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remaining officers shall have the power to fill the vacancy by appointment, the person so appointed to hold office until the next annual election, at which a person shall be elected to serve the unexpired portion of the term.

New election
in case of tie
vote.

Section 228. At all elections the persons who receive the highest number of votes for the respective offices voted for shall be declared duly elected, and if at any election any two or more persons shall have an equal number of votes, by which no choice shall be made, a second election shall be held after not less than ten days' notice, and so on until a choice be made.

Time of meet-
ings.

Section 229. The burgess and commissioners may meet as often as occasion requires, but not less than once in every month, and the burgess shall preside at all meetings and give the casting vote, and the assistant burgess, in the absence of the burgess, shall preside at such meetings and under the same restrictions; and when the burgess is present the assistant burgess shall have the same power as a commissioner.

Duties of
burgess.

Section 230. The burgess by virtue of his office shall see that the ordinances of the town are faithfully executed and shall report to the commissioners at its first meeting after each annual election the condition of municipal affairs; the burgess shall issue all licenses provided by the ordinance of the burgess and commissioners, and pay over the same to the treasurer at such times as may be provided by ordinance of the burgess and commissioners, and for his services shall receive an annual salary of fifteen dollars, and no other fee or compensation whatever.

Oath to be
taken.

Section 231. The burgess, assistant burgess and commissioners shall each qualify as such before a justice of the peace for Washington county, by making oath that they will discharge the duties of their respective offices, according to the best of their skill and judgment, without fear, favor or partiality to any person; a copy of which oath, with a certificate of the justice administering the same, shall be entered upon the journal of the corporation.

Notice of elec-
tion given.

Section 232. It shall be the duty of the burgess, at least ten days prior to the day of holding any election for officers of the town, to give notice thereof by handbills posted in at least ten conspicuous places in the town, which notice shall state the offices to be voted for, or the object and purpose of such election.