

73. The free white male citizens of the village of Port Tobacco aforesaid, above twenty-one years of age, who shall have resided in said village for the space of four months, and twelve months in the State, next preceding the election, shall on the third Monday in April in each year, at such house as shall be designated as the Town Hall by the said municipality, elect five discreet persons commissioners for the said village, who shall have resided within the limits of said village for at least twelve months next preceding the election.

74. All elections shall be held and conducted as shall be from time to time directed by the by-laws of the corporation, the same not being inconsistent with the provisions of this charter.

75. Every commissioner elected, before he shall proceed to execute the duties of his office, shall take an oath, before some justice of the peace of the county, that he will diligently and faithfully, according to the best of his judgment, perform the duty of commissioner of the said village, without favor, partiality or prejudice, and a certificate of such qualification shall be made and returned by such justice of the peace to the said commissioners, to be filed and recorded among their proceedings.

76. The commissioners so elected, shall have power to meet and adjourn from time to time, as they shall see fit; and shall on the first meeting after said election, choose from their own body a president, who shall preside at all meetings of the commissioners, vote on all questions before them, and remain in office until superseded by the appointment of a new president, and after a new election of commissioners.

77. If any of the commissioners so elected shall die, resign, or remove from said village, or be otherwise disqualified, during the year for which he may be elected, an election to fill the vacancy shall be held, at which all persons qualified to vote at a regular election shall be entitled to vote.

78. If the citizens of said village neglect at any time to make an election at the times herein required, the power of electing commissioners shall not therefore cease: but the right and power of said inhabitants of said village, in that respect, shall continue the same as though such election had been made, and the presi-