

citizens residing within the said corporate limits are of the said two turnpike roads as a centre, and the
Incorporated. created a body corporate, with perpetual succession, by the name of the Town of Towsontown, with all the privileges of a body corporate, and to have and use a common seal, and shall be able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court of law or of equity.

Ibid. s. 2.
Election of commissioners 246. The citizens residing within the corporate limits of the town of Towsontown, shall hold an election on the first Monday of April next, and in each and every year thereafter, for five commissioners, who shall hold their offices for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall have the management of the town, and who shall have full power and authority to enact and pass all ordinances to preserve the health of the town, to promote cleanliness and good order, to regulate the keeping and running at large of cattle, swine, goats, dogs, fowls, and other animals, to enact and pass all such ordinances as may conduce to the peace, order and good government of said town; to regulate the police, and provide for the payment of the same; to impose and appropriate taxes, fines, penalties and forfeitures for the breach of the ordinances, to establish new avenues, streets, alleys and sidewalks, to open, widen, narrow, extend, stop up, or discontinue avenues, streets, alleys and sidewalks now laid out or used, and such as may be established under the authority herein conferred, to lay and collect taxes for establishing, opening, narrowing, closing, repairing and keeping in order such avenues, streets, alleys and sidewalks, and the roads leading from and to said town;
Term.
Powers *provided*, that when any avenues, streets, alleys or sidewalks shall be opened, widened or closed, the full value of all property taken and used for such avenue, street, alley or sidewalk, or damage to be sustained in closing the same in whole or in part, shall be assessed by the commissioners, and the said full value so assessed shall be paid, or offered to be paid to the proprietors of said property before the said avenue, street, alley or side-
Proviso.
Open streets.