

their respective offices without favor, partiality or prejudice; and a certificate of such qualification shall be delivered by said justice of the peace or notary public to the Commissioners, to be filed and recorded among their proceedings, and a failure to take such oath and to qualify on or before the second Monday in May, after their election shall be deemed a refusal on the part of the party failing to qualify as aforesaid to accept the office to which he has been elected or appointed.

1914, ch. 731, sec. 174.

318. The said Commissioners shall at their first meeting after their election or at such other times as they shall deem proper elect a president of their board and appoint a secretary and treasurer, who may be the same person, and they may appoint one or more assessors of taxes, bailiff or bailiffs not exceeding three who within the limits of said town and beyond them within one-half mile thereof, shall have all the police powers of constables of the State of Maryland and it shall be their duty to enforce the by-laws and ordinances of the town and the laws of the State of Maryland, relating to crimes and misdemeanors committed within it; special bailiffs may also be appointed by the Commissioners whenever the exigency of the occasion requires it, their duties and powers being similar to the regular bailiff; the regular bailiff or bailiffs shall give bond to the Commissioners with surety and in such penalty as shall be prescribed by ordinance, said bond to be approved by the Commissioners; the Commissioners may also at such time or times as they deem proper appoint such other officers or employees as they may deem necessary for the interest of said town.

1914, ch. 731, sec. 175.

319. The President of said Board of Commissioners shall preside at all meetings of the Commissioners unless prevented by sickness or reasonable cause, in which event they may select a President *pro tempore*, he shall sign all by-laws and ordinances of said Board of Commissioners.

1914, ch. 731, sec. 176.

320. The Secretary shall be appointed from among the citizens of said town qualified to vote for Commissioners, he shall before entering upon his duties make oath before a Justice of the Peace for Caroline County or any Notary Public, that he will well and faithfully perform the duties of his office as prescribed by this Act or which may be prescribed by any by-law or ordinance of the said Commissioners, to the best of his skill and judgment; he shall sign all drafts or orders for money appropriated or ordered by the Commissioners to be paid by the Treasurer and shall keep a record of the proceedings of said Commissioners in a book to be provided by them for that purpose, which shall at all times be opened to the inspection of any person interested. The bailiff or bailiffs shall be appointed from among the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote for Commissioners, provided, however, that the said