

Form of oath or affirmation. 56Q. Every officer of the town before entering upon the discharge of his duties of the office to which he may be elected or appointed, shall take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation before a justice of the peace for Washington County: "I,..... do hereby swear or affirm that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of in accordance with the best of my ability and understanding;" a certificate of which oath shall be filed with the clerk of the Burgess and Council and recorded by him in a book kept for that purpose. If any person elected or appointed to any office shall fail to take the oath or affirmation required within five days from the date of his election or appointment, the office shall be declared vacant.

Town property to be taxed for municipal purposes. 56R. All property within the limits of Boonsborough or that may have a situs there by reason of the residence of the owner therein, shall be taxed for municipal purposes, and the assessment for town purposes shall be the same as that for State and county purposes, and in case any real estate assessed for State and county purposes be divided by the town boundaries, the Burgess and Council shall place a fair valuation upon that contained within the town limits and make a just apportionment of said assessment. Should any property, liable to be taxed for town purposes be omitted in the county assessment, the Burgess and Council shall have the power to include said property in the town assessment and impose a just valuation thereon.

Annual levy. 56S. The Burgess and Council shall annually levy on the assessable property of the town, all needful taxes; such taxes, when levied, shall be a lien upon property as now provided by law, and shall be collected as State and county taxes are collected, unless the Burgess and Council shall adopt some other mode by ordinance for the collection of the same.

Authority to construct and maintain a water and lighting system. 56T. The Burgess and Council are authorized and empowered to purchase, construct, operate, and maintain a plant for the purpose of supplying water to the citizens of Boonsborough for domestic, manufacturing or fire purposes, and are also authorized and empowered to purchase, construct, operate and maintain a plant for lighting by gas or electricity the streets, alleys and highways of the town and supplying such light to the citizens thereof on such terms as the said Burgess and Council shall prescribe, and to pay for such plant or plants purchased or constructed in pursuance of the provisions of this section, the Burgess and Council are authorized and empowered to borrow money on the faith and credit of the