

time, be directed by the by-laws of the corporation, not contrary to this charter.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 22, sec. 277. 1872, ch. 251.

583. If, during the year for which they were elected, the burgess or assistant burgess, or any of the commissioners shall die, resign, or remove from the town, be *non compos mentis*, or displaced, an election to fill the vacancy shall be held after ten days' public notice, and all persons qualified to vote at a regular election may vote at such special election.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 22, sec. 278. 1872, ch. 251.

584. The person or persons who shall receive the highest number of votes for the respective offices voted for, shall be declared duly elected; and if at any election any two or more persons shall receive an equal number of votes, by which no choice shall be made, a second election shall be held, after not less than ten days' public notice, and so on until a choice is had.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 22, sec. 279. 1876, ch. 86.

585. The burgess and assistant burgess and commissioners shall each qualify as such before a justice of the peace of Washington county, by making oath that they will discharge the duties of their respective offices according to the best of their skill and judgment, without fear, favor or partiality, a copy of which oath, with a certificate of the justice administering the same, shall be entered upon the journal of proceedings of the corporation; but if they, or either of the officers elected shall fail to qualify within ten days after the election, the person or persons so elected and failing to qualify shall be deemed as having declined to accept the same, and an election shall thereupon be held as provided for in Section 583; and the burgess and assistant burgess shall continue in office until their successors shall be elected and duly qualified, and the commissioners shall continue in office until a majority of their successors shall be elected and duly qualified.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 22, sec. 280. 1872, ch. 251.

586. The burgess and commissioners so elected may meet from time to time, and not less than once in every three months; and the burgess shall preside at all meetings, and in case of tie shall give the casting vote; and in his absence the assistant burgess shall preside, under the same restrictions, but when the burgess is present the assistant burgess shall have the same power as a commissioner.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 22, sec. 281. 1872, ch. 251.

587. They may appoint a clerk and assign his duties and allow him such compensation as they may think proper.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 22, sec. 282. 1872, ch. 251.

588. The said clerk shall enter all ordinances passed by the burgess and commissioners, in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, which