

the purposes of receiving a report from the committee on the operations during the year; for the election by paper ballot of a new committeeman for a full five year term to replace that member whose term is expiring and for the conduct of whatever other business as may be appropriate. Only residents of legal age within the taxing area are eligible to hold the office of Committeeman and following each election each newly elected member of the committee shall qualify by taking the oath prescribed. The committee shall select from its members a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer.

As soon as possible following the referendum, the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Allegany County shall certify whether the referendum proposal has passed or not. If not, the election of the committee of five shall be null, void and of no effect. If it has passed, the committee of five shall begin their terms of office and shall assume all rights, powers and responsibilities of their office on the sixtieth day following the referendum, or the next day if the sixtieth day is a legal holiday or weekend.

116E. Powers of Committee.

The committee provided for in the preceding sections shall have the power and authority to provide, by contract or otherwise, for a fire department and fire protection service within the taxing area and to likewise provide for the operation and maintenance of an ambulance service within the prescribed tax area. The Treasurer shall pay out of the funds in his possession, and out of the taxes levied by the County Commissioners and paid over to such Treasurer, only upon the order of the Citizens' Committee and for the purposes authorized by this subtitle.

116F.

The Treasurer of the Citizens' Committee shall deposit all funds coming into his possession as Treasurer in whatever banks as may be approved by the committee and they shall not be paid out except by check duly signed by him as Treasurer and countersigned by the chairman or some member of the committee acting as chairman pursuant to written Resolution of the committee of record in the committee minutes.

116G. Committee Records Open to Public Inspection.

The Citizens' Committee shall always keep available and open to public inspection its books and accounts. The Citizens' Committee may employ, if it deems necessary, an accountant to audit the books and whatever other professional personnel as may be appropriate to the proper conduct of its business.

116H. Must Be Submitted To Voters.

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT *Before BEFORE the provisions of this Act become effective, the County Commissioners and the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Allegany County shall submit the question to the qualified voters of Allegany County who live within the special taxing area described hereinabove in this Act as the "Cresaptown Fire-Ambulance Tax Area" on the date of the election. The referendum shall be held within one hundred twenty days after the effective date of this Act. Due notice of the*