

every alternate year, accounting from the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, five persons to act as commissioners of said village, all of whom shall have resided within said village three years immediately preceding the day of election, and each of whom shall be the owner, in his own right, of real or personal estate therein, assessed at not less than three hundred dollars, and which shall have been assessed in his name, on the assessment books of said village, at least twelve months preceding the day of election.

1874, ch. 497.

44. The commissioners of said village shall appoint three persons from among the voters thereof, who shall give at least five days' notice, by posting not less than three written or printed notices in conspicuous public places in said village, of the time and place at which said election shall be held; and the said judges of election, before opening the polls, shall make oath or affirmation before some justice of the peace for Prince George's county, that they will fairly and impartially act as judges of said election; and the said judges shall keep the polls open from nine o'clock, A. M. until six o'clock, P. M., and shall record the names of the voters, and after the closing of the polls shall count the ballots and announce the result, and make and sign a certificate thereof to be filed among the records of said corporation.

Ibid.

45. If any vacancy shall occur by the death, resignation, removal or refusal to act of any commissioner of said village, or if any person elected as commissioner of said village shall be disqualified from any cause, the remaining commissioners shall elect a proper person to fill such vacancy; and all cases of contested election of said commissioners shall be decided by the judges of the circuit court for Prince George's county; and pending any contest, and until the said court shall decide who is legally elected, the commissioners holding the office by virtue of a previous election shall continue to hold the office until the contested election is decided, and until their successors shall be legally elected and qualified.