

SEC. 406. All elections shall be held at such hours and conducted according to such regulations as shall from time to time be prescribed by the by-laws of the corporation not inconsistent with this charter, and all persons so elected in pursuance of this section shall hold over until their successors shall have qualified, which must be done within ten days from the date of their election; before entering upon their respective offices, the burgess elect shall qualify before the clerk of the circuit court for Washington county, as to a faithful discharge of duty in accordance with the provisions of this charter, and the ordinances made in pursuance thereof, and shall then (himself) be authorized to qualify the remaining members elect and officers of the board to the same effect.

To qualify

SEC. 407. If during the year for which they were elected, the burgess, the assistant burgess, or any of the commissioners shall die, resign, remove from said town or be otherwise disqualified or displaced, the remaining members of said board shall appoint successors to fill such vacancies.

Vacancies.

SEC. 408. The burgess and commissioners may meet as often as occasion requires, but not less than once in three months, and the assistant burgess in the absence of the burgess shall preside at such meetings, and when the burgess is present shall have the same power and prerogative as a commissioner.

To meet

SEC. 409. The burgess, and in his absence, the assistant burgess, shall have power to issue warrants commanding the bailiff of said corporation or any constable of Washington county to arrest any person violating any of the ordinances of said corporation, and have brought before him for trial, he shall have the same power to summon witnesses and to enforce their attendance, and also the same general peace powers as a justice of the peace, and in case of conviction, may impose such fine as the ordinance of the said corporation shall in such cases provide; and the person convicted in default of payment may be committed to the jail of the county until such fine or forfeiture be paid; provided, that where parties are committed to the jail of the county by the burgess acting for the corporation, the number of days of imprisonment shall be double the fine and costs, that is to say for every one dollar of the amount of the fine and costs the culprit shall have two days in jail, and where the time has expired according to his commitment the fine or forfeiture shall be considered as paid, and the prisoner be discharged, but in no case shall the term of imprisonment exceed thirty days; in all trivial cases however, the burgess may in his discretion, if the culprit so elect, place the offender in custody of the bailiff to work out his sentence on the streets or highways of the town, in which case he shall have credit per diem the same as other laborers on the corporation are paid until the fine and costs be cancelled.

Powers of burgess.