

Burgess and Commissioners aforesaid, to contract and agree with some person or persons on reasonable terms to level, pave 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 costs.

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Sec. 11 *And be it enacted*, That the limits of Middle-town or the said corporation shall extend to the distance of one half a mile from the tavern aforesaid, each way; and the property within said limits shall be subject to such taxation and charges as may be deemed necessary by the Burgess and Commissioners, or a majority of them, to support and defray the expenses which may at any time be incurred in the improvements of said town, except all arable lands within said limits shall be free from such taxation, so long as the same are not laid into town lots.

Town limits defin-
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Sec. 12. *And be it enacted*, That the said Burgess and Commissioners shall have power to levy a tax on the property within the limits of said town, to such an amount as may from time to time be deemed necessary to accomplish the purposes aforesaid, which said tax shall be collected and paid to the said Burgess and Commissioners, by a collector annually by them appointed, who shall have the same power to destrain therefor, as the collector of the county assessment has to destrain for the same; and the collector so appointed shall act in the capacity of a town constable, and shall have full power and authority to preserve the peace and good order of the said town, and for that purpose he is hereby invested with the same power and authority as any constable under the laws of this state; the said collector and constable aforesaid shall enter into bond with sufficient security to the said Burgess and Commissioners, for the true and faithful performance of his duties as such; which said bond shall be liable, as constables' bonds are under the laws of this state.

Levy tax

Appoint collector

Town constable

Bond required

Sec. 13. *And be it enacted*, That the said Burgess shall receive and disburse all monies collected under any ordinance or by-law of the said town, and shall give bond to the commissioners, with such security as they shall require; the said bond shall be liable in any court of law or equity in this state; and the said Burgess of Middletown, shall in virtue of his office, have and exercise, within the limits of the corporation, all the jurisdiction and power of a jus-

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