

newspaper, the qualified voters of the town shall elect a Mayor and Treasurer to serve the term of one year, and shall elect four Councilmen, two from each ward, to be voted for by the qualified voters of each ward, one from each ward to serve for the term of two years and one from each ward to serve for the term of one year. At the first meeting the Mayor and Councilmen shall designate the time to be served by each Councilman. At each successive annual election the qualified voters of each ward in which there is a vacancy shall elect a Councilman to serve for two years, after notice printed in the same county newspaper. The Mayor and Treasurer must continually reside in said town, and each councilman in his respective ward during their term of office, and they shall receive no compensation for their services.

Section 403. That the Mayor and Town Council shall meet in some convenient place in said town, on or before the first Monday in August of each year, and as often thereafter as may be necessary in the discharge of their duties, provided, however, that they shall meet not less than once in every month. The Majority shall form a quorum for the transaction of business; and upon each action taken the yea and nay vote of each Councilman and the Mayor shall be recorded opposite his name. The Mayor and Council shall pass rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of this Act for their own government while in session. Any Councilman absent from three consecutive meetings, without excuse, shall constitute a vacancy. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Mayor, Councilman or Treasurer, or if at any election of officers held under this Charter, any two or more candidates for the same office shall have the highest and equal number of votes, the Mayor and Town Council, or a majority of them, shall elect a Mayor, Councilman or Treasurer, as the case may be, (in the case of a Councilman, from the ward in which the vacancy or tie election occurred) to hold office until his successor shall have been elected at the next regular town election, and shall have qualified. The new or incoming Mayor and Town Council shall elect the officers to hold office in the cases of tie elections. In the case of a vacancy in the first year of a councilman's term, or of a tie election in the office of councilmen, the successor so elected at the next regular town election shall hold office only for the one year being the unexpired balance of the original term. The Mayor shall preside at the meeting of the Council and shall call meetings from time to time as he may