

1908, ch. 47, sec. 24 (p. 1074).

747. The Burgess and Commissioners shall have power to grant franchises for the use of the streets and highways of the town to corporations, private companies or individuals for the purpose of constructing and operating steam or electric railways, and to prescribe the terms and conditions upon which such use shall be allowed.

1908, ch. 47, sec. 25 (p. 1074).

748. The Burgess and Commissioners shall also have power to grant franchises to corporations, private companies or individuals to erect and maintain poles, wires and the necessary appliances for telegraph, telephone and electric lighting, heating and power services; such poles, wires and appliances to be located as directed by the Burgess and Commissioners; and they shall have further authority to contract with any corporation, private companies or individuals for the lighting by electricity, or otherwise, of the public streets and alleys of the town, and to regulate by ordinance all the operations of such corporations, private companies or individuals within the town.

1908, ch. 47, sec. 26 (p. 1075).

749. The Burgess and Commissioners may also grant franchises to any corporations, private companies or individuals to construct and operate a system for supplying water to the municipal authorities and inhabitants generally of Sharpsburg, and to contract with such corporations, private companies or individuals for the erection and maintenance of fire plugs and for supplying water for the public service of the town, and to regulate by ordinance all the operations of such corporations, private companies or individuals within the town.

1908, ch. 47, sec. 27 (p. 1075).

750. Nothing contained in the foregoing sections 748 and 749 shall be construed as authorizing the Burgess and Commissioners to issue bonds for the purposes therein mentioned.

1908, ch. 47, sec. 28 (p. 1075).

751. The Burgess and Commissioners shall have power to impose licenses upon all corporations, companies or individuals now operating or that may hereafter operate within the corporate limits of the town, telegraph, telephone, railway, water, electric or other lighting, heating and power systems and all property so employed shall be liable to municipal and State taxation; provided, that no greater sum than twenty dollars be charged for any license.

1908, ch. 47, sec. 29 (p. 1075).

752. The Burgess and Commissioners may by ordinance provide for the exemption from municipal taxation, for a period not exceeding five years, such manufacturing industries or establishments as they may deem