

## COUNCIL

36. (1) The Council shall consist of six members, two from each of the three wards of the town, who shall hold office for two years or until the qualification of their successors. Each shall be at least twenty-one years of age, a citizen of the United States, and for two years next preceding his election a resident of said town, and assessed with real property in said town to the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and shall have paid taxes thereon for two years preceding his election. Each member of the Council shall receive an annual salary of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and no other compensation whatever, provided that the members of the Council may be reimbursed for any expense actually incurred in prosecuting the official business of the municipality.

(2) The members-elect of the Council shall meet on the second Tuesday in September succeeding their election, and shall take before the Mayor the oath of office herein required, and they shall meet on the second Tuesday in every month thereafter, or as often as may be necessary to discharge the duties of their office.

(3) The Council shall elect one of their number Mayor pro tem. (to serve at the pleasure of the Council until his successor is elected), who, in the absence of the Mayor, shall be clothed with all the powers and authority of said Mayor. The Mayor, or in his absence the Mayor pro tem., or any four members of the Council, may call such meetings of the Council, from time to time, as they may deem necessary, due notice of which shall be given, and when the call is made by four members, it shall be in writing and signed by them. A majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but no ordinance shall be adopted without the affirmative vote of four members. The Council shall pass rules and by-laws for their government while in session.

## CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES

(4) No person, elected and qualified, as Mayor or Councilman, or any person holding any office by election, appointment or otherwise, under the provisions of this Charter, shall during the term of his office, enter into any contract to which the town is a party, for the construction of any street, alley, sewer, building or other structure. Any person violating the provision of this section shall be proceeded against by indictment by the Circuit Court of Frederick County, and upon conviction shall be fined not more