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Meetings—
Vacancies.

6. *And be it enacted*, That the Burgess and Commissioners aforesaid or a majority of them, may meet together from time to time as often as occasion may require upon the business of the town, and not less than once in every three months, and if during the year for which they may be elected, the Burgess, Assistant Burgess or any of the Commissioners should die, resign, remove from said town, or be non compos or displaced, an election to fill the vacancy shall be held, at which all persons qualified as is specified in the second section of this act, shall be entitled to vote.

7. *And be it enacted*, That the said Burgess and Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have power to appoint a clerk and assign his duties, and allow him such compensation for his services as they may think proper; and that all ordinances passed by the said Burgess and Commissioners, shall by their clerk be entered in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, and shall be open at all times for the inspection of any person interested, and copies of all ordinances shall be put up in the most public places of said town, that the same may be generally made known.

Clerk, his
duties, &c.

8. *And be it enacted*, That all fines and forfeitures under the ordinances of the said corporation, shall be recoverable before the Burgess aforesaid, as small debts are recoverable out of court, or before a justice of the peace.

Fines & forfeitures.

9. *And be it enacted*, That the Burgess and Commissioners aforesaid, may direct by ordinance all or any of the footways in the said town to be laid off and levelled and paved, or amended and repaired, with any materials, which to them may seem best; and such levelling and paving shall be made and done at the expense of the proprietors of the different lots, before which the Burgess and Commissioners aforesaid shall direct such levelling and paving to be done.

Pavements,
&c.

10. *And be it enacted*, That if the owner or owners of any house, lot or part of a lot, where such levelling, paving, repairing or amending shall be directed, shall not reside in the said town, the tenant or person occupying the same, or who shall have the charge and care thereof shall cause the same to be done before the front of such possession, and the money expended by such tenant or other person in and about the said work in obedience to the ordinance and direction of the Burgess and Commissioners aforesaid, shall be allowed by the owner, and deducted out of the rent then due or thereafter to become due; & if any owner or tenant of any house, or lot or part of a lot, or the person having the care of the same, shall refuse or neglect to level, pave, amend or repair, the footway in front of the same according to the ordinance and direction of the Burgess and Commissioners aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the Burgess and Commissioners aforesaid, to contract and agree with some person or persons on reasonable terms, to level, pave, amend or repair such footways, and to charge the expense thereof to the owner or owners of the property in front of which such work may be done, and shall recover the same by distress on such property with cost.

Non-resi-
dents.

11. *And be it enacted*, That the said Burgess and Commissioners shall have power to make all such bye-laws, regulations and ordinances as from time to time they may deem wise, equitable and expedient for the comfort, health, convenience, and prosperity of the said town and its inhabitants, for the prevention or removal of nuisances, preservation of health and suppression of vice and immorality within the limits of the said town, and shall have power to lay an equal tax

Powers gran-
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