

Power to administer oaths.

should the Mayor be absent for a shorter time, or vacate the office for a shorter period, then and in such case, the clerk shall act as Mayor in the time thus vacated and no election shall be necessary. By and with the consent of the Council, the Mayor shall appoint and employ all agents, servants and employees, not otherwise provided for by law, who may be required for the purpose of said corporation, annually, and shall, by and with the consent of the Council, fix the compensation for said officers. He shall have the power to remove any officers so appointed by him, for cause; he shall have general supervision of the town; to preside at all sessions of the Council, and have a casting vote; see that the ordinances are enforced, and from time to time report to the Council such matters as in his judgment require their attention; he shall have power to administer oaths and to certify the same in all matters pertaining to said corporation, and for the purpose of hearing and determining all cases to which the corporation may be a party, he is hereby clothed with all the powers of a justice of the peace, except as to civil cases; he may pass sentence and impose fines for all violations of the ordinances of said corporation, or may imprison, or may both fine and imprison offenders against said ordinances; and to carry out his said powers he is hereby vested with the authority to issue subpoenas for witnesses and compel their attendance by fine for contempt, and shall have the power to include in his fines for the violation of ordinances, the usual costs which are allowed to the justices of the peace and to witnesses and to the bailiff for serving the process, such as are allowed constables under the laws of this State; provided, that no ordinance shall be passed imposing a fine of less than one dollar nor more than twenty-five dollars, nor for a term of imprisonment exceeding thirty days; and provided, also, that all fines imposed and collected shall be paid into the treasury of the town. No order or resolution for the payment of money out of the town treasury shall be valid without his approval in writing. During his term he shall hold no other corporation office, nor shall he be interested in any contract in which the corporation is a party; he shall receive the sum of twenty-five dollars per year for his official services, payable annually. Before entering upon his duties he shall take and subscribe before the retiring Mayor, or any justice of the peace, in Allegany County, the oath prescribed in Section 6 of Article 1 of the Constitution of Maryland; annually, on the first Monday in April, he shall report in writing to the Council the receipts and disbursements of the town, and the