

known by the name of The Trap, in Talbot county, shall be, and they are hereby constituted and made a body corporate, by the name of the commissioners of Trap town; with all the privileges of a body corporate, and to have a common seal and perpetual succession.

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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the free male white citizens of Trap town, aforesaid, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, and have resided in the said place for, and during the space of six months next preceding the election, shall, on the first Monday in May next, at the house occupied now as a tavern, by Daniel Smith, and on the first Monday in June, in each and every year hereafter, at such house as shall hereafter be designated as the Town Hall, by the municipality, be authorised to elect five commissioners for the said town, who shall have resided within the limits of the same, six months next preceding the election.

[Elect five commissioners annually.]

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That a justice of the peace for the time being, residing in the said town, shall appoint, by writing under his hand and seal, one judge, to hold the first election, who shall keep the poles open from nine o'clock in the morning, until two in the evening, and shall conduct the said election, in the same manner in which the judges of elections are now by law directed, to conduct an election for delegates to the General Assembly, as far as may be consistent with the provisions of this act, and the said judge shall make return, under his hand and seal, of the persons elected, to the clerk of Talbot county, to be by him kept.

[Judge and mode of first election.]

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That all future elections shall be held and conducted as shall be from time to time directed, by the by-laws of the corporation, the same not being inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

[Subsequent elections.]

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners elected according to the provisions of this act, shall, on the first meeting after said election, choose some one of the said commissioners, President of the board, whose duty it shall be to preside at the meetings of the said commissioners, and preserve order, and give such directions as may be deemed necessary by the said commissioners, to carry into full effect the provisions of this act.

[President of the board.]

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That that the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, may meet together from time to time, as often as occasion may require, upon the business of said Trap-town, and not less than once in every three months, and if during the year for which they may be elected, any of the commissioners should die, resign, remove from said town, or be non compos or otherwise disqualified, an election to fill the vacancy, shall be held, at which all persons qualified, as is specified in the second section of this act, shall be entitled to a vote.

[Meetings—vacancies.]

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have power to appoint a clerk, and assign his duties, and allow him such compensation for his services as they may think proper, and that all ordinances

[Clerk.]