Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That the said Burgess and Assistant Burgess and Commissioners, shall qualify by making oath, before some Justice of the Peace for Washington County, that they will dis- Oath. charge the duties of their respective offices according to the best of their skill and judgment, without fear, favor, affection, or partiality, a copy of which oath, with a certificate of the Justice administering the same, shall be entered on the journal of the corporation.

Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That the said Burgess and Commissioners may meet from time to time, Meetings. as occasion may require, on the business of the corporation, not less than once in every three months, and the Burgess shall preside at all meetings, and may give the casting vote; 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.

Sec. 8. And be it enacted, That the Burgess and Commissioners, or a majority of them, may appoint a clerk and assign his duties, and allow him such compensation for his services as they may think proper.

Sec. 9. And be it enacted, That the clerk shall enter all ordinances passed by the Burgesses, in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, and they shall be open at all times to the inspection of all persons interested, and copies of all ordinances shall be put up in the most public places in the town.

Duties of clerk

Sec. 10. And be it enacted, That the Burgess and Commissioners may make such by-laws and ordinances as from time to time they may deem expedient for the comfort, health, convenience and prosperity of the town and its inhabitants, for the prevention or removal of nuisances, the preserva-tion of health, and the suppression of vice and immorality therein.

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Sec. 11. And be it enacted, That they may lay an equal tax on the property in said town, to such Levy tax. an amount not exceeding fifty cents in the hundred dollars' worth of assessable property of the town, for the purposes of the corporation, and may ap-