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impleaded, grant, receive, and do all other acts, as natural persons, and may purchase and hold real, personal and mixed property, or dispose of the same for the benefit of the said village, and may have and use a common seal, which may be broken or altered at pleasure.

2. *And be it enacted*, That all free white male citizens of the village of Port Deposit aforesaid, above twenty one years of age, who shall have bona fide resided in said village, for and during the space of six months, and twelve months in the state, next preceding the election, shall on the last Monday in February next, at the House now occupied as a tavern by Daniel Megredy, and on the last Monday in February in each and every year hereafter, at such house as shall hereafter be designated as the town hall by the municipality, be authorised to elect five judicious and discreet persons commissioners for the said village, and who shall have resided within the limits of the said village, for at least twelve months next preceeding the election.

3. *And be it enacted*, That any justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, shall in the first instance, be the judge of the said election, who shall open the polls at two o'clock, P. M. and close the same at eight o'clock, P. M. and shall return his certificate of the persons elected to the said commissioners on the day first appointed for their meeting, and the same shall be filed and recorded among their proceedings.

4. *And be it enacted*, That all future elections shall be held and conducted as shall be, from time to time, directed by the by-laws of the corporation, the same not being inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

5. *And be it enacted*, That every commissioner to be appointed in pursuance of this act, before he shall proceed to execute his office, shall take an oath or affirmation before some justice of the peace of the county, that he will diligently and faithfully, according to the best of his judgment, perform the duties of a commissioner of the said village, according to the directions of this act, without favor, partiality or prejudice, and a certificate of such qualification, shall be made and returned by such justice of the peace to the said commissioners, to be filed and recorded among their proceedings.

6. *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 on the first meeting after said 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.

7. *And be it enacted*, That if any of the commissioners during the year for which he or they may be elected, should die, resign, remove from said village, or be non compos, or otherwise disqualified, 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.

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