

words "For the amendment to the charter," and "Against the amendment to the charter;" and in order that the citizens of said town shall be familiar with the question to be submitted, it shall be and is hereby made the duty of the mayor of Lonaconing to have the said proposed amendment published for at least two weeks previous to the said election, in two newspapers of general circulation in said town. If, upon the return of the judges of said election, it shall be found that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of the amendment hereby proposed, then the same shall immediately become effective; but if a majority of the votes cast at said election shall be against the amendment, then the same shall be non-effective; said additional sections to read as follows:

SEC. 42. *And be it enacted*, That in addition to the powers granted therein, in sections thirty-five, thirty-six, thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine and forty, the said mayor and councilmen of Lonaconing are further authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to grant unto any person or persons, corporation or corporations, the exclusive right, privilege, franchise and power to use the streets, lanes, public places and alleys of said town for the purpose of laying, maintaining and operating therein, water pipes, water mains, connections, valves, hydrants and other accessories of a water supply system, for the purpose of supplying, for gain or hire, the citizens of said town and said town with a supply of water for domestic, manufacturing, sanitary and other purposes; providing that in granting said exclusive franchises, said grant shall be upon condition that the grantees of said franchise, their heirs, successors or assigns, shall within a reasonable time after said grant, not exceeding one year, complete in or near said town a water supply system or plant, adequate to supply by gravity or otherwise, said town with water for domestic, sanitary and manufacturing purposes, and for fire protection, and shall lay their mains, pipes and connections from said plant or system, to and about said town, and shall place fire hydrants at such points in said town as shall be agreed upon between said mayor and councilman and said grantees; and provided, that no water main shall be laid in said town under four inches in size, and that said grant of franchises contain some reasonable provision, to be agreed upon between said mayor and councilmen and said grantees of said franchise, as to the extension of said pipes, mains and hydrants, to keep pace with the growth of said town; and that said grant shall contain a further provision that at any time after some reasonable time

Ballots.

Proposed amendment to be published.

May grant right to construct water system.