

to administer oaths that they will diligently and faithfully, without partiality, favor, or prejudice and well and truly perform the duties of their office: the mayor, the members of the council, the town clerk, the members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, and such other officers and employees of the town as the council may require. A certificate of each oath shall be returned to the council and shall be recorded in the minutes of the council.

OFFICIAL BONDS

97. *The mayor and such other officers and employees of the town as the council or this charter may require, shall give bond in such amount and with such surety as may be required by the council. The premiums on such bonds shall be paid by the town.*

DEEDS

98. *No deed or deeds conveying real estate or chattels real, situated or located within the corporate limits of the Town of Mt. Airy, shall be admitted to record among the land records of the Circuit Court for Carroll County or the Circuit Court for Frederick County until the property thereby conveyed or assigned has been duly transferred upon the town assessment books in the office of the mayor to the grantee or assignee named in such deed. Before such property shall be transferred on the assessment books, all town taxes, special assessments, water rents, and other public charges due to the Town of Mount Airy for the current year and all prior years must be paid, and as evidence of such payment the mayor shall stamp upon the deed his certificate thereof. The mayor shall further certify the fact of the transfer upon the deed, and the clerk of either Circuit Court shall not record or accept for recording any deed without the certificates of the mayor as prescribed by this section.*

PRIOR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

99. *All right, title, and interest held by the Town of Mount Airy or any other person or corporation at the time this charter is adopted, in and to any lien acquired under any prior charter of the town, are hereby preserved for the holder in all respects as if this charter had not been adopted, together with all rights and remedies in relation thereto. This charter shall not discharge, impair, or release any contract, obligation, duty, liability, or penalty whatever existing at the time this charter becomes effective.*