

(H) The Mayor shall receive, in lieu of expenses, compensation of \$600 per annum and each Councilman shall receive in lieu of expenses, compensation of \$300 per annum, payable in equal monthly allotments; provided, however, that said compensation shall not be effective until first submitted to the qualified voters of the town and approved by a majority of those voting thereon. Said question may be submitted for decision at any municipal election and shall appear upon the ballot in the form "Shall the Mayor and Councilmen be compensated at the rate of \$600 and \$300 each, per annum, respectively, in lieu of expenses," followed by the words "yes" and "no," with a square after each, the voter to register his choice by making a cross mark (X) in the square opposite the word expressing his judgment. Should the compensation be approved by a majority of those voting thereon said compensation shall be effective on and after the first day of the month following said approval.

(I) The Council may require any of its officers to give bond in such penalty and with such sureties as they may deem necessary, conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties. The Council shall require the Town Clerk and Treasurer to be bonded in an amount equal to not less than forty per cent (40%) of the total estimated receipts of the town for the ensuing year. Said bond shall be filed with the Mayor. When any officer wilfully fails to discharge any duty of his office, he may, in addition to the remedy on his bond, be fined by the Mayor, at his discretion, not exceeding ten dollars for any one offense, and for the payment of such fine his bond shall be responsible. Any officer may be dismissed by the Council at its discretion.

(J) The Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall in the month of September in each year employ a certified public accountant to make an audit of the books, accounts, statements and records relating to the financial affairs of the town for the preceding fiscal year, including particularly those of the Clerk and Treasurer of said town. Said accountant shall have no connection with or relation to the town government or any of its officers or employees. Upon completion of said audit, the said accountant shall prepare a report thereon and submit the same, together with his recommendations, if any, to the Mayor and Council. Thereafter, said report and recommendations shall be public records open to public inspection.