

**CHAP. 140.** all future elections to be held by one or more judges, in such manner as shall be directed from time to time by ordinance of the corporation, the same not being inconsistent with this law.

**Powers of commissioners**

**Sec. 4. *And be it enacted,*** That the said commissioners shall have full power and authority to enact and pass all laws and ordinances, to preserve the health of the town; prevent and remove nuisances; to *improve* and appropriate fines, penalties and forfeitures, for the breach of their laws or ordinances; to levy and collect taxes for opening the necessary streets and alleys of the said town; *Provided* the said taxes shall not exceed twenty-five cents on every hundred dollars worth of taxable property in any one year, which they may collect as county taxes are collected, by such persons as the burgess may see fit to appoint; all ordinances and by-laws to be signed by the burgess.

**Proviso**

**May appoint a clerk**

**Sec. 5. *And be it enacted,*** That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have power to appoint their own clerk, and assign to him his duties, and also to allow him a salary in their discretion, not exceeding the sum of twenty dollars per annum.

**Proceedings to be recorded**

**Sec. 6. *And be it enacted,*** That all ordinances passed by the said commissioners, and their proceedings generally, shall by their clerk be entered in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, and shall be open at all times for the inspection of any person, and copies of said ordinances shall be put up in the most public places of said town, that the same may be generally made known.

**Fines, how recoverable**

**Sec. 7. *And be it enacted,*** That all fines and forfeitures under the ordinances of the said corporation, shall be recovered before a justice of the peace in like manner as small debts are recovered out of court.

**Meetings**

**Sec. 8. *And be it enacted,*** That the said commissioners shall meet upon the business of the town at least three times in every year; and three commissioners shall make a quorum for the transaction of business; and if during the year for which they are elected, any of the five commissioners should die, resign, remove from the said town, or in any manner become incapable of acting as such, the remaining commissioners shall fill the vacancy so produced, by choosing and electing some person qualified as is herein before directed, such person so chosen shall act as commissioner until the next general election.

**Not more than ten dollars fine to be imposed**

**Sec. 9. *And be it enacted,*** That no ordinance of the said corporation shall impose a fine of more than ten dollars for any offence.

**Oath to be taken**

**Sec. 10. *And be it enacted,*** That the burgess and commissioners aforesaid, shall take an oath before a justice of the peace of Harford county, before they proceed to the