

ceding the election, be authorised to elect, on the first Monday of April, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-five; and on the same day, annually, for ever thereafter; the Burgess and six commissioners for the said town, who shall be inhabitants thereof, above twenty-five years of age, and holding real property in the said town; the election to be held at the most central part of said town; and the polls to be kept open from nine o'clock in the morning, until two in the afternoon.

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SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That a justice of the peace, for the time being, residing in or near Emmittsburg, shall appoint by writing, under his hand and seal, one judge to hold the first election for Burgess and commissioners; and the said judge shall conduct the said election in the manner in which the judges of an election district are now directed by law to hold an election for delegates to the General Assembly, as far as may be consistent with the other provisions of this act; and the said judge shall make return, under his hand and seal, of the persons elected as the burgess and commissioners, to the clerk of Frederick county to be by him safely kept; all future elections to be held by one or more judges, in such manner as shall be directed from time to time by ordinance of the corporation; the same not being inconsistent with this law.

Judges of election, returns, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners shall have full power and authority to enact and pass all laws and ordinances to preserve the health of the town; prevent and remove nuisances; to regulate fire companies; to impose and appropriate fines, penalties and forfeitures, for the breach of their by-laws or ordinances; to lay and collect taxes for opening and extending the back and necessary cross alleys of the said town; provided that the said taxes shall not exceed twenty cents on every hundred dollars worth of taxable property in any one year, which they may collect as county taxes are collected, by such persons as the burgess may see fit to appoint. All ordinances and by-laws, to be signed by the burgess.

Powers granted.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have power to appoint their own clerk, and assign to him his duties; and also to allow him a salary in their discretion.

Clerk.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That all ordinances passed by the said 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; and copies of said ordinances shall be put up in the most public places of said town, that the same may be generally made known.

Ordinances recorded and made known

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That all fines and forfeitures under the ordinances of the said corporation, shall be recovered before the burgess aforesaid, in like manner, as small debts are recovered out of court.

Recovery of fines.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners shall meet upon the business of the town, at least three times in every year; and four commissioners shall make a quorum for the transaction of business; and if during the year for which they are elected, any of the six commissioners should die, resign, remove from the

Meetings—quorum—vacancies.