

359. The commissioners may enact ordinances for the following purposes, to wit: to grade, level and repair sidewalks; to construct causeways; to regulate and keep in repair streets, lanes and alleys; to restrain and prohibit gaming; to provide for licensing or restraining theatrical or other public exhibitions or amusements within the town; for the prevention and extinguishment of fires, and the purchase and keeping in repair and preservation, a fire engine and apparatus, and to provide for the establishment and maintenance of fire and water departments; to license or tax dogs within the corporate limits of Middletown, and regulate the keeping of dogs therein, and to prevent dogs from running at large in the town; to prevent introduction of contagious diseases; to suppress drunkenness, vice and immorality; to punish by fines, breaches of the peace, and preserve the peace, order and quiet of the town; to assess the property within said taxable limits, and to levy and collect taxes thereon, necessary to carry into effect the ordinances of the town.

May pass ordinances.

360. They shall cause the footways to be paved and repaired at the expense of the owners of lots binding thereon whenever they may direct such work to be done, and shall direct how and of what materials the same shall be paved or repaired.

Footways to be paved.

361. If the owner of any house or lot or part of a lot binding on a street which they may direct to be paved, or repaired, shall not reside in said town, the tenant or person occupying same, or who have charge thereof, shall cause such work to be done, and the money expended by him thereon, in obedience to the ordinance of the corporation, shall be allowed by such owner and deducted from the rent due, or to become due, and if any such owners or tenants shall neglect or refuse so to do, the Burgess and commissioners shall have such footway paved and repaired and collect the expense thereof with costs by distraining or selling such property, or by an action of debt.

When tenants to make repairs to footways.

362. The Commissioners may appoint, annually, a policeman, who shall have power to preserve the peace and good order of the town, and shall serve all civil and criminal processes that may be directed to him, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by ordinance, and they may, from time to time, appoint such additional policemen as may be required for the preservation of order.

Appointment of policeman.