

## Meetings.

356. The Burgess and Commissioners may meet as often as occasion may require upon the business of the corporation, at which meetings the Burgess shall preside, and, if during the year for which they may be elected, any of the five commissioners should die, resign, remove from said town, or become *non compos mentis*, an election shall be called by said Burgess to fill the vacancy, at which election all persons qualified under section 353 of this Article shall be entitled to vote; in the event of the death, resignation, removal or disqualification of the Burgess, the board of commissioners shall select one of their own body to serve as Burgess, until the next annual election, and the commissioners, at their first meeting after their election and qualification, shall select one of their own number as Burgess *pro tempore*, to act as Burgess in the case of the temporary absence or indisposition of the Burgess, and who, while so acting, shall have and exercise all the powers of the Burgess conferred by this article.

Appointment  
of register.

357. The said commissioners shall have power to appoint a register, and assign his duties, and allow him such compensation as they shall deem proper, and all ordinances passed by said commissioners, and signed by the Burgess, shall be entered by the register in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, which shall be open at all times for public inspection, and accessible to the Burgess, and copies of all ordinances signed by the Burgess and attested by the register, shall be put up in the most public places, or printed in any newspaper published in said town, in order that the same may be generally made known. The register shall receive and disburse on the order of the Burgess, all moneys collected under any of the ordinances of the corporation, and shall give bond to the Burgess and commissioners of Middletown, with such security as they shall require; he shall report annually to the commissioners, and as often as required by them, the financial condition of the town, with an account of all money received and expended, with the proper vouchers, which report shall be published in a newspaper in said town, as the commissioners shall direct. He shall collect all taxes levied by the Burgess and commissioners, and shall have the same power to distrain and sell therefor as collectors of county taxes.

Powers of  
burgess.

358. The Burgess, in virtue of his office, shall have and exercise all the powers of a justice of the peace, and be entitled to the same fee.