

17. The officer or person holding any such election shall not be bound to keep the poll open until four o'clock in the afternoon in any case where no more candidates have been proposed than may be necessary to be then elected, but in any such case the presiding officer may immediately after ten o'clock in the forenoon close the poll and declare such candidate or candidates to be duly elected; and provided also, that if no vote shall be polled or offered during any one hour at any time after twelve o'clock, then and in such case the presiding officer shall close the poll as aforesaid at the expiration of such hour, and proceed to ascertain and examine the votes given and declare the persons elected in the manner hereinbefore directed.

18. The officer or person holding any election for Mayor, Councillor or Assessor as aforesaid, shall immediately after the close thereof make a return to the Town Clerk of the names of the persons having the greatest number of votes, and declared by him duly elected at such election for Councillors or Assessor, and the number of votes given for each candidate for the office of Mayor.

19. The poll list kept at every such election, and the receipts delivered in by the electors hereinafter mentioned, shall on the next day after the conclusion of such election be delivered by the officer or person holding the same to the Town Clerk, to remain in his office, where they shall be open for inspection to any elector on the payment of twenty cents.

20. Any person duly elected to the office of Mayor, and accepting the same by taking the prescribed oath by this Act directed, shall be and remain in office as such Mayor, with all the powers and responsibilities incident to such office, until he die or become disqualified as hereinbefore provided, or until another person be sworn into office in his stead; and if any person holding the office of Mayor be at any annual election re-elected to the said office, it shall not be necessary for him to be again sworn into office as such Mayor.

21. If any vacancy shall happen by death or disqualification of the Mayor, or of a Councillor or an Assessor, the Mayor, or in case of his absence, or if there be no Mayor, then any three of the Councillors shall, by order in writing, and within ten days after the vacancy shall have happened, direct the Town Clerk to give public notice as hereinafter provided, of the time and place and when and where an election will be held to supply the said vacancy or vacancies, and such election shall be held in the manner provided in and by this Act.

22. No person shall be allowed to vote at any election for Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor, unless his name shall appear in the list of voters for the Ward in which he claims to vote; and before he be permitted to vote, shall, if required, deliver to the officer or person holding such election, a receipt from the Collector of Rates, as provided in and by the sixth Section of this Act, and also if required by the officer or person holding such election, or by any one of the candidates, or by any person duly qualified to vote at such election, shall make oath, or being a Quaker shall make affirmation before the officer or person holding such election, in the form following:—"I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am of the full age of twenty one years, and that I am the person named in the list of voters and in the receipt, and that the said receipt was given me by the Collector of Rates, whose name is thereto subscribed, and that I have not before voted at any Ward at this election.—So help me God:" which oath

or affirmation the officer or person holding such election is hereby authorized to administer; and in every case where the elector shall have been sworn as aforesaid, the presiding officer shall note in his poll book that such elector had been sworn or had affirmed.

23. At any election for Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor, every elector shall vote in the Ward in which he resides and not elsewhere, and non-residents shall vote in the Ward in which their property lies, but no person shall vote at any one election in more than one Ward; non-residents having property in more than one Ward may notify the Town Clerk of the Ward in which he desires to vote, and the Town Clerk shall enter his name on the list for that Ward.

24. Every officer or person holding such election for Mayor, Councillor or Assessor as aforesaid, shall be and may be deemed a peace officer on that occasion.

25. The Mayor, Councillors, and Assessors, before entering upon the duties of their offices respectively, shall file with the Town Clerk the assessment receipts given to them severally by the Collector of Rates as hereinbefore provided, and shall also severally be sworn, or in case of Quakers shall make affirmation, by taking and subscribing the following oath of office before any Justice of the Peace, that is to say: "I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a British subject, and that I am qualified as by law required in every respect for the office of (Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor, as the case may be) to which I have been elected, and that I will diligently, faithfully, and impartially, and to the best of my ability, discharge the several duties which appertain to the said office of (Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor, as the case may be) while I hold the same.—So help me God."

26. At the annual election to be held under this Act, all the officers whose term shall then expire shall be eligible for immediate re-election if duly qualified in other respects.

27. The Councillors and Assessors to be elected under this Act shall severally go out of office on the day hereinbefore prescribed for holding the annual election.

28. The said Town Council shall meet for the transaction of business at such time and place as the Mayor or any four Councillors may from time to time appoint, giving at least three days' public notice of such meeting; provided always, that there shall be four quarterly meetings in each and every year, to be held at such time and place as the Council may by any bye law appoint.

29. In all meetings of the Council to be held under this Act, three members with the Mayor or Chairman shall constitute a Court for the purpose or purposes for which they may be convened as aforesaid, and a majority of the members present shall determine the questions and matters submitted for consideration; and it shall be the duty of the Town Clerk at all meetings to keep a minute of the proceedings, in which he shall enter the names of the members who shall be present at the opening or during the continuance of such meeting; and the persons whose names have been so entered, shall be deemed and taken to be to all intents and purposes present at such meeting until the same shall be finally adjourned or dissolved by the presiding officer; and the rules, orders, and regulations, enactments and decisions of such meeting shall not be deemed illegal or contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Act, notwithstanding some of the members shall withdraw therefrom previous to such adjournment or dissolution.

30. At all meetings of the Council, the Mayor, if he be