

fear, favor, affection or partiality; and a copy of said oath or affirmation, with a certificate of the Burgess or justice, shall be filed among the records of the corporation. Should any such officer elect fail to qualify within one month of the date of notice of his election, the office shall be forthwith filled in accordance with the provisions of section 6. The Burgess and Commissioners shall convene at least once a month during each year.

SEC. 11. At their first regular meeting after each biennial election, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, the Burgess, with the advice and consent of the Commissioners, shall appoint one person as clerk, one person as collector of taxes, and such other officers as may be provided for the conduct of municipal officers; and in case of any vacancy or removal of any officer so appointed, the Burgess shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, with the advice and consent of the Commissioners; either of said officers shall be subject to removal by a vote of four-fifths of the Commissioners, or by a vote of three Commissioners, with the approval of the Burgess. The clerk shall keep minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the board, and record all ordinances adopted in a book for that purpose; keep all records and documents of the town in his safe custody; keep an accurate account of all money received by him and pay the same to the treasurer; he shall file all accounts approved by the board and perform such other duties as are imposed upon him by the law, the ordinances, or order of the board; he shall receive five dollars per year for his services.

Clerk, collector of taxes, etc.

SEC. 12. All property within the taxable limits of Sharpsburg shall be taxed for municipal purposes, except such property as is exempt from taxation under the laws of Maryland, and the assessment for town purposes shall be same as that for State and county purposes, and the rate of taxation shall not exceed fifty cents on every one hundred dollars' worth of assessed property. The tax collector shall keep an account of all money collected by him and pay the same to the treasurer, who shall keep an accurate account of all money received by him and pay out the same only on the order of the Burgess and Commissioners; he shall exhibit his books, vouchers and accounts to the Burgess and Commissioners whenever they shall so order. Both tax collector and treasurer shall give bond to the Burgess and Commissioners, to be approved by them, for the faithful discharge of their duties, in a penalty double the amount of the tax levy, and shall receive such com-

Taxation of property.