

5. The Mayor and Councillors of the said Town, who are at present in office, shall remain in office, until the elections, which are to take place by virtue of this Act, and all by-laws, ordinances, agreements, dispositions and engagements whatever, passed and entered into by the Municipal Council of the Village of Beauharnois, shall continue to have full and entire force to all intents and purposes as though this Act had never been passed, and until such time as the said by-laws, agreements or engagements shall be formally rescinded, abolished or fulfilled, and the said Corporation, as constituted under this Act, shall succeed and be substituted for all purposes whatsoever, in the engagement, rights and trusts of the Municipal Council of the Village of Beauharnois, as heretofore constituted.

President,  
Mayor and  
Councillors  
to remain  
until elected.

Present By-  
laws to pre-  
main in force  
until altered,  
&c.

6. The Municipal Elections for the said Town, in virtue of this Act, shall be held in the month of January in each year, and public notice thereof shall be given at least eight days previous to such election in the French language, by notices posted up at the doors of the churches, and in the market of the said Town, and read at the door of the Catholic Church in the said Town, at the issue of Divine service in the morning of the Sunday preceding the election; and the said notice shall be signed for the first election in virtue of this Act, by the Sheriff of the District of Beauharnois, whose duty it shall be to preside at the said first election, and for all subsequent elections, the said notice shall be signed by the Mayor or the Secretary-Treasurer of the said Council, and shall specify the day, place and hour upon which the said elections are to take place.

When the mu-  
nicipal elec-  
tions shall be  
held; notice  
thereof.

Who shall  
preside.

7. It shall be the duty of the Sheriff of the District of Beauharnois, to preside at the election which shall take place in the month of January next, and the poll shall be open for the reception and registration of votes from nine of the clock in the forenoon until four of the afternoon of the day appointed for the said election, provided the election shall not have taken place by acclamation; and at the said election each elector shall be entitled to vote for six councillors, and shall be entitled at the same time to vote for a Mayor of the said Town, and at the closing of the poll, the said Sheriff shall declare the six persons, who shall have obtained the greatest number of votes as Councillors, to be duly elected Councillors of the said Town, and the person who shall have received the greatest number of votes as Mayor, to be duly elected Mayor of the said town; and in case the Candidates have an equal number of votes, the Sheriff shall give his casting vote:

2. If the votes of all the electors present have not been polled by the hour of four in the afternoon of the first day of the said meeting, the person presiding shall adjourn the proceedings thereof to the hour of nine in the forenoon of the following day, when he shall continue to take down the votes; and he shall close the election at the hour of four in the afternoon of the second day, and shall then declare duly elected Councillors and Mayor, such of the candidates as shall be entitled to be so declared elected:

Sheriff of  
Beauharnois  
to preside at  
the first elec-  
tion.

Mode of vot-  
ing.

Mayor to be  
elected at the  
same time, &c.

Casting vote  
in case of a  
tie.

Voting may  
continue two  
days if one be  
insufficient.

3. Provided always, that if at any time after the votes have commenced to be polled, either on the first or on the second day of the said election, one hour elapse without any vote being polled, it shall be the duty of the person presiding to close the said election and declare duly elected as Councillors and Mayor, such candidates as shall be entitled to be so declared elected; Provided also, that no person shall have been, within the last hour, prevented from approaching the poll by violence, of which notice shall be given to the person presiding:

Poll to be  
closed if no  
vote be given  
for one hour.

Proviso.

4. The Mayor shall be elected for one year only, and shall remain in office until his successor shall have been appointed. The Council-

Duration of  
office of Mayor  
and Council-  
lors.