

preceding an election of Town Commissioners, shall elect by ballot, on the first Monday in the months of April in each and every year, three persons, residents of said town, for the period of six months preceding said election, and entitled to vote for delegates to the General Assembly of Maryland, as Commissioners for said town for the ensuing year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Election of  
Commis'srs.

B. If any of said Commissioners shall resign, or be disqualified to act, the citizens of said town, qualified to vote as aforesaid, shall proceed as soon as convenient to elect a person to fill such vacancy, and the office of a Commissioner shall be vacated by his removal from town.

Shall fill  
vacancy.

C. Each Commissioner, before he proceeds to act as such, shall make oath before a justice of the peace for Queen Anne's County that he will diligently and faithfully, to the best of his skill and judgment, perform the duties of Commissioner of said town, without favor, partiality or prejudice, and a certificate of said qualification shall be returned by the justice to the said Commissioners, and filed and recorded among the proceedings.

Shall make  
oath for faith-  
ful perform-  
ance of duties.

D. The said Commissioners shall meet annually on the second Monday in April, and on the second Monday in every third month thereafter, and as much oftener as they may think proper; not less than a majority shall constitute a board for the transaction of any business, except an adjournment; they may appoint a clerk, who shall keep the minutes of their proceedings in a well-bound book, to be provided by them for that purpose, and they may also appoint a bailiff and prescribe his duties, and shall pay the said clerk and bailiff such compensation as they may deem reasonable, and may remove either of said officers at pleasure.

Time for meet-  
ing.

Appointment  
of officers.

E. They shall cause all nuisances and obstructions that may interrupt the passage or injure the health of the inhabitants of the town to be removed from the streets, lanes and alleys thereof, and may provide for the mending, repairing and cleaning of the same, and shall have power to prohibit and punish by ordinance the placing of any filth, dirt or other matter therein, and may also erect lamps in any of the streets, lanes and alleys of the town, and cause the same to be lighted at public expense, and may pass all laws and ordinances for the preservation of the health of said town, and to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases therein, or within three miles thereof; they shall prohibit the running or riding of horses or driving of carts, wagons and carriages unreasonably

May pass laws  
and ordinances  
for govern-  
ment of Town