

ments or payments, and shall mature within thirty days after such taxes, assessments or payments become collectible.

SEC. 56. **CONTRACTS FOR TOWN IMPROVEMENTS.** Any Town improvement costing more than \$1,000 shall be executed by contract except where such improvement is authorized by the Council to be executed directly by the Town in conformity with detailed plans, specifications and estimates. All contracts for town improvements shall be entered into by the Town Manager, provided however, that contracts involving an expenditure of \$5,000 or more, shall be approved by the Council. All contracts for more than \$1,000 shall be awarded to the bidder who offers the lowest or best bid, quality of goods, time of delivery, and responsibility of bidder being considered, after such public notice and competition as may be prescribed by ordinance, provided the Town Manager shall have the power to reject all bids and advertise again.

SEC. 57. **CONTRACTS EXTENDING BEYOND ONE YEAR.** Contracts involving the payment of money out of the appropriations of more than one year shall be made only by ordinance, and shall not extend for a period of more than ten years. No ordinance providing for such a contract shall be valid unless notice of the intention to pass the same was published in a daily newspaper of general circulation within the town or posted in the community hall at least ten days' before its passage by the Council.

SEC. 58. **INDEPENDENT AUDIT.** As soon as practicable after the close of each fiscal year, an independent audit shall be made of all accounts of the Town government by qualified public accountants, selected by the Council, who have no personal interest directly or indirectly in the financial affairs of the Town government or of any of its officers. The results of this audit shall be published immediately upon its completion. If an audit is required to be made by State officials under the provisions of State law for the inspection and audit of municipal accounts, the Council may accept such audit by the State as fulfilling the requirements of this section.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

SEC. 59. **DUTIES.** The Director of Public Safety shall be head of the Department of Public Safety and shall be in charge of preserving peace and good order, controlling and maintaining fire protection and performing such other duties as may be prescribed by ordinance.

SEC. 60. **POLICE.** It shall be the duty of all policemen employed in the department of public safety to preserve the peace