

their respective offices, shall severally take and subscribe before the burgess the following oath: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of —— to the best of my knowledge and ability, without favor, affection or partiality, so help me God."

P. L. L., (1860.) art. 11, sec. 218.

356. If the persons elected commissioners shall fail to take the oath prescribed in the preceding section, within ten days after notice of their election shall be communicated to them in writing, by the person who, under the ordinances of the town may be appointed to hold such election, the said judge, within five days thereafter, shall order an election to fill the vacancy of such as do not qualify.

Ibid. sec. 219

357. If the judge of election shall refuse or neglect to call an election to fill such vacancy, or if said offices shall at any time become vacant, any justice of the peace residing in said town, shall call a new election on the application of three or more qualified voters of said town, within ten days after such application; and if any justice, upon such application, shall refuse to call an election, he shall be subject to a fine of fifty dollars, one-half to the persons making the application, the other half to the use of the corporation.

Ibid. sec. 220.

358. The burgess and commissioners of said town may meet as often as occasion may require, upon the business of the corporation, at which meetings the burgess shall preside; they may appoint a clerk and assign his duties, and allow him such compensation for his services as they may think proper.

Ibid. sec. 221.

359. The clerk shall enter all ordinances passed by the burgess and commissioners, and signed by the burgess, in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, which shall at all times be open to the inspection of any person interested, and copies of all ordinances shall be put up in the most public places in said town.