

States, who have resided in said town for and during the space of six months next preceding the second Monday in January, in each and every year, at the usual place of holding elections in said town, or at such place as shall be designated by the commissioners of Westernport, are authorized to elect five commissioners for said town, who shall be owners of real estate in the town, and who shall have resided within the limits of the same eighteen months next preceding the election; also, a clerk and bailiff, each of whom shall have resided in the town eighteen months next preceding the election; said commissioners, clerk, and bailiff, shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year and until the qualification of their successors, respectively.

1886, ch. 33.

244. Said commissioners, clerk and bailiff shall qualify by taking the following oath, to be administered by some justice of the peace: "I, _____, do swear (or affirm) that I will execute the office of commissioner of Westernport, (or clerk or bailiff, as the case may be,) to the best of my ability, without favor, partiality or prejudice." And at their annual meeting, to be held on the first Monday of February, in each year, the commissioners shall select some one of their number as president, who shall preside at all their meetings, and execute the ordinances passed by them; they may meet as often as occasion may require, upon the business of the town, and not less than once in every three months.

Ibid.

245. The said commissioners of Westernport shall appoint every year, at least ten days before the day of election, three judges to hold elections; said judges shall keep the polls open from nine o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon, and shall conduct the said election in the same manner in which the judges of election are now directed to conduct elections for delegates to the general assembly, as far as may be practicable; and the said judges shall make returns under their hands and seals to the clerk of the circuit court for Allegany county, of the persons elected.