

539. The Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown may purchase and maintain a public building for municipal purposes, for the accommodation of fire apparatus, and for a community and town hall or for any one or more of these purposes, upon such terms and at such prices as may be fair and equitable in the judgment of said Burgess and Commissioners, and the said Burgess and Commissioners are hereby authorized to appoint a board, to be known as the "Town Hall Commission," composed of not less than five, nor more than seven persons, who may be qualified voters of the town, or public-spirited residents of the community, which said members of the Commission shall hold office for a period of one year, or until their successors are appointed by the Burgess and Commissioners, and it shall be the duty of said Town Hall Commission to organize, by electing a chairman, a secretary, and a manager for said hall (the Register of said town shall act as treasurer of the Commission), and said board shall have in its control the supervision and operation of said hall, the maintenance thereof, the operation policies and shall provide for every detail in the operation thereof for the good of the town and community for nurturing education, drama, the fraternal spirit, and every form of activity that will work for community betterment and individual enlightenment.

For the purpose of acquiring a property as aforementioned the said Burgess and Commissioners shall have the power to issue bonds in a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), payable on or before fifteen years after date, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent. per annum, the terms and conditions, and rate of interest on said bonds to be prescribed by ordinance, duly passed by the Burgess and Commissioners, and the Burgess and Commissioners shall have power to levy and collect taxes to carry out the provisions of this section, and to pay interest on the bonds authorized hereunder, and to provide a sinking fund for the liquidation of said bonds at maturity.

Approved April 6, 1931.

CHAPTER 35.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 440 of Article 1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Allegany County," sub-title