

sioners, at their first meeting after their election and qualification, shall select one of their own number as burgess *pro tempore*, to act as burgess in the case of the temporary absence or indisposition of the burgess, and who, while so acting, shall have and exercise all the powers of the burgess conferred by this subtitle.

1896, ch. 96, sec. 357. 1918 Code, sec. 524.

532. The said commissioners shall have power to appoint a register, and assign his duties, and allow him such compensation as they shall deem proper, and all ordinances passed by said commissioners, and signed by the burgess, shall be entered by the register in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, which shall be open at all times for public inspection, and accessible to the burgess, and copies of all ordinances signed by the burgess and attested by the register, shall be put up in the most public places, or printed in any newspaper published in said town, in order that the same may be generally made known. The register shall receive and disburse on the order of the burgess, all moneys collected under any of the ordinances of the corporation, and shall give bond to the burgess and commissioners of Middletown, with such security as they shall require; he shall report annually to the commissioners, and as often as required by them, the financial condition of the town, with an account of all money received and expended, with the proper vouchers, which report shall be published in a newspaper in said town, as the commissioners shall direct. He shall collect all taxes levied by the burgess and commissioners, and shall have the same power to distrain and sell therefor as collectors of county taxes.

1896, ch. 96, sec. 358. 1918 Code, sec. 525.

533. The burgess, in virtue of his office, shall have and exercise all the powers of a justice of the peace, and be entitled to the same fee.

1896, ch. 96, sec. 359. 1918 Code, sec. 526.

534. The commissioners may enact ordinances for the following purposes, to wit: to grade, level and repair sidewalks; to construct causeways; to regulate and keep in repair streets, lanes and alleys; to restrain and prohibit gaming; to provide for licensing or restraining theatrical or other public exhibitions or amusements within the town; for the prevention and extinguishment of fires, and the purchase and keeping in repair and preservation, a fire engine and apparatus, and to provide for the establishment and maintenance of fire and water departments; to license or tax dogs within the corporate limits of Middletown, and regulate the keeping of dogs therein, and to prevent dogs from running at large in the town; to prevent introduction of contagious diseases; to suppress drunkenness, vice and immorality; to punish by fines, breaches of the peace, and preserve the peace, order and quiet of the town; to assess the property within said taxable limits, and to levy and collect taxes thereon, necessary to carry into effect the ordinances of the town.