

respective offices shall be declared duly elected, and if at any election any two or more persons shall have an equality of votes, by which no choice shall be made, a second election shall be held after not less than ten days' notice, and so on until a choice shall be made.

300. If, during the year for which they were elected, the burgess, assistant burgess, or any of the commissioners shall die, resign, remove from said town, or be *non compos mentis*, or displaced, an election to fill the vacancy shall be held after ten days' notice, and all persons qualified to vote at a regular may vote at any special election in said town.

301. The persons so elected shall, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, make oath before some justice of the peace for Washington county, that they will discharge the duties of their respective offices without fear, favor, affection or partiality; a copy of which oath, with the certificate of the justice administering the same, shall be entered on the journal of the corporation.

302. The burgess and commissioners may meet from time to time, as often as occasion may require, upon the business of the town, not less than once in every three months; the burgess shall preside at such meetings, and shall have the privilege of the casting vote only; in his absence the assistant burgess shall preside, under the same restrictions; but when the burgess is present the assistant burgess shall have the same power as a commissioner.

303. The burgess and commissioners may appoint a clerk and assign his duties, and allow him such compensation as they may think proper.

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

305. The burgess and commissioners may from time to time make such by-laws and ordinances as they may deem expedient for the comfort, health, convenience and prosperity of the town and the inhabitants thereof; for the prevention and removal of