

CHAP. 292 the members of the Council present shall elect any of their own number to preside during his absence, who shall, for the time being, be clothed with all the powers and authority of said Mayor. A majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the Council shall pass rules and by-laws for their own government while in session.

Forfeiture of charter. 7. Neglect or non-user shall not work a forfeiture of this charter.

Clerk to be appointed. 8. The Council shall annually appoint a clerk, who shall keep minutes of its proceedings in a well bound book, which shall be open to inspection of all persons interested therein ; also a treasurer, who shall receive and collect the taxes and other moneys due the town, and shall keep and disburse the same in the manner prescribed by the Council ; also a bailiff and such deputy bailiffs and other officers as may be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of this charter, and in their discretion may appoint the same person to perform the duties of more than one office, and the books of said officers shall be accessible to the public at all the meetings of the Council at its place of meeting.

Compensation, 9. The Council may allow any of the officers of the town compensation for their services as may be deemed reasonable.

Oath to be taken. 10. The Council and all other officers of the corporation shall, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, take an oath that they will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Maryland and that they will diligently and faithfully discharge the duties of their offices without favor, partiality or prejudice.

Bond to be given. 11. The Council may require any of its officers to give bond, in such penalty and with such sureties as it may deem necessary, conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties ; said bond shall be deposited in the hands of the Mayor or some safe depository. When any officer wilfully fails to discharge any duty of his office, he may, in addition to the remedy on his bond, be fined by the Mayor, at his discretion, not exceeding ten (\$10) dollars for any one offense, and for the payment of such fine his bond shall be responsible. Any officer may be dismissed by the Council at its discretion.