

missioners of Chesapeake City," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, may sue and be sued, may purchase, hold and dispose of real, personal and mixed property, for the use and benefit of the town, and may have and use a common seal, which may be altered at pleasure.

1876, ch. 140

85. All the male inhabitants of the town, citizens of the United States, above twenty-one years of age, who shall have *bona fide* resided in the town for the space of six months, and twelve months in the State next preceding the election, shall elect by ballot, on the first Monday in May, annually, at such place as shall be designated by the president and commissioners, by a notice to be put up in at least five of the most public places in the town, at least one week before the day of election, five judicious and discreet persons, citizens of the United States, who shall have resided within the limits of the town for at least twelve months next preceding the election, as commissioners of the town; the persons thus elected as commissioners shall qualify within one month after their election, by taking the oath prescribed by the sixth section of the first article of the constitution of Maryland, before a justice of the peace in and for Cecil county; and at their first meeting, which shall be within one month after the election, they shall choose from their own body a president, who shall preside at all meetings of the commissioners, and vote on all questions before them.

Ibid

86. If any of said commissioners, after they are elected, shall refuse to qualify, or after they have qualified shall die, resign, remove from town, or be otherwise disqualified, an election to fill said vacancy shall be held after two weeks' previous public notice, to be put up as aforesaid by said president and commissioners, by hand-bills, and posted at the postoffice, and three other public places in the town; provided, that no election to fill vacancies shall be held so long as three of the commissioners shall remain who have been duly elected and qualified; and the said remaining commissioners, not less than three, shall have all the powers