

meetings, the general state of affairs of the town, with an accurate account of all moneys received and expended since the preceding report.

10. *And be it enacted*, That the Commissioners shall meet on the second Monday in May in each year, and shall continue in session until such business as may come before them has been fully disposed of, not exceeding sixty days; provided, however, that they may, by ordinance or resolution, so arrange their sittings that the same may be held continuously or otherwise; and provided further, that the president of the Board may convene said Commissioners in extra session whenever, in his judgment, the public interest may demand it.

When Commissioners shall meet.

11. *And be it enacted*, That the Commissioners may compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as they may by ordinance provide; they shall judge of the election returns, and settle their rules of procedure, fix their compensation by ordinance, which shall not be increased or diminished during their term, and shall fix the compensation and fees of all officers appointed by said Board. They shall keep a journal of their proceedings, and enter the yeas and nays on any question, resolution or ordinance, at the request of any member, and their deliberations shall be public.

May compel attendance of absent members.

12. *And be it enacted*, That the Commissioners may provide an almshouse, and receive therein such indigent or distressed persons as in their opinion the dictates of humanity render proper and necessary. They shall prescribe, provide for and direct all matters relating to the support, treatment and employment of all paupers, vagrants and other persons in the almshouse, or any other place which may be provided, not inconsistent with the laws of this State. They shall procure and erect and use all such material, machinery and implements as they may think proper and necessary for any purposes connected with their duties, or in the exercise of the powers vested in them. They may compel any of the poor, vagrants or vagabonds and offenders in said almshouse to work and labor, and shall sell the products of their labor and apply the proceeds thereof to their maintenance and support.

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13. *And be it enacted*, That the Commissioners shall have the power, by ordinances duly enacted, to regulate market-houses, and the inspection, measurement and weight of all provisions, meats, fish, oysters, crabs, grain, wood and coal, sold or to be consumed in said town; to suppress all disorderly meetings;

Powers of Commis'srs.