

taxing them; to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases; to suppress drunkenness, vice and immorality; to punish, by fine, for a breach of the peace; to punish corporally any servant or slave guilty of a violation of any ordinance, unless the master of such servant or slave pay the fine annexed to the offence; and to lay and collect taxes necessary to carry into effect the ordinances and by-laws of the town.

224. They shall cause the footways to be paved and repaired at the expense of the owners of lots binding thereon, whenever they may direct such work to be done, and may direct how and of what materials the same shall be repaired.

225. If the owner of any house or lot, or part of a lot, binding on a street which they may direct to be paved or repaired, shall not reside in said town, the tenant or person occupying the same, or who shall have charge thereof, shall cause such work to be done, and the money expended by him thereon, in obedience to the ordinance of the corporation, shall be allowed by such owner and deducted from the rent, due or to become due; and if any such owner or tenant shall neglect or refuse so to do, the burgess and commissioners may have such footway paved or repaired, and collect the expense thereof, with costs, by distraining and selling such property.

226. They may appoint annually a collector of taxes in said town; and if any person so appointed shall refuse to act, become disqualified, resign, or remove from said town, may appoint another in his place; and in case of the absence or other inability of the collector, the burgess may direct any precept, by him issued to any constable residing in said town, who shall serve and return the same in the same manner as process issued by a justice of the peace.

227. The collector shall give bond, with sufficient security, to the burgess and commissioners, for the true and faithful performance of his duties; and such bond shall be liable as constables' bonds are by law.

228. He shall act as a town constable, and shall have power to preserve the peace and good order of the town, and shall collect all taxes levied by the burgess and commissioners, and shall have the same power to distrain therefor as collectors of county taxes.