

chairman and the members thereof, and may change such chairman or members as his judgment may determine; he shall have general supervision of the administration and officers of the town and for reasons to him good and sufficient may suspend any officer from duty, setting forth the reasons for such suspension to the Council for its action, not later than its next regular meeting after such suspension; he shall submit to the Council, from time to time, such recommendations as, in his judgment, will advance the general interests of the town; he shall preside at all meetings of the Council and shall call such special meetings as he may deem necessary; he shall administer the oath of office to the members of the Council and to the officers of the town. The Mayor shall have all the powers of a Justice of the Peace in criminal cases where the Town of Takoma Park is a party. He shall receive the same fees as Justices of the Peace are allowed for similar service, and an appeal from his judgment may be taken to the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, which Court shall hear and determine the matter as upon appeal from a Justice of the Peace; provided, however, that the Justice of the Peace residing in said town shall have the same power to hear, try and determine cases where the "Town of Takoma Park" is a party as they now have in cases where the State of Maryland is a party.

1929, ch. 169, sec. 6.

**959.** (A) The Council shall annually appoint a Clerk, a Treasurer, a Superintendent of Public Work and a Chief Police Officer.

(B) The clerk shall keep minutes of the proceedings of the Council and shall preserve the same in a good and substantial manner and such records shall be open to the inspection of all persons interested therein; he shall be custodian of the records of the town.

(C) The treasurer shall receive and collect all general and special taxes and all other moneys whatsoever due the town and shall disburse the same as directed and authorized by the Council; he shall submit a detailed monthly and annual report of all money received and disbursed.

(D) The Superintendent of Public Work, under the direction of the Mayor and Council, shall have direct charge of all public work of the town; he shall be custodian of the general property of the town, machinery, tools, motor equipment, etc., and shall be responsible for its care, use and up-keep; he shall have charge and direction of the working forces of the town and shall oversee any work performed under contract; he shall attend the meetings of the Council and shall advise the Mayor and Council as to the condition of the public work; he shall incur no expenditure of public funds except as authorized by the Mayor and Council.

(E) The Chief Police Officer shall act under the immediate direction of the Mayor and shall perform such duties as the latter may direct. He shall preserve the peace, prevent disorderly or irregular meetings and shall enforce all ordinances of the town; he shall serve such notices and process required by this Charter or by any ordinance passed by virtue thereof, as