

108. All the property of said town shall be vested in said commissioners, and they may collect all wharfage due and taxes levied by them, as other debts are collected.

109. They may lay out, mark and define the several streets in said town, may name them, and change the names at pleasure.

110. They may levy and collect taxes in said town, not exceeding in any year one dollar in the hundred on the assessable property in said town, and shall, once in three years, appoint an assessor, who shall, under oath, value and assess the property in said town, in the same manner and with like authority as county assessors.

111. If the owner of any property assessed shall feel aggrieved by such assessment, he may appeal to the commissioners, who may make such deduction therefrom as to them may seem just and reasonable.

112. The said commissioners may annually appoint one or more persons to perform the duties of bailiff and collector within the limits of said town, who shall take an oath before some justice of the peace for said county faithfully and impartially to discharge their duties without favor, affection or impartiality, according to the best of their skill and judgment, and who shall give bond in the same manner and in the same penalty as the constables of Talbot county.

113. The said bailiff shall attend the meetings of the commissioners whenever required, to perform such services as they shall direct, shall prevent the tumultuous and irregular meeting of slaves and free negroes in said town, and disperse them when so assembled by reasonable and lawful means, and may punish with moderate correction all slaves and free negroes found strolling in the streets at night, and shall prevent slaves from frequenting the houses of other persons in said town without the consent of their owners.

114. The said commissioners may pass all by-laws and ordinances necessary to give effect and operation to the powers vested in them, and may impose fines, penalties and forfeitures for the breach thereof; but no ordinance shall impose a fine of more than ten dollars for any one offence.