shall issue certificates only to the persons receiving the highest number of votes, and if there be less than three elected, shall immediately certify to the said persons so elected the fact of there being such a tie, and the said commissioners shall, at their first meeting as a board, designate one of the said persons so voted for who has received a tie vote to be commissioner, and the said commissioner shall hold his office for the same time as he would had he received the highest number of votes.

SEC. 7. And be it cnacted, That all future elections shall be held and conducted as shall be, fromtime to time, directed by the laws of the corporation, the same not being inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Elections how conducted.

SEC. 8. And be it enacted, That each commissioner, before he acts as such, shall make oath before a justice of the peace in and for Worcester county, that he will diligently and faithfully, to the best of his skill and judgment, perform the duties of a commissioner of said town without favor, partiality or prejudice, and a certificate of such qualification shall be made by the said justice of the peace and shall be filed and recorded among the records of proceedings of said commissioners.

Make oath.

SEC. 9. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners shall meet once in each month, except during the months of June, July and August, when they shall meet twice in each month, and more often if they think proper, and a majority shall constitute a board for the transaction of business; they shall, at their first meeting, or as soon thereafter as may be possible, elect one of their number president, who shall preside at the meetings of the board when present, give directions to the clerk and bailiff, by the advice of the commissioners, and superintend such improvements of the town as may be ordered by the board.

Time of meeting

SEC. 10. And be it enacted That the said commissioners may appoint a clerk and prescribe his duties and salary; the said clerk shall keep a book or record of the proceedings and ordinances of said

Appoint clerk.