

Elect president

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.

Duties of clerk.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners may appoint a clerk, being one of their own number or otherwise, and prescribe his duties; the said clerk shall keep a book or record of the proceedings and ordinances of said commissioners, which shall be open at all times for the inspection of any person interested; and said clerk shall make out and furnish the collector once in every year a list of taxes for collection; and he shall post up in at least three public places in said town, copies of all ordinances passed by said commissioners and intended to take effect and operate as local laws previous to their going effect.

Power to pass ordinances.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners may pass ordinances to preserve the health of the town; to prevent and remove nuisances; to prevent, restrain and regulate the running at large of horses, cattle, swine and geese within the limits of said town; to prohibit the firing of guns and pistols within the limits of said town; to prohibit and disperse the tumultuous or disorderly meetings of idle, dissolute or drunken persons; to provide for working and mending the public streets; to open, close, alter and widen the streets; to provide for the making and repairing of sidewalks and gutters, and generally to provide for the regulation, good government and improvement of said town, and may enforce the observance thereof under such penalties, fines and forfeitures as they shall deem proper, not exceeding ten dollars for any one offense, and all such penalties, fines and forfeitures may be recovered before a justice of the peace by a warrant and judgment, and in case of failure or refusal to pay the same, the party so fined shall be committed for a period not exceeding ten days to the public jail of Garrett county, in the same manner that commitments are made for fines imposed by the circuit courts of this state on conviction for misdemeanor; but the said commissioners, or majority of them, shall