in the absence of the Mayor for any reason, the members of the Council present shall select one 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. The Council shall pass rules and regulations for their government while in session. In event of vacancy in the office of Mayor caused by resignation, removal or otherwise, the Councilmen of said town shall elect one of their own number to fill out the unexpired term of said Mayor. Vacancies in the office of Councilman or any other office shall be filled until the next general election for said town by appointment by said council.

Section 12. That the Clerk, Treasurer and Chief Bailiff shall each give bond to the Council, with such penalties and sureties as the Council may require, conditioned for the faithful performance and discharge of their respective offices.

Approved April 10th, 1918.

CHAPTER 461.

AN ACT relating to the keepers of junk shops and secondhand dealers and their employees in Somerset County, and prescribing a penalty for the violation of this Act.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall be unlawful for any keeper, owner, proprietor or employee of any junk shop in Somerset County, or any keeper, owner, proprietor of any second-hand store in said County, to barter, purchase, buy or accept from any person whatsoever, except plumbers holding licenses as such, or the owners of the building from which the material is taken, any pipe, faucet, boiler, spigot, coils, lead, solder, copper, alloy of metals, wire of any kind, manufacturers of metals, tin plate, or any kind of metal whatever; or to barter, purchase, exchange, buy, receive or accept any wire, cable, lead, solder, iron or brass used by or belonging to a railroad, telephone, telegraph, gas, electric company, or other second-hand goods, wares or merchandise of any kind or nature whatever without providing and keeping books and making therein at the time of such purchase, exchange, receipt or acceptance the entry hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the owner of such junk shop or second-hand store shall provide and constantly