

tions held in such town shall not be required to be conducted in conformity to the requirements of chapter 202, article 33 of the Acts of 1896, or any amendment thereto.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That if it shall happen that any of the persons voted for and duly elected shall, from any cause, fail to qualify, then and in that place the person receiving the next highest number of votes shall be deemed to have been elected, and shall be so informed by the judges of elections, and shall thereupon be entitled to qualify as one of said Councilmen.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That in case of death, resignation, refusal to act or disqualification of any Councilman, the remaining Councilmen, not less than a quorum, shall choose some person duly qualified and eligible, a Councilman for the unexpired term.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the said R. S. Crew, A. Alexander, J. A. Casey, T. B. Durdning and Joseph Downey, hereinbefore appointed Councilmen of said town, shall meet within thirty days from the passage of this Act, and take the oath of office prescribed before a justice of the peace for Kent county, and organize as a board by the election of one of their number as president, who shall act as Mayor and executive officer, and appoint a secretary and treasurer, one or more policemen and a collector of taxes, and such other officers as may be found necessary, and do and perform all things required or allowed to be done by the Mayor and Councilmen of Rock Hall under the provisions of this Act; and they are hereby invested with all powers, and are to perform all the duties authorized or required to be done by the said corporation under this Act, and shall continue in office until the first election under this Act, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the president of said board of Councilmen and Mayor, by virtue of his office as president and Mayor, shall have all the jurisdiction and powers of a justice of the peace, except as to the recovery of debts, and may call upon any officer of said town, entrusted with the receipts and expenditures of public money, for a statement of his accounts as often as he may think necessary. He shall see that the ordinances of the board are duly and faithfully executed, and shall report annually to the board of Councilmen at their first annual meeting, the general state of the affairs of the town, with an accurate account of all moneys received and expended during the preceding year, to be made public for the information of the citizens.