

Council, and the vacancy thus occasioned shall be filled as hereinbefore provided; before any action shall be taken against the Mayor or any member of the Town Council upon charges of dereliction of duty, the Town Council shall first cause to be served upon the said Mayor or Councilman a written statement of the charges against him, and a day shall be set by said Mayor and Councilmen at which such charges shall be heard, the same to be prosecuted by the Town Solicitor, with the right to the accused to be represented by Counsel, and if the charges are sustained and an order of dismissal passed by a three-fifths vote as aforesaid, the said Mayor or Councilman so dismissed may, within ten days thereafter, take an appeal to the Circuit Court for Allegany County, which is hereby given jurisdiction of the same, and the said Court shall thereupon, hear the said charges de novo, and pass such order in the premises as the said Court may deem proper, and the action of the said Court shall be final. The Commissioner named as the head of each department shall audit all claims or accounts against it, unless he be absent or fail or refuse to do so, in which event the Mayor shall appoint another Councilman to act in his stead during his absence, or to audit such claims and accounts as the said Commissioner shall fail or refuse to act upon, but before payment, all accounts shall be acted upon and approved by a majority of those present at a meeting of said Mayor and Councilmen. Said council shall require a statement to be published in January, April, July and October of each year in two newspapers of general circulation in Allegany County, Maryland, showing a full, clear and complete statement of all taxes and other revenue collected and expended during the preceding quarter, indicating the respective sources from which moneys are derived, and also indicating the disposition thereof, and it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of every department to make a report in writing at the first meeting of the Mayor and Councilmen in each and every month of the conditions in his department during the preceding month.

401. That they may from time to time [cause an assessment to be made of all the property, real and personal, in the town by three persons appointed by them and may] levy a tax [thereon] on all property in the town, for general purposes not exceeding in any one year [Sixty Cents] One Dollar on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessable property.