

take and subscribe the following oath: I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of — to the best of my knowledge and ability, without favor, affection or partiality, so help me God.

127. The burgess and commissioners of said town may meet as often as occasion may require, upon the business of the corporation, at which meetings the burgess shall preside; they may appoint a clerk and assign his duties, and allow him such compensation for his services as they may think proper.

Ibid s. 16
When burgess
and commis-
sioners to
meet, &c.

Appointment
of clerk.

128. The clerk shall enter all ordinances passed by the burgess and commissioners, and signed by the burgess, in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, and they shall at all times be open to the inspection of any person interested, and copies of all ordinances shall be put up in the most public places in said town.

Ibid s. 17.
Clerk's duties.

129. They may appoint annually a collector of taxes in said town, and if any person so appointed shall refuse to act, become disqualified, resign or remove from said town, they may appoint another in his place; and in case of the absence or other inability of the collector, the burgess may direct any precept by him issued to any constable residing in said town, who shall serve and return the same in the same manner as process issued by a justice of the peace.

Ibid s. 18
Collector

130. The collector shall give bond, with sufficient security, to the burgess and commissioners, for the true and faithful performance of his duties; and such bond shall be liable as constables' bonds are by law.

Ibid s. 19.
Bond of col-
lector.

131. He shall act as a town constable, and shall have power to preserve the peace and good order of the town, and shall collect all taxes levied by the burgess and commissioners, and shall have the same power to distrain therefor as collectors of county taxes.

Ibid s. 20
To act as con-
stable
Powers.