

meeting of slaves, negroes, and other dissolute and disorderly persons, within the limits of said village, or if so assembled, to disperse them by reasonable and lawful means, and to punish with moderate correction all such negroes, and other slaves, as shall be found wandering or strolling about the streets in the night time, or of frequenting the houses of other persons in said village, without the permission or consent of their masters, mistresses or overseers.

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7. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to keep or raise any geese or swine within the limits of the said village, except in pens or other enclosures, and if any geese or swine are found going at large within the limits of said village, belonging to any person or persons whatsoever, it shall be lawful for the bailiff of said village, upon the information of the inhabitants thereof, or upon his own view, to seize all and every such geese and swine, and to secure the same in some common pound, and them safe keep, until the owner or owners thereof shall pay the sum of fifty cents for every hog, and the sum of fifty cents for every half dozen geese, and a proportionable sum for every goose so seized and impounded, which said sums the said bailiff shall have for his trouble; and if the owner or owners of such geese or swine shall neglect or refuse to pay the aforesaid sums, within two days after having notice of such seizure, it shall and may be lawful for the said bailiff to sell the same at public sale in said village, between the hours of twelve and three in the evening, after giving three days public notice in the said village, and to pay one half of the money to the commissioners, to defray the expenses of improving said village, and to keep the other half for his trouble.

No geese or swine to be raised in village, except in pens, &c.

8. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall, on the said first Monday in April next, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, nominate and appoint a person of good repute and skill to be clerk of the said commissioners, whose duty it shall be to keep a fair and faithful record of their proceedings by virtue of this act, in a book to be provided for that purpose by the said commissioners, which proceedings shall be subject to the inspection and examination of the inhabitants of the said village, and of all persons who may be concerned in said proceedings; and the said commissioners shall allow their said clerk a reasonable compensation for his services, and also an allowance to the said bailiff for his extra services, both of which shall be rated by the said commissioners, and paid out of the money arising by virtue of this act.

Commissioners to appoint a clerk - his duties.

9. AND BE IT ENACTED. That if any person or persons shall refuse or neglect to pay the taxes (a), fines or forfeitures, respectively charged against them by virtue of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners to collect the same in the same manner, and with the same costs, that small debts are collected out of court.

Taxes refused to be paid, may be collected as small debts are.

(a) See 1815, ch. 207.

10. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall apply all the money they receive by virtue of this act to defray the expenses of regulating and improving the streets and village of Denton, in such manner and way as shall appear to them most expedient for the promotion and welfare of the inhabitants thereof.

Money received in virtue of this act, how to be applied.

11. AND BE IT ENACTED. That if any one or more of the said commissioners shall die, remove, or refuse to act as such, that then

Vacancies, how to be filled.