

preserve order and give directions to the clerk and bailiffs, under instructions of the commissioners; and in the absence of the president, the commissioners may appoint some member of the board to fill the chair temporarily, and perform all other duties deemed necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this charter.

1880, ch. 408.

71. They may meet together from time to time, as often as occasion may require, upon the business of the town, not less than once every month; and if, in the year for which they may be elected, any of the said commissioners shall die, resign, or remove from said town, or be otherwise disqualified, an election to fill the vacancy, on ten days' notice thereof being given by the commissioners, shall be held, at which all persons qualified as specified in section 68, shall be entitled to vote.

Ibid.

72. They shall appoint a clerk and assign his duties, and allow him such compensation for his services as they may think proper; all ordinances passed by the commissioners shall be entered in a book by said clerk, which shall be kept for that purpose by him, and shall be open at all times for the inspection of any person interested; and copies of all ordinances shall be put up in the most public places of said town.

Ibid.

73. They may impose such fines, penalties and forfeitures for breach of their ordinances as they may think proper, not exceeding five dollars for any offence; and may pass all ordinances necessary to give effect and operation to the powers vested in them; and the president of the board of commissioners shall exercise the same powers as justices of the peace of the State, for the enforcement of the same.

Ibid.

74. They may make such by-laws or ordinances for the regulation, good government, improvement and comfort of said town, and the inhabitants thereof, to restrain disorders and disturbances, and prevent and remove all nuisances within said town, as to them