

of the peace of Washington County, and in default of payment of such fines or penalties, or costs, the offender may be committed to the jail of Washington County; and the burgess shall enforce the town ordinances, and in the execution of his duties as burgess shall have all and the same power as a constable in criminal cases, and he shall receive the fees of constable and such other compensation as the commissioners think proper.

1892, ch. 384, sec. 80.

127. The said commissioners may establish building lines, grant building privileges and pass ordinances for the improvement of the side-walks along the streets giving directions to the persons owning property on said side-walks concerning improvements or repairs of the side-walks, and if the owners of said property shall refuse or fail to obey said ordinances or directions, the said commissioners may have the improvements executed, and collect the bills and costs from said property or persons, in the same way as debts are collected in this State, and the costs of said improvements shall be a lien on said property.

1892, ch. 384, sec. 81.

128. The said commissioners may, whenever they think the public interest requires it, cause an assessment to be made of all real and personal property within the corporate limits of said town, subject to assessment for County or State purposes, and they may prescribe the manner in which such assessments shall be made, and provide for adjusting all differences in relation to such assessment, and do all other things necessary in making such assessment; provided such assessment shall not exceed the assessment for State and county purposes; and provided further, that no land included within the corporate limits or corporate outlines of said town, except houses, building lots and gardens shall be taxed for corporate purposes, so long as said land shall be used for agricultural purposes; and the commissioners may levy a tax on the assessable property within the corporate limits of said town, not exceeding in any one year fifty cents on the one hundred dollars worth of assessable property.

1906, ch. 542.

129. That the said commissioners may impose a license on all telegraph and telephone companies whose respective lines pass within and through the corporate limits of said town; provided, said license shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars per annum for any one license, and that said commissioners may require all telephone companies whose lines pass within and through the corporate limits of said town to have and maintain at least one public phone each centrally located in said town, same to be placed within the customary booth, and employ competent operator and messenger, allowing the operator to act in capacity of messenger; the said commissioners may also require all telegraph companies whose lines pass within and through the corporate limits of said town to have and maintain at least one office each in said town and employ a competent operator to have charge of same.