

Dec. Ses. 1821.

That from and after the passage of this act, the town commissioners of Elkton shall be, and are hereby incorporated and made a body politic, by the style and name of the President and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton; and by the same style and name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be capable of suing and being sued, impleading and being impleaded in any court of law or equity of this state, and may have and use a common seal, which they may break or alter at their pleasure.

Elections.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the present president and commissioners shall remain in office until the first Monday of May next, at which time there shall be an election for seven commissioners; and until said election they shall and may exercise all the authority given by this act.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all free white male citizens of Cecil county, above twenty-one years of age, who shall own property assessed in the limits of the town, and shall have paid said assessment; and all free white male citizens above twenty-one years of age, who shall have bona fide resided in said village two years next preceding the election at which they shall offer to vote, shall be entitled to vote for commissioners of said town.

Who shall vote.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners shall, on the said first Monday of May next, and on the same day annually thereafter, appoint one person to act as judge of said election, who shall open the polls at three o'clock P. M. and close the same at six o'clock P. M.; and the persons who shall have the majority of votes shall be declared elected for the ensuing year.

Judge of election.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners so elected shall have power and authority to meet and adjourn from time to time as they shall see fit, and shall at their first meeting which shall be within one month after their election, choose from their own body, a president who shall preside at all meetings of the commissioners, vote on all questions before them, and remain in office until superseded by the appointment of a new president after a new election of commissioners as aforesaid.

Meetings of President.

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That said president and commissioners shall have power and authority to pass ordinances, regulating the market, the inspection, measurement, weights, &c. of all provision, grain, wood, &c. sold in said town; to suppress all disorderly meetings of negroes or others; to prevent firing cannon, guns, squibs, or any kind of fire-works or fire-arms in said town; to suppress and abate all nuisances; to prevent swine and geese, &c. from going at large, and to impose fines not exceeding ten dollars for any one offence on all persons violating said ordinances.

Ordinances.

7. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said president and commissioners shall have full power and authority to levy and collect taxes in said town, not exceeding in any one year forty cents in the hundred dollars on the assessable property of said town. And for the purpose of making said levy, they shall once in every five years or oftener, if they think proper, appoint an assessor, who shall, under oath, value, appraise and assess the property in said town in the same manner and with like authority as county assessors proceed to assess in the county; *Provided always*, That in assessing any of the lands within the limits of said town, which may be occupied and used as farms, or may be a part or parts of farms, that then such

Taxes.

Proviso.