

Sec. 1st

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois represented in the General Assembly that George W. Casseday, John McWilson, ~~James~~ W. Moore, Guy Merrill & William Knight be & they are hereby Constituted a body politic and Corporate to be known by the name of the President and Trustees of the Town of Danville & by that name they and their successors shall be known in law have perpetual succession sue & be sued plead & be impleaded defend & be defended, in Courts of law & Equity & in all actions & matters whatsoever may grant, purchase receive & hold property real & personal within said Town & no other; & may lease, sell & dispose of the same for the benefit of the Town, & may have power to lease any of the reserved lands which have been or may be appropriated to the use of said Town; and may do all other acts as natural persons; may have a Common seal change & alter the same at pleasure

Sec. 2nd

That all the lands in Section Eight Town-ship Nineteen North of Range Eleven West lying North of the big Vermilion River, & East of the North fork be & the same are hereby declared to be within the boundaries of the Town of Danville

Sec. 3rd

The corporate powers & duties of said Town shall be vested in five Trustees after the term of the present incumbents has expired to wit on the first

Monday of May next, who shall form a board
for the transaction of business

Sec. 4th

The members composing the board of trustees
shall be elected annually on the first Monday in
May to serve for one year and till others shall be
legally qualified, they shall be at least twenty one
years of age Citizens of the United States & shall possess
a freehold estate within the limits of the Corporation.
Those persons only shall be qualified to vote for Trustees
or in such Town meetings as may be held in
Conformity to this act who possess the requisite
qualifications to vote for State officers & have re-
sided within the limits of the Corporation six months
previous to such Elections or town meetings

Sec 5th

The board of Trustees shall appoint their Pres-
ident from their own body, shall appoint all other
officers of their board and shall be the judges of the
qualifications, elections and returns of their own
members and shall give three days notice, posted
in three of the most public places in the said town or
printed in some newspaper in said town, of an
election to fill all vacancies in the board occa-
sioned by death, resignation or six months ab-
sence of any member thereof - A majority shall
constitute a board to do business, but a smaller
number may adjourn from day to day, may
compell the attendance of absent members in
such manner & under such penalties as the board
may provide - They may determine the rules of
proceedings & make such other rules & regulations
for their own government as to them may seem
proper and expedient -

Sec. 6th

The board of trustees shall have power to levy and collect taxes upon all real estate within the town not exceeding one per cent upon the assessed value thereof, except as may be hereinafter excepted, to make regulations to secure the general health of the inhabitants, to prevent and remove nuisances, to restrain horses cattle sheep swine & dogs from running at large, to establish night watches, erect lamps in the street & lighting of the same, to erect & keep in repair bridges, to license & regulate dancing, to license and tax merchandize, auctions, pedlars, theatrical and other shows of amusements, to restrain & suppress billiard tables & gaming houses, to prohibit gaming houses, bawdy houses, & other disorderly houses, to prohibit the shooting of fire arms within the limits of the said town, except to persons licensed for the benefit of trade, to prohibit the exhibition of stallions in the streets, to establish & erect markets, to open & keep in repair streets & avenues, lanes, alleys drains & sewers, & to keep the same free from incumbrances, to establish & regulate a fire department, to provide for the prevention & extinguishment of fire, to regulate the police of the town, to regulate the election of town officers, to fix their compensations to establish & enforce quarantine laws & from time to time to pass such ordinances to carry into effect the ordinances of this act, and the powers hereby granted, as the good of the inhabitants may require & impose and appropriate fines & forfeitures for the breach of any ordinance & to provide for the collection thereof, & that in cases arising under this act or growing out of the by laws or ordinances made in pursuance of this act of incorporation any justice of the peace within said corporation shall have jurisdiction to hear & determine the same

and an appeal may be taken & writs of certiorari allowed from such decisions in the same manner as now is or hereafter may be provided by law for appealing from judgments of justices of the peace

Sec. 8th

The board of trustees shall have power to levy a tax for the erection of school houses & the support of Common Schools within said Corporation, & to raise money by loans on the credit of the town for commencing & prosecuting works of public improvement. Provided however, that the same shall be submitted to the vote of the Citizens of the town & approved by two thirds thereof -

Sec. 8th That, upon the application of the owners of two thirds of the real estate upon any street, it shall be lawful for the board of trustees to levy & collect a special tax on the owners of the lots on said street according to their respective fronts, for the purpose of grading & paving the side walks of said street

Sec. 9th

That the board of Trustees shall have power to regulate, grade, pave & improve the streets, avenues lanes & alleys, within the limits of said Town, to lay out open & widen the same & to set aside & appropriate sufficient ground for a square for a market or other public purposes, making the person or persons impaired thereby adequate compensation, to ascertain which the board shall cause to ^{be} summoned twelve good & lawful men freeholders or inhabitants freeholders & inhabitants of said town not directly interested who being first duly sworn for that purpose shall enquire into & take into consideration as well the

benefit or the injury which may accrue & estimate & assess the damages which would be sustained by opening, widening, or extension of any street, avenue, lane or alley, or setting aside & appropriating ground for a market square & other public purposes, & shall moreover estimate the amount which other persons will be benefitted thereby, & shall contribute towards compensating the persons injured, all of which shall be returned to the board of Trustees, under their hands & seals and the person or persons who shall be benefitted, & so assessed, shall pay the same in such manner as shall be provided; the residue, if any shall be paid out of the Town treasurer

Sec. 10.th

That the trustees shall have power to survey & plat the grounds within the Corporation limits & record the same, which when thus surveyed platted & recorded shall be a governing plat for town uses & purposes. Provided however, that this shall not be so construed as to give the trustees power, to ~~take~~ ^{derive} from any established plat authority to effect the rights of private individuals.

Sec. 11.th

That whenever the owners of any lot or piece of ground included within said Corporation shall neglect or refuse to pay the tax or taxes levied on the same, when they may become due, it shall be the duty of the Comptroller to advertise the same for nonpayment either in a newspaper printed in said town or by posting in three of the most public places in said Town for the space of sixty days, & on the failure of payment thereof to sell at public sale said lot or piece of ground to pay said taxes & defray the expenses of Collection -

Sec. 13th.

All ordinances shall within ten days after their passage be printed in three of the most public places in said Town or published in some newspaper printed in said Town

Sec. 13th.

That when any real estate in said Town shall be sold by the authority of said Corporation for the nonpayment of taxes, said lands may be redeemed in the time that other lands are redeemed by virtue of the laws of this State, upon paying the Treasurer of the board double the amount of taxes for which the same was sold, together with all the costs accruing on such sale; lands not redeemed such shall be conveyed by special warranty under the sale of said Corporation

Sec. 14th.

The officers of said Town in addition to the trustees shall consist of one Clerk, one Constable whose duty it shall be to assess & collect the taxes to weigh & measure and act as free inspector one Street Commissioner, one Treasurer, one Town Surveyor, and such other officers as the trustees of said Town may deem necessary for the good of said Town all of whom shall be sworn or affirmed to act as conservators of the peace ~~residing~~ ~~in said Town~~ ~~without oath~~ & whose duty it shall be to complain to any justice of the peace residing in said Town without oath of any violation of the laws of said Corporation & all of whom shall give bond to said trustees in a suitable penalty for the faithful performance of the respective duties

Sec. 15th.

That the President & trustees of said Town shall

whenever they may deem it necessary, order the formation of fire engine Companies, hook, hose and ladder & property Companies said Companies to contain such number of ~~Members~~ as said trustees by their ordinances shall direct. The members of said Companies shall be exempt from military duty; & when ever a member of either Company shall have served twelve years he shall receive a discharge from the incorporation signed by the president & shall from thereafter be exempt from further military duty except in cases of invasion

Sec 16th

That all lots of parcels of ground in said Town ~~and~~ which have been conveyed by the original proprietors thereof or other persons to the inhabitants of said Town in their aggregate capacity or to any person or persons in trust for them or for their use & benefit and all funds raised or to be raised by the sale of donation lots or otherwise, whether for the erection of school houses, academies or places of public worship are hereby declared to belong to & to be vested in said Corporation & shall be under the management & direction of the Trustees aforesaid & their successors, & applied in furtherance of the objects intended by the proprietors or donors thereof and the said Trustees shall have power to institute suits for the recovery of any every or any such lot or parcels of ground, should it be necessary; & to perfect in them & their successors the title thereof or to make such other adjustment relative thereto as to them shall seem expedient & proper

Sec. 17th

That it shall be the duty of the board of Trustees

in such manner as they may hereafter provide to give notice of all Town meetings to be held, whether for the election of Trustees or any other purpose arising under the provisions of this act, by posting the same in three of the most public places in said Town or by printing as aforesaid & stating therein the object of such meetings; Provided however, that not less than three days notice of any such meeting shall in any case be given except in cases of emergency

Sec. 18.th

That the members of the board of Trustees & every officer of said Corporation, shall before entering on the duties of his office take an oath or affirmation before some Judge or Justice of the peace to support the Constitution of the United States & of this State & faithfully to discharge the duties of their several offices

Sec. 19.th

That the Trustees may have power to divide said Town into such number of wards as to them shall seem expedient & proper; Provided however, that no stock belonging to citizens without the town limits of said Town shall be hurt or injured by the authority of said Corporation -

Sec 20.

All fines, penalties, & forfeitures imposed by the ordinances of the President & Trustees of the Town of Danville or by this act shall be recovered in the name of the President & Trustees of the Town of Danville or by this act shall be recovered in the name of the President before any

before any Justice of the peace residing in the said Town, and when the amount of the fine, penalty or forfeiture is not specifically defined by ordinance or by this act, the Court trying the Case shall say shall ~~say~~ what the amount shall be & execution shall issue forthwith & be levied on the goods & Chattels of the person or persons connected to be found in the County of Vermillion & if no goods & Chattels be found upon which to levy a Ca. Sa. may be issued against the body of any delinquent, offender or offenders who shall be imprisoned in the County Jail twenty four hours for a fine of five Dollars or less, forty eight hours for a fine of Ten Dollars or not less than five dollars, & twenty four hours for each additional five dollars of fine as aforesaid

Sec. 21st.

The President & Trustees of the Town of Danville shall have power to pass any ordinance for the government of said Town for the preservation of the peace, good order, security & not repugnant to the laws of this State & all ordinances & acts passed by the president & trustees aforesaid shall be obligatory upon & cognizable by the several Courts of this State & Justices, Sheriffs & Magistrates in the County of Vermillion & all other parts & places within the limits of said Town to all intents & purposes as the acts of the general assembly of the State of Illinois, and it shall be the duty of all officers aforesaid to complain before any justice of the peace as aforesaid ~~without~~ ^{under} oath of any violation of the laws of said Corporation which may come to their knowledge & it shall be contempt for any person to lodge a complaint

for any violation of the said laws with
an oath being required by said justice
whose duty it shall be forth with to require
the party so violating to appear before him

Sec. 23rd

All fees in the hands, or which may
come to the hands of the late Trustees of said
Town are hereby claimed to be vested in
the Trustees hereby appointed - ^{Provided} that if a
majority of the legal voters, within the limits of said corporation
shall at the first regular election for Trustees of said Town,
vote against being incorporated under this act, then this
act shall be void to intents and purposes; And provided
further that a majority of the legal voters of said Corpo-
ration shall have power at any regular election of Trustees
to dissolve the same.

Passed H. R. June 4th 1839.

A. S. T. Clerk H. R.

A Bill for an
act to incorporate
the Town of Danville,

Am. in [unclear]
to be enrolled
Clerk H. R.
Engrossed