

218. If the persons elected commissioners shall fail to take the oath prescribed in the preceding section, within ten days after notice of their election shall be communicated to them, in writing, by the person who under the ordinances of the town may be appointed to hold such election, the said judge shall, within five days thereafter, order an election to fill the vacancy of such as do not qualify.

219. If the judge of election shall refuse or neglect to call an election to fill such vacancy, or should said offices or any of them at any time become vacant, any justice of the peace, residing in said town, shall call a new election on the application of three or more qualified voters of said town, within ten days after such application; and if any justice shall, upon such application, refuse to call an election, he shall be subject to a fine of fifty dollars, one-half to the persons making the application, the other half to the use of the corporation.

220. The burgess and commissioners of said town may meet as often as occasion may require, upon the business of the corporation, at which meetings the burgess shall preside; they may appoint a clerk, and assign his duties, and allow him such compensation for his services as they may think proper.

221. The clerk shall enter all ordinances passed by the burgess and commissioners, and signed by the burgess, in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, and they shall at all times be open to the inspection of any person interested, and copies of all ordinances shall be put up in the most public places in said town.

222. The burgess shall, in virtue of his office, have and exercise all the powers of a justice of the peace, and be entitled to the same fees.

223. The commissioners may enact by-laws and ordinances for the following purposes, to wit: to grade, level and repair sidewalks; to construct causeways; regulate and keep in repair streets, lanes and alleys; to regulate party walls and partition fences; the sweeping and burning of chimneys; to restrain and prohibit gaming; to provide for licensing or restraining theatrical or other public exhibitions and amusements within the town; for the prevention and extinguishment of fires, and the purchase and keeping in repair and preservation a fire engine and apparatus; to license or prevent dogs from running at large in the town, and for