

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 11, sec. 390. 1918 Code, sec. 626.

**648.** They shall have power and authority annually to appoint a bailiff, whose duty it shall be to preserve the peace and good order of said town, and for this purpose he is invested with the same power and authority that the constables for said county now have under the laws of this State; and he shall give bond for the faithful performance of his duty in such conditions and under such regulations as said commissioners may direct, and he shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by them.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 11, sec. 391. 1918 Code, sec. 627.

**649.** If they shall fail at any time to hold their regular quarterly meetings or their annual elections, as herein specified, such failure on their part shall not work a forfeiture of the charter of said town, but such meeting or annual election shall be held as soon thereafter as practicable.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 11, sec. 392. 1918 Code, sec. 628.

**650.** They may pass such ordinances, not contrary to law, as they may deem beneficial to the said town; may open, close, straighten and widen streets with the consent of the owners of the property through which the same shall pass, may grade, pave and improve the streets in said town, restrain and suppress all disorders and disturbances, apprehend and fine all vagabonds and disorderly persons, and may fix and impose fines, penalties and forfeitures for the violation of their ordinances, as they may deem proper, and shall fix the place and determine the manner of conducting all elections not herein specifically and fully provided for, and shall have and exercise the general control and supervision of the municipal affairs of said town; all fines and forfeitures may be recovered as small debts are recovered before a justice of the peace.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 11, sec. 393. 1918 Code, sec. 629.

**651.** They are authorized and empowered to levy a tax on the assessable property of said town, to maintain a lock-up built therein for the confinement of offenders.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 11, sec. 394. 1918 Code, sec. 630.

**652.** The authorities of the corporation may commit offenders against the ordinances of the corporation to the county jail, to be kept at the expense of the county, for a term not exceeding thirty days; provided, that all vagrants, vagabonds, beggars and other idle, disorderly persons found loitering in the town, who follow no trade or occupation, and have no visible means of support, if apprehended under any ordinance of the corporation, shall be committed only to the almshouse, there to be kept at hard labor for a term not exceeding three months, according to the term of commitment.

1890, ch. 344, sec. 394A. 1918 Code, sec. 631.

**653.** The said commissioners shall have power, and it shall be their duty to fix the grade of all pavements and sidewalks within the corporate