

87. The said commissioners, and all other officers of said town, shall, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, severally take the following oath: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of —— to the best of my knowledge and ability, without favor, affection or partiality."

Take oath.

88. The president of the said commissioners shall, in virtue of his office, have and exercise within the limits of said town all the jurisdiction and power of a justice of the peace, except as to the recovery of small debts; he may call on any officer of the town, entrusted with the receipt and expenditure of public money, for a statement of his accounts as often as he shall see proper; he shall see that the ordinances are faithfully executed, and report to the town commissioners at their stated meeting the general state of the town, and may call special meetings of the commissioners whenever he may see proper; and said commissioners shall, before the first day of May in each and every year, by one insertion published in one or more newspapers printed in Elkton, a statement of the receipts and expenditures of said town for such year.

Jurisdiction and power.

89. The County Commissioners of Cecil county may, at discretion, levy annually upon the assessable property of the county, and pay over to the said president and commissioners such sum as they may see fit, to aid in keeping the streets of said town, as part of the public roads of the county, in good repair.

Levy annually.

90. If the inhabitants of said town at any time neglect to make an election as herein directed, the power of electing commissioners shall not thereupon cease, but shall continue as though such election had been made, and the president and commissioners for the time being shall remain in office until such annual election shall be held.

Failure to make election

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage, but it shall not be necessary that this act shall be published as prescribed by the provisions of section two, chapter thirty-one, of the acts of assembly of eighteen hun-

Effective