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5. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners shall have full power and authority to enact and pass all laws and ordinances to preserve the health of the town, prevent and remove nuisances; to impose and appropriate fines, penalties and forfeitures, for the breach of their by-laws or ordinances; to lay and collect taxes for opening and extending the back and necessary cross alleys of the said town, provided that the said taxes shall not exceed twenty cents on every hundred dollars worth of taxable property in any one year, which they may collect as county taxes are collected, by such persons as the burgess may see fit to appoint; all ordinances and by-laws to be signed by the burgess.

Powers of commissioners,

*To regulate
the
Cross
alleys*

6. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners shall lay off the back alleys of the said town, according to the following directions: The first back alley shall commence at the east corner of Jacob Yingling's lot, and run thence parallel with the main street of Westminster, sixteen and a half feet wide, until it intersects the back alley at Winter's Addition to Westminster; the second back alley shall begin at the south corner of Thomas Mitten's lot, and run thence parallel with the main street aforesaid, sixteen and a half feet wide, until it intersects the road leading from Westminster to Thomas Wells's mill at the Goose Pond.

To lay off the back alleys of town.

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7. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have power to appoint their own clerk, and assign to him his duties, and also to allow him a salary in their discretion, not exceeding the sum of twenty dollars per annum.

To appoint a clerk, and assign his duties.

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8. *And be it enacted,* That all ordinances passed by the said commissioners shall by their clerk be entered in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, and shall be open at all times for the inspection of any person, and copies of said ordinances shall be put up in the most public places of said town that the same may be generally made known.

All ordinances to be entered in a book, &c.

9. *And be it enacted,* That all fines and forfeitures under the ordinances of the said corporation, shall be recovered before the burgess aforesaid, in like manner as small debts are recovered out of court.

Fines and forfeitures, how to be recovered.

10. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners shall meet upon the business of the town at least three times in every year, and four commissioners shall make a quorum for the transaction of business; and if during the year for which they are elected, any of the six commissioners should die, resign, remove from the said town, or in any manner become incapable of acting as such, the remaining commissioners shall fill the vacancy so produced, by choosing and electing some person qualified as is herein before directed, and such person so chosen shall act as commissioner until the next general election.

Commissioners to meet at least three times a year—four to be a quorum.

11. *And be it enacted,* That no ordinance of the said corporation shall impose a fine of more than ten dollars for any offence.

No ordinance to impose a fine of more than ten dollars.

12. *And be it enacted,* That the burgess, and commissioners aforesaid, shall take an oath before a justice of the peace of Frederick county, before they proceed to the execution of their several duties, to act without favour, partiality or affection, in all things appertaining to their respective trusts.

Burgess and commissioners to take an oath.