

43. If any vacancy shall occur by the death, resignation, removal from Town or refusal to act of any commissioner of said town, or if any person elected as commissioner of said town shall be disqualified from any cause, the remaining commissioners shall elect a qualified person to fill said vacancy; and all cases of contested election of said commissioners shall be decided by the Judges of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County in the manner provided by the General Election Laws and pending any contest actually filed, and until the said Court shall decide who is legally elected, the commissioner or commissioners whose election is contested if he or she is holding the office by virtue of a previous election shall continue to hold the office until the contested election is decided, and until their successors shall be legally elected and qualified.

44. If the citizens of said town at any time neglect to hold an election at the time fixed by this charter, the power of electing commissioners shall not cease, but shall continue and the commissioners for the time being shall continue in office until the election and qualification of their successors, but in such case said Commissioners are hereby directed to call an election as soon as practicable after the regular election date.

45. Every commissioner, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall make oath before some justice of the peace for Prince George's County, that he will diligently and faithfully according to the best of his judgment, perform the duties of a commissioner of said town without favor, partiality or prejudice, and a certificate of such qualification shall be returned by the said justice to the commissioners, to be filed and recorded among their proceedings. Failure to take the oath of office within thirty days after election shall constitute a vacancy in that office.

47. They shall appoint a clerk and a treasurer, or may appoint the same person clerk and treasurer, and prescribe his or their duties; they may appoint a corporation counsel, a health officer, a fire marshal and such other employees as may be deemed necessary, and prescribe their duties and fix their compensation, except that the treasurer shall receive five (5) per cent of the annual amount of collection of taxes made by him in lieu of all other compensation. The treasurer shall give a bond to the commissioners in such penalty and with such surety as the commissioners may require. The commissioners may fix the terms of their appointees or may require that they serve at the pleasure of the commissioners. The town treasurer shall make an itemized monthly report to the