

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the Commissioners shall allow their clerk and bailiff such compensation as they shall think proper.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That the Commissioners and all other officers of the corporation, including judges of election, shall, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, make oath that they will diligently and faithfully to the best of their ability, skill and judgment, perform their duties of office, and shall file a certificate of the same among the records of the corporation.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That the clerk and bailiff shall give bond in such sum as may be deemed proper by the Commissioners for the faithful performance of their respective duties.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That the Commissioners shall receive all returns of election and shall determine all questions arising thereon, but any person feeling aggrieved by such decision, may appeal therefrom to the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, which Court shall hear and determine such appeal and who shall pay the cost thereof.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That the Commissioners may pass such ordinances not inconsistent with the laws of the State, as they may deem beneficial to the town; may open and close streets, lanes and alleys, grade and pave the same, remove nuisances and obstructions therefrom, restrain all disorder and disturbances, prevent all congregations of disorderly persons, apprehend all tramps and vagabonds, impose a tax on all animals running at large in the streets, or totally prohibit the same; and may impose fines, penalties and forfeitures for the violation of their ordinances, and commit all offenders to the County Jail until the same be paid with costs; may pass such ordinances as they may deem necessary for the preservation of the health of the town, and remove all nuisances from or prohibit all business within the corporate limits thereof as shall, in their opinion, injuriously affect the conditions thereof.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That the Commissioners may as often as they deem advisable cause an assessment to be made of all the real and personal property within said town or the corporate limits thereof, by a person to be appointed and paid by them, and the Commissioners may levy a tax thereon, not exceeding forty cents on the hundred dollars' worth of assessable property in any one year.