

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 15, sec. 57. 1860, Art. 14, sec. 40.

95. Each commissioner shall, before some justice of the peace for Kent county, take an oath that he will diligently, faithfully and impartially, to the best of his judgment, perform the duties of a commissioner of said town, without favor to or resentment against any person.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 15, sec. 58. 1860, Art. 14, sec. 41.

96. The said commissioners shall meet on the first Monday in every month, and as much oftener as may be requisite, for the transaction of business, and shall appoint a clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep fair and faithful minutes of their proceedings in well bound books to be provided by them for that purpose, and they may dismiss said clerk at pleasure.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 15, sec. 59. 1866, ch. 125. 1888, ch. 227.

97. They shall have power to adopt and enforce, by proper fines and penalties, all by-laws and ordinances necessary for the good government of said town; to protect and preserve the property and health of the inhabitants thereof; to prevent, abate and remove nuisances; to lay out and establish new streets and alleys, and to widen, straighten, grade, extend or close up any street or alley; to locate, lay out, construct and keep in repair all necessary drains, sewers, sidewalks, culverts and bridges; to provide for the appointment and compensation of bailiffs, police and other officers, and to define their duties; to erect and regulate markets; to provide for the inspection and cleaning of chimneys and private premises; to establish and regulate wards and fire companies; to restrain or prohibit gaming; to license bowling alleys, billard and pool tables, theatrical and other public amusements; to regulate and protect water pipes, fire plugs, hydrants, sewers, fountains, pumps and water apparatus in the streets and alleys of the town; to fix, impose and collect fines, penalties and forfeitures for the breach of the by-laws or ordinances of the town; to levy and collect taxes on the assessable property within the town limits; to require the laying of gutters and the paving of the sidewalks by the owners of the adjoining property, and the keeping of them in repair; to provide for the arrest and fining, or commitment to the Kent county jail, of all vagrants, tramps, drunken or disorderly persons; to cause surveys and plats of the streets and town lots to be made, and when adopted by said commissioners, to be recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for Kent county; to prevent and prohibit all encroachments upon the streets; to impose an annual tax upon dogs and public carts; prohibit horses, cows or other animals from running at large; to regulate the erection of buildings, and prohibit the construction of wooden buildings where the fire risk would warrant it, unless the same be protected by fire walls; to preserve order, and protect persons and property from violence, danger and destruction; to erect hospitals or pest houses, and provide for the proper management of the same; to restrain or prohibit fast driving through the streets; the firing of guns, pistols, canuons or fireworks; to