

missioners shall impose a fine, penalty or forfeiture for any one offence of more than ten dollars.

152. They shall have power to levy and collect taxes in said village not exceeding in any one year thirty cents in the hundred dollars on the assessable property of said village.

153. They shall once in every three years, or oftener if they think proper, appoint an assessor, who shall, under oath, value and assess the property in said village, in the same manner and with like authority, as county assessors proceed to assess in the county; but in assessing any of the lands within the limits of said village which may be occupied and used as farms, or may be a part or parts of farms, such lands shall be valued and assessed as lots of ten acres of ground, with the buildings and improvements thereon, and shall not be valued and assessed by the number of acres therein contained.

154. If any owner of property assessed in said village, shall feel aggrieved by the assessment made by said assessor, he may appeal to the said president and commissioners, who may make such deduction therein as to them may seem just and reasonable.

155. The said commissioners, or a majority of them, may annually appoint an active and discreet person to be bailiff, constable and collector within the limits of said village, who, before he shall proceed to the execution of his office, shall take an oath before a justice of the peace for said county that he will faithfully and impartially perform the duties required of him as bailiff and collector within the limits of said village, without favor, affection or partiality, according to the best of his skill and judgment, and shall also give bond in the same manner and in the same penalties as the several constables of said county.

156. The said bailiff and collector shall attend the meetings of the commissioners whenever he shall be required, to perform such services as shall from time to time be by them directed; he shall prevent the tumultuous and irregular meetings of slaves and free negroes within the limits of said village, or, if so assembled, shall disperse them by reasonable and lawful means, and shall punish, with moderate correction, all such slaves and free negroes as shall be found wandering about the streets at night; and prevent slaves from frequenting the houses of other per-