

purchasers the parcel of land so sold; said deed shall be signed by the Mayor of Glen Echo, attested by the clerk, with the corporation seal attached; (h) that the Mayor and council of Glen Echo be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase any property offered for sale for the payment of taxes, provided that they shall not bid a greater sum than the taxes in arrears upon said property and the interest and expenses of sale and cost and fees, and to sell or lease the same as in their judgment and discretion shall be deemed for the best interest of the town, provided said property shall not be retained longer than three years, and must then be sold; (i) that when any taxpayer is assessed with personal property alone the clerk and treasurer may in his discretion levy upon and sell the same for taxes due and in arrear at any time after the first day of January in any year after levy and advertisement as now provided by law.

1906, ch. 826, sec. 17.

295. The Mayor in addition to the duties required of him by this charter shall keep a test book, which shall be signed by all persons who take an oath of any kind before said Mayor; the said book shall also state the character of the oath taken, and if an officer, the title of the officer shall be stated. The Mayor shall have full power to conduct investigations as to violations of any ordinance of said town, hold court at some public place whenever the case requires; issue warrants, summons and attachments; said Mayor shall have power to punish any person or persons for contempt; shall have power in case of conviction of any offender or violator of a town ordinance to commit said offender to the Montgomery county jail; in default of surety for his appearance for trial or in default of fine and cost, and in the cases as herein provided, he shall have the power to commit offenders to the Maryland House of Correction or to labor upon the streets. The Mayor shall have the power to appoint all committees and officers of the town only by and with the consent, advice and approval of the council. The Mayor is hereby required to sign all ordinances passed by said town, and the same attested by the clerk with the corporate seal thereto attached.

Ibid. sec. 18.

296. That the council shall keep a separate book containing the rules and regulations while in session, by-laws and ordinances of the town, and each shall state the day of its passage, with record of the ye and nay vote, and the date of its operation; and all ordinances before they become effective shall have the signature of the Mayor attested by the clerk, and each one