

the election who shall be qualified to vote for a commissioner of said village, and that he will not suffer any person to vote at such election who shall not, in his judgment, be qualified to vote.

54. If any vacancy shall happen in the office of one or more of the commissioners by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the remaining commissioners shall cause an election to be made at such public place in said village as they shall appoint by the persons qualified to vote, to fill said vacancy; of which said election ten days' previous notice shall be given.

55. If at any time an election shall not be had for commissioners at the time mentioned in this article, an election may be made at any time after ten days' notice thereof shall have been given by the commissioners, or a majority of them.

56. Every commissioner, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall make oath before some justice of the peace that he will diligently and faithfully, according to the best of his judgment, perform the duties of a commissioner of the said village, without favor, partiality or prejudice, and a certificate of such qualification shall be returned by the justice to the commissioners to be filed and recorded among their proceedings.

57. The commissioners shall meet at the court house in Denton, or at such other public place in said village as shall be previously notified, on the second Monday of every third month after their election, and as much oftener, by adjournment, as they shall judge necessary.

58. They shall appoint and qualify a clerk, who shall keep a record of their proceedings in a well bound book to be provided by them for that purpose, and to be subject to the inspection of all persons interested.

59. There shall also, on the second Monday of April annually, be elected by the qualified voters of Denton a bailiff of said village, who shall attend the meetings of the commissioners when required, and perform such services as shall be by them directed; shall prevent the tumultuous and irregular meetings of negroes, slaves and other dissolute and disorderly persons within the village, and disperse them when assembled by reasonable and lawful means, and punish with moderate correction all