

1896, ch. 96, sec. 366. 1918 Code, sec. 536.

**544.** All fines, forfeitures and penalties under the ordinance of the corporation, shall be recoverable before the Burgess or any one of said Commissioners, or before any justice of the peace of Frederick County, in the same manner as small debts; and any person refusing to pay such fines or forfeitures shall be committed to the jail of Frederick County until payment or discharge in due course of law; and each of said commissioners shall, in virtue of his office, have and exercise all the powers of a justice of the peace, in so far as the recovery of said fines and forfeitures is concerned, and may commit to jail for non-payment thereof; and all moneys so collected shall be paid over to the register.

1896, ch. 96, sec. 367. 1918 Code, sec. 537.

**545.** The Burgess may commit any vagabond or vagrant who may be found wandering about the streets of said town to the almshouse of the county.

1896, ch. 96, sec. 368. 1918 Code, sec. 538.

**546.** The said Burgess and Commissioners may, by ordinance prohibit the running at large in said town of any horses, cattle, sheep, swine or geese.

1896, ch. 96, sec. 369. 1918, ch. 107, sec. 369. 1918 Code, sec. 539.

**547.** The Burgess and Commissioners may erect and maintain a public building for the purposes of the municipal business and for the accommodation of the fire apparatus of the town, and they shall have power to acquire by purchase or by condemnation in the manner provided for by Code of Public General Laws, Article 23, Sections 167 to 173,\* inclusive, so far as the same may be applicable, so much real estate as may be necessary for the erection of such building, and the said Burgess and Commissioners may likewise purchase any building already erected for the purpose of municipal business, and for the accommodation of fire apparatus of the town, and for a town hall, upon such terms and at such prices as may be fair and equitable in the judgment of the said Burgess and Commissioners. And the said Burgess and Commissioners shall have the power to issue bonds in a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars (\$3,000) payable on or before fifteen (15) years after date, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent. (5%) per annum, the terms and conditions and the rate of interest on said bonds to be prescribed by ordinance, duly passed by the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown, and providing that before any bonds are issued under the provisions of this section, the question of the issuance thereof and the purposes for which the same are to be issued shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said town, either at the annual election or a special election called for the purpose, and the said issue of bonds be approved by a majority of the qualified voters of said town voting at said election. And the Burgess

\*Secs. 203-213 of 1924 Code.