

and the burgess shall preside at all meetings, and in case of tie shall give the casting vote; and in his absence the assistant burgess shall preside, under the same restrictions, but when the burgess is present the assistant burgess shall have the same power as a commissioner.

1872, ch. 251.

281. They may appoint a clerk and assign his duties and allow him such compensation as they may think proper.

Ibid.

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

Ibid.

283. The said burgess and commissioners may by ordinances direct all or any of the footways in said town to be laid out, levelled, mended, and repaired with any material they shall think best, at the expense of the proprietors of the different lots in front of which such levelling and paving shall be done. .

Ibid.

284. If any owner of any house or lot or part of a lot where such paving or repairing shall be directed to be done, shall not reside in said town, the tenant or person occupying the said house, lot or part of a lot, or who shall have the care thereof, shall cause the same to be done; and the money expended thereon by the direction of the said burgess and commissioners shall be allowed by the owner, and deducted from the rent due or to become due; and if the tenant or person having the care of such house, lot, or part of a lot, shall refuse or neglect to repair or pave such footway, such work may be done by the burgess and commissioners, and the expenses and costs may be recovered by a distress and sale of such property.

Ibid.

285. They may open and lay out streets, lanes and alleys within the limits of said town whenever a majority of the owners