

Treasurer, J. F. Steen ; Marshal, O. Whipple ; Assessor, E. E. Webster ; Attorney, Walter Van Dyke ; Engineer, T. J. Arnold ; Pound Master, F. T. Clark.

May, 1871.—Board of Trustees : H. A. Mayhew, (President) Hiram Tubbs, Isham Case, Henry Tum Suden, Adam Cannon. School Trustees : A. W. Swett, Frederick Buel, T. F. Steere ; Clerk and Treasurer, J. F. Steen ; Marshal, O. Whipple ; Assessor, A. B. Webster ; Attorney, Walter Van Dyke ; Engineer, T. J. Arnold ; Pound Master, P. Morrissey.

THE TOWN CHARTER.

The Act of Incorporation, approved April 4, 1870, places the government of the town in a Board of five Trustees, three Public School Trustees, an Assessor, and a Town Clerk who shall be ex-officio Treasurer, each to hold office for one year, and to be elected on the first Monday in May. The Board of Trustees are authorized to appoint a Clerk and a Marshal, who shall, with the Assessor and Clerk, receive such compensation for their services as may be determined by the Board of Trustees. The School Trustees have the entire control and management of the public schools, but have no power to contract any debt whatever against the town. Ample provisions are made for the opening and improvement of streets, the levying and collection of an annual town tax, and the enforcement of the necessary penalties for any violation of the Act or the ordinances of the town.

No trustee, officer or authority shall have power to contract any debt against the town except for the legal or proper expenses thereof, which shall accrue after the commencement of the year for which the tax shall have been levied ; and all property is declared forever free from taxation for any debt contracted in violation of these provisions.

The powers of the Board of Trustees under the Act, are as follows :

First—To make by-laws and ordinances, not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this State or the United States.

Second—To construct and to keep in repair, pumps, aqueducts, reservoirs or other works necessary for duly supplying the town with water, under the limitations hereinafter presented by this Act.

Third—To lay out, alter, open and keep open and repair the streets, sidewalks and alleys of the town, and determine the width and grade of all streets and sidewalks in the town ; *provided*, that they shall not open or extend Fremont or Jefferson streets through the property of T. W. Badger. The said property is known upon the official map or plot of Brooklyn as fractional blocks numbers one and eleven.

Fourth—To provide such means as they may deem necessary to protect the town from injuries by fire.

Fifth—To levy and collect annually, not to exceed one per cent. on the assessment valuation of all property, both real and personal, within the limits of the town.

Sixth—To impose and collect a road poll tax of not exceeding two dollars per annum on every male inhabitant of the age of twenty-one