

lors elected at any of the municipal elections shall remain in office during two years, except those who shall have been elected at the first election, of whom three shall retire from office at the expiration of the first year, and it shall be declared by lot in the manner established by Council, which of the Councillors shall thus retire from office at the end of the first year. 5

How subsequent elections shall be conducted.

5. The subsequent annual elections of a Mayor and of three Councillors for the said town shall take place in the same manner and within the same delays as the first, with the exception, however, that the said elections, instead of being presided over and conducted by the Sheriff, shall be so by one of the members of the Council, who shall not retire from office, and who shall be appointed by the Council one month previous to the time fixed for the said election, and the said Councillor shall make a proclamation of the persons elected in the same manner, at the same hour, and in the same place as the Sheriff for the first election, and the said Councillor, for all purposes relating to elections, shall have the same powers and the same duties as the Sheriff for the first election; 10 15

Powers of person presiding and his deputies.

6. The person who shall preside at an election, shall, during such election, be a conservator of the peace, and shall be invested with the same powers for the preservation of the peace, and the apprehension, imprisonment, holding to bail, trying and convicting violators of the law as are vested in the justices of the peace, and this, whether the said person presiding do or do not possess the property qualification of a Justice of the Peace, as required by law, and it shall be lawful for the person so presiding to appoint special constables in sufficient numbers to preserve peace at the said election, if he shall think it necessary or be required so to do by five electors. 20 25

Notice of first meeting of Council.

8. 1. The person presiding at any such election shall, within two days from the closing of the election, give to the mayor and each of the Councillors so elected, special notice of their said election, as well as of the place, the day, and the hour appointed by him for the first meeting of the Council to take place after their said election; the Mayor and Councillors so elected shall enter respectively into office as such at the said first meeting, and shall remain in office until the appointment of their successors; 30

Entry into office.

Poll books, &c., to be delivered up to the Secretary-Treasurer, &c.

2. The person presiding at any such election shall deliver up immediately to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Town Council, if such officer exist, and if not, then as soon as the said officer shall be appointed, the poll books kept at such election, together with all other papers and documents relating to the said election, certified by himself, to form part of the records of the said Council, and copies of the same, certified by the Secretary-Treasurer, shall be valid in any Court of Justice; 35 40

First sitting: Mayor and Councillors to take oath of office. The oath.

3. The first session of the Council, after the first election, shall take place within eight days immediately following the said election, and at such meeting the Mayor and Councillors elected shall take the following oath before a Justice of the Peace: 45

"I, A. B., do solemnly swear faithfully to fulfil the duties of member of the Council of the Town of Beauharnois to the best of my judgment and ability: So help me God."

Majority then present may act, others to be fined.

And the members then present, provided they form a majority of the council, shall be authorized to act as the Council, and all members absent without just cause shall be held to have refused the office, and shall be liable to the fine hereinafter provided for in like cases, unless they be persons who are exempted from serving; 50

When the Mayor elected after first election shall go into office.

4. The Mayor and Councillors elected at the elections subsequent to the first, shall enter office on the day of their nomination, and a meeting of the Council shall take place within eight days after, in the same manner as after the first election, and the Mayor and Councillors elect- 55