

2. *And be it enacted*, That every commissioner appointed in pursuance of this act before he shall proceed to execute the duties of his office, shall take an oath or affirmation, before some justice of the peace, 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 amongst their proceedings.

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Oath.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners of said village or a majority of them, shall meet together at such place as they shall appoint within said village, as shall be previously notified for that purpose, on the first Monday in April next ensuing, and on the first Monday in every third month thereafter, and as much oftner by adjournments as they shall judge to be necessary, and when so assembled, they or a majority of them, shall proceed to execute the several powers and authorities vested in them by virtue of this act, from time to time as occasion may require.

Time of meeting.

4. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, and their successors, shall have full power and authority to make such by-laws for the regulation and good government of the said village and the inhabitants thereof, restrain all disorders and disturbances, and to prevent all nuisances, inconveniences and annoyances within said village, as from time to time may be necessary and consonant to reason, and not contrary to the constitution and laws of this state; and the said by-laws shall be observed, kept and performed, by all the inhabitants of the said village, under such reasonable penalties, fines and forfeitures, as shall be imposed by such by-laws, not exceeding five dollars in any one case.

Powers.

5. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners shall cause a just and fair assessment and valuation of all the real property within the limits of the said village to be made and returned, between the first Monday in April and the first Monday of May annually, by some person to be appointed by them, or a majority of them, or their successors, who shall take an oath to make true valuation thereof in current money, to the best of his skill and judgment, which said oath may be administered, by any one of the said commissioners, after they shall have been qualified as this act directs; *Provided*, That the said tax so laid shall in no case exceed fifty cents in the hundred dollars in any one year.

Assessment

Proviso.

6. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners or a majority of them, or their successors, shall assess and levy an annual tax of fifty cents on every male, and one dollar like money on every female dog, belonging to any inhabitant of said village, and the said commissioners may direct the killing of any dog, male or female, in said village whose owner cannot be ascertained.

Dog tax.

7. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them and their successors, shall, on the first Monday of April (or as soon thereafter as is convenient) and annually every year thereafter, appoint an active, discreet person to be bailiff, constable, and collector within the limits of said village, who, before he shall proceed to the execution of his office, shall take an oath or affirmation (as the case may be,) to be administered by any justice of the peace for Caroline county, that he will faithfully and impartially perform the duties required of him as bailiff, constable and collector, within the limits of said village, by virtue of this act, without favor, affection or

Bailiff