

county; provided, the same is prayed within five days, and good and sufficient bond, approved by the Mayor, be given for payment of fine and all cost in case judgment be affirmed. The Mayor and Council shall have charge and control of the lighting of the streets of said town, and shall have power to contract for lighting the same.

Assessment of property. 48 a. All property, both real and personal, within the limits of Berlin, and all personal securities and judgments, and stock held or owned by citizens of said town, shall be taxed for municipal purposes, and the council shall provide for reassessment of the property of said town, whenever and as often as at a general town election in said town a majority of the voters shall vote for a reassessment, and until such time as a reassessment shall be so ordered the council shall recognize the assessment now in force, with such additions and corrections as may be necessary to be made by the council to meet the annual changes therein; and whenever a reassessment shall be ordered, as before prescribed, the Mayor shall appoint three taxpayers of said town, to be approved by the council, to value and assess the property of said town, the said assessors to subscribe to an oath to perform the duties imposed upon them without favor, fear, partiality or prejudice; and they shall, within thirty days from qualification, make return of their assessment to the Mayor and Council; and any one feeling aggrieved at the valuation of his or her property by said assessors, may, at any time within thirty days, appeal from said valuation to the council, who, on good cause shown, may make any change or alteration in said assessment which they may think proper, and if not satisfied with the change or alteration made by the Mayor and Council, may have the right to appeal to the Circuit Court of Worcester county; and all taxpayers may inspect the books of assessment free of charge.

Omitted and new property. 48 b. The council shall, each and every year, at least thirty days before striking the levy, add and include in the assessment all taxable property omitted by the assessors, all property acquired since the assessment and all improvements made since; and they shall give at least thirty days' notice by hand-bills of the time of making the levy, and shall hear all complaints made, at the meeting next ensuing of any such additions to the assessment of property omitted, acquired and improved.

Levy of taxes. 48 c. The council shall levy at the first meeting in January, annually, on the assessable property of said town, a sum sufficient to meet the current expenses of the preceding year, such