

per annum; this judgment shall be a lien on the land in controversy.

20 (a.) All taxes and assessments due the town on the date of the passage of this act, whether for the current year, or for any former year or years, may be collected by any of the methods hereinbefore authorized. (b.) The failure of the council, or any person designated by them or of any official herein charged with any duties in relation to the assessment, levy or collection of taxes to perform the acts required of them at or within the time specified, shall not affect the validity of such act, or any proceedings based thereon, if done within a reasonable time thereafter.

Taxes due for former years.

21. The bailiff shall attend the meetings of the council, and perform such duties as it shall direct; he shall preserve the peace, prevent disorderly or irregular meetings of persons, and he shall enforce all ordinances that may be enacted by the council; he shall serve all notices and process required by this charter, or any ordinance passed by virtue hereof, and his return duly endorsed thereon, shall be evidence of the facts therein stated.

Duties of bailiff.

22. The Mayor shall have all the powers of a justice of the peace in criminal cases where the town of Takoma Park is a party; he shall have power to administer oaths of office to members of council and appointed or elected officers; he shall receive the same fees as justices of the peace are allowed for similar service; and on appeal from his judgment may be taken to the Circuit Court of Montgomery county, which court shall hear and determine the matter as upon appeal from a justice of the peace; provided, however, that the justices of the peace residing in said town shall have the same power to hear, try and determine all criminal cases where the "Town of Takoma Park" is a party as they now have in cases where the State of Maryland is a party.

Powers of mayor.

23. The bailiff shall have the same fees for making distress or levying executions as are allowed for like services by the laws of the State, and for making arrests or serving process for the violation of any ordinance of the corporation the same fees as are allowed constables for the similar services.

Fees of bailiff.

24. All fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed by this charter or by any ordinance of the council may be collected in the name of the "Town of Takoma Park" before the Mayor or any justice of the peace, in the same manner as small debts are collected, and the delinquent shall be committed to the town lock-up or county jail until the same is paid with costs.

Recovery of fines.