the election of township officers within this commonwealth, and shall be subject to the same penalties for mal-practices, except that the certificates of the election of burgess, town council and other borough officers, shall be filed among the records of the corporation, and duplicate certificates of said election shall be signed by the judges, one of which shall be transmitted to each of the persons elected: *And provided,* That in case of death, resignation, removal or refusal to accept of any of said offices, the vacancies may be supplied by a new election, in all cases when, by existing laws, there is not provision made for supplying vacancies by appointment: *And provided further,* That the first election to be held under this act, it shall be the duty of William Robbe to give notice, and to perform all the duties enjoined upon constables, by the existing laws, relative to township elections; and in case no election shall be held on the first day mentioned, they shall appoint some other day, and perform said services; but previous to opening such election, such citizens entitled to vote as aforesaid, as may be present at the time and place of opening the same, shall choose one judge, two inspectors, and two clerks thereof, who shall be sworn or affirmed, in the same manner as is

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provided by law for swearing or affirming election officers, and they shall perform the duties required of them by law, relative to township elections.

**Rights of burgess.** SECTION 3. That the burgess shall be president of the council, and shall have and exercise all the rights and privileges of a member thereof in every respect.

**Meeting of council.** SECTION 4. That the burgess and town council shall meet on the first Monday next succeeding their election in each year; and as often thereafter as occasion may require; three members shall constitute a quorum to do business, and the proceedings of a majority of a quorum, when there is one formed, shall be valid; they shall have power, in the absence of the burgess, to elect a president pro tem., who shall, in the case of death, resignation, refusal to accept or to act, or inability of the burgess to attend, perform all and every duty enjoined on the burgess; or in his absence, the president pro tem. shall have power to call special meetings of the council; but in all cases of special meetings, personal notice shall be given to each member, unless absent from the borough. The burgess and members of the town council shall, in all cases, continue to hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified.

**Penalty for neglect or refusal to serve.** SECTION 5. That if any person duly elected burgess or member of the town council, and having received notice thereof, as directed by this act, shall refuse or neglect to take upon himself the execution of the office to which he shall have been elected, or having taken upon himself such duties, shall neglect to discharge the same according to law, every such person so refusing or neglecting, shall, for every such offence, pay and forfeit the sum of five dollars; and every other officer elected or appointed by virtue of this act, or by the by-laws or ordinances of the town council aforesaid, who shall refuse or neglect to take upon himself the execution of such office, or having accepted the same, shall refuse or neglect to perform the duties thereof, shall, for every such refusal or neglect, pay a fine not exceeding five dollars, at the discretion of the burgess; which fines, and all other fines that may be incurred under this act, or any of the by-laws or ordinances of the town council, shall be for the use of said corporation, and shall be recovered in the name of the burgess and town council of the borough of Friendsville, as debts of like amount are recoverable by law: *Provided*, That no person or persons shall be compelled to serve more than one year in any term of three, and the payment of a fine shall be equivalent to a service of one year in any office: *And provided further*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to exonerate any constable or other officer from the payment of any fine or penalty imposed by the existing laws, or that may hereafter be enacted, for refusing to serve in such office.

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**Oaths of office.** SECTION 6. The burgess shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, before one of the judges of the court of common pleas, or a justice of the peace of the said county of Susquehanna, to support the constitution of the United States, and of the state of Pennsylvania, and execute the office of burgess of Friendsville with fidelity; and when so qualified, he shall administer an oath to each of the members of the town council, high constable, town clerk, clerk of the market, if one shall be appointed, and such other officers as shall be appointed or elected under this act, or any by-law or ordinance of said borough, before they shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices; which oath or affirmation, so taken and subscribed, shall be filed among the records of the corporation.

SECTION 7. That from and after the third Friday in March next, the burgess and town council, duly elected, and their successors, shall be one body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "The burgess and town council of the borough of Friendsville;" and shall have perpetual succession, and shall be capable in law to have, receive, hold and possess goods and chattels, lands and tenements, rents, liberties, jurisdictions, franchises, hereditaments, to them and their successors, in fee simple or otherwise, not exceeding the yearly value of two thousand dollars; and also to grant, sell, let and assign the same; and shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the courts of law in this commonwealth, in all manner of actions whatever; and to have and use one common seal, and the same from time to time, at their will, to change and alter. Privileges.

SECTION 8. That the town council shall have power to pass and enact such by-laws, rules, regulations and ordinances as they may deem necessary to promote the peace and good order and general welfare of the inhabitants, and well being of said borough, and for the purpose of improving and keeping in good order the side walks, streets, lanes, alleys, common grounds, or other property whatsoever, that has heretofore been granted to the use of the citizens of Friendsville, or that may hereafter be granted to the corporation, and for removing nuisances and obstructions therefrom; and the same to alter, make, renew or annul, as the occasion may require; and also assess, levy and collect and appropriate such taxes as shall be necessary to carry their rules and ordinances into effect; which said taxes shall not exceed, in any one year, three mills on the dollar, except by consent of two-thirds of the taxables of the borough, to be certified, under their hands, to the town council for that purpose. They shall have authority to obtain materials for improving the streets, lanes, alleys and public grounds, and order and direct the manner and ways in which the same shall be improved, repaired and kept in good order. They shall annually appoint a town clerk, treasurer, collector of taxes, clerk of the market, when necessary, and such other officers as they may deem expedient, and the same to remove at pleasure. The officers to be appointed by the town council shall be allowed such compensation as the council may fix and agree; but the members of the council themselves shall not receive any compensation for their services as members of the council. The council may remit any fines or penalties that may be incurred by and under this act, or any of the by-laws or ordinances, when, in their judgment, it may be proper so to do: *Provided*, No by-law, rule, regulation or ordinance shall be repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, or of this commonwealth; and that no person shall be subject to any fine or punishment for a violation of any by-law or ordinance of said borough, until after six days shall have expired after the promulgation thereof, by at least four copies of the same being put up at the most public places within the said borough, and signed by the president or president pro tem., and attested by the town clerk. It shall be the duty of the burgess to cause all the by-laws and ordinances of the council to be carried into effect, and to do and perform all such other services as may be enjoined on him by the same. Powers and duties of town council.

SECTION 9. That it shall be the duty of the burgess to issue his warrant to the collector, as often as occasion may require, commanding him to collect the taxes assessed by the town council, a list or duplicate of which shall be made out and delivered to said collector, and to pay the same to the treasurer; and the collector shall have the same power and authority in the collection of said taxes, as the collectors of county rates and levies; and may be proceeded against in the same manner. Burgess to issue his warrant for the collection of taxes.

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that the county treasurer or county commissioners are authorized by law to proceed against the collectors of county taxes, when they neglect to collect or pay over the amount of their duplicates, according to law : *Provided*, That the town council may hold appeals, hear any complaint in relation to the assessment of the said taxes, and grant relief as may seem best at any time ; and also exonerate the collector from the payment of any taxes that may be impracticable to collect ; and in all cases of any tax assessed upon any vacant or unseated land in said borough, and the taxes remain unpaid, it shall be lawful for the collector to certify the same to the commissioners of Susquehanna county, in the same manner as the supervisors of the roads are authorized by law to return road taxes on unseated lands ; and the county treasurer shall, in like manner, collect the said taxes, or sell and convey the lot or lots for the payment of the same, and pay the money into the treasury of the borough, or to whomsoever it may belong.

Duty of clerk.

SECTION 10. That it shall be the duty of the town clerk to attend to all meetings of the town council, when assembled on business of the corporation, and perform the duty of clerk thereto, and keep and preserve the corporate seal and records of the corporation, and be answerable for the same, and also for the faithful discharge of all the duties that may devolve upon him by this act, or of the acts of the incorporation ; he shall keep a fair journal of the proceedings of the town council, in a book to be provided for that purpose, and shall enter all by laws and ordinances adopted by the town council, in a separate book for that purpose, and when signed by the president shall attest the same ; he shall certify copies under the seal of the corporation, which copies of any book, paper, by-laws, ordinance or proceeding of the council, when so certified and attested by the clerk, shall be good evidence of the thing certified ; he shall deliver over to his successor the seal and all the books, papers and other things belonging to the corporation, and upon neglect or refusal to do so, upon demand made, he shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than fifty dollars, and be accountable for all damages sustained by the corporation, to be recovered as like debts and damages are by law recoverable.

Duty of treasurer.

SECTION 11. That it shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive moneys due to the corporation ; whether for taxes, fines, donations, or in any other way, and to pay out of the same on orders of the president, or president pro tem ; he shall keep fair accounts of his receipts and payments, and settle his accounts with the town council whenever they shall require the same to be done, and pay over all moneys or balances found in his hands, and deliver to his successor in office all books, papers and accounts belonging to the corporation, or pertaining to his official duties when demanded, for which he shall give bond to the burgess and town council, with sureties thereon as they may require.

Accounts to be settled.

SECTION 12. That no moneys shall be drawn from the treasury but by the authority of the council, on orders signed by the president thereof, and attested by the clerk ; it shall be the duty of the town council to settle the accounts of the treasurer, street commissioner, collector of taxes, and of the several officers annually ; and to cause a fair statement showing the receipts in the treasury, and how the same shall have been expended, to be published by the town clerk every year, in the manner prescribed by said town council.

Separate election district.

Justice of the peace and school directors, &c.

SECTION 13. The said borough shall be a separate election district, and the electors thereof shall hold their borough and general elections at the school house of said borough, and elect one justice of the peace, one constable, one assessor of the county, three school directors and three auditors of the said borough.

SECTION 14. The burgess and town council of said borough, shall have the care of the poor of said borough; and all the powers and duties of overseers of the poor, shall be exercised and performed in such manner, and by such persons as they may ordain. Duties in regard to the poor.

SECTION 15. The constable of said borough shall perform the duties of high constable therein, until otherwise provided; the burgess and town council may authorize the election or appointment of a high constable, if they deem it expedient. Duties of constable.

SECTION 16. The school directors elected under this act, shall perform the same duties, and have the like powers in all respects, as school directors elected agreeably to the general laws of this commonwealth. School directors.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

WM. WILLIAMSON,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—The tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight. FRS. R. SHUNK.

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### SUPPLEMENT

To the act, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Goschenhoppen mutual fire insurance company," approved the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three.

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 time of holding the general annual meetings of said company, and the election of the board of managers hereafter, shall be on the first Monday of November annually; and so much of said act as requires the said meetings, and the election of the board of managers, to be held on the first Monday of September, be and the same is hereby repealed. Time of holding elections.

SECTION 2. That it shall be lawful for said company, when any member shall neglect to pay the amount assessed on his insurance at the time and in the manner directed in the said act, to proceed to collect the same by action of debt, before any justice of the peace of the county where such defaulting member may reside, if the said assessment shall not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars, as debts of like amount are by law recoverable: *Provided,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent said company, at their option, from collecting the same in the manner directed in said act. Proviso.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

WM. F. JOHNSTON,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—The tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight. FRS. R. SHUNK.