

before the qualified burgess of said corporation of Smithsburg, in accordance with oath given in section 379.

1888, ch. 313.

**369.** In case of a vacancy by death or otherwise of two of the qualified officers of the corporation other than the burgess, then an election shall be held to fill said vacancies in accordance with section 365.

Ibid.

**370.** The method of holding all regular elections in said town shall be as follows: 1st. It shall be the duty of the burgess to give at least ten days' public notice prior to the day of holding an election, which notice shall state the objects and purposes of such election. 2d. The burgess shall also appoint two citizens, qualified voters of said town, the one to act as judge and the other as clerk of the election. 3d. The persons so appointed, before proceeding to act, shall take an oath or affirmation before the burgess, or a justice of the peace in and for Washington county, said oath to be the same as that taken by judges and clerks who serve at a State or county election. 4th. The said judge shall have authority to administer oaths or affirmations to any person touching his qualifications as a voter. 5th. The polls shall be kept open from eight o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in the afternoon, unless the public notice of election may have different hours. 6th. At the close of the polls the said judge and clerk shall immediately count the ballots, cast up the votes, and return, under their hands and seals, to the clerk of the circuit court for Washington county the number of votes cast for each candidate, and return the persons receiving the highest number of votes as duly elected; and they shall return at the same time the ballots that were cast for the candidates, and all records of said election; and the said clerk of the circuit court for Washington county, upon the receipt thereof, shall file the same. The said clerk of said election shall notify all candidates receiving the highest number of votes, of their election, and to what office they have been respectively elected.

Ibid.

**371.** The corporation board, consisting of burgess, assistant burgess and three commissioners, shall convene at least once every month during the year, and as much oftener as may be