

to qualify; and in case of any election of Mayor by the Council the person receiving a majority of the whole number of members of the Council shall be declared elected as Mayor of said town for any unexpired term in case of vacancy caused by death or otherwise, or for any term for which any person previously elected may have refused to qualify, and the clerk of the Mayor and Council shall immediately certify the vote so taken to elect any such successors, or to elect any person for any term so as aforesaid, under his hand and the corporate seal of the town; and the said clerk of Union Bridge, upon receipt thereof, shall forthwith notify the person so elected, who shall within three days after the service of such notice qualify by taking the oath hereinafter prescribed for town officers, and if such person elected shall fail to qualify, as hereinafter provided, another election shall be held by the Council to fill the vacancy; and until such vacancy is filled the Council shall choose one of their members as Mayor, who shall discharge the duties of the office *pro tempore*.

1900, ch. 206, sec. 169B.

441. The Mayor, by virtue of his office, shall preside at all meetings of the Council, and in case of a tie, except in the passage of an ordinance, shall have the deciding vote. He shall see that the ordinances of the town are faithfully executed, and shall report to the Council annually the condition of municipal affairs. He shall have the power of vetoing any ordinance, as hereinafter provided, and for his services shall receive an annual salary of twenty dollars, and no other fee or compensation whatever. In the event of the absence or temporary disability of the Mayor, the chairman of the Council shall fulfil all the duties, and be invested with all the authority of Mayor until his return.

ELECTIONS.

1900, ch. 206, sec. 170.

442. There shall be elected, by ballot, five persons as Common Councilmen on the first Monday of April, 1900, and upon the same day, in every alternate year thereafter, polls to open at three P. M. and close at six P. M. The qualifications of the voters for Councilmen shall be the same as for Mayor; the said Councilmen shall be twenty-five years of age, citizens of the United States, residents of Union Bridge for five years next preceding the election, and shall take the oath of office as hereinafter prescribed for town officers, and shall each hold the office to which he has been elected for two years from the third Monday in April next ensuing his election, or until his successor shall be elected and qualified; they shall receive an annual salary of ten dollars each, and no other fee or compensation whatever. All members of the Council shall actually be possessed of and assessed for, on the books of said town, real or personal property to the amount in value of five hundred dollars at the time of their election.