

## TOWNSHIP MEETINGS.

ANY Township containing thirty inhabitant freeholders and householders, may hold a Township Meeting; and any township not having the requisite number of inhabitants shall be taken to be part of such adjoining township as the Magistrates granting the warrant for calling the meeting may deem most convenient. Vic. 21, § 8

Two Justices of the Peace must issue a warrant to the Township Clerk at least ten days before the time of meeting, requiring him to assemble the inhabitant freeholders and householders of his township on the first Monday in January, at 12 o'clock at noon, or if a Councillor is to be elected, at 10 o'clock before noon. Vic. 40, § 1

At least eight days before the first Monday in January, the Township Clerk must give public notice of the time and place of meeting;—which notice should be in conformity with the provisions of the Public Meeting Act; but if the Township Clerk neglects to issue the notice, the inhabitants may nevertheless assemble at the legal place of meeting, and having chosen a Chairman, may proceed to business. Vic. 21, § 3  
7 Vic. 7, § 4

If there be any incorporated town, or town having police regulations in any township, the township meeting shall not be held within the limits of such town. § 5

All Township Meetings shall be held at such place as may be appointed by a by-law of the District Council. Vic. 40, § 2

The Township Clerk presides at the meeting until a chairman is chosen. Vic. 21, § 4

It is the duty of the Chairman to commence the proceedings by reading publicly the warrant and notice whereby the meeting was called. 7 Vic. 7, § 10

The Chairman may cause any person interrupting or disturbing the meeting to be removed; and may by an instrument under his hand, on his own view, adjudge such persons to be guilty of such disturbance, upon which conviction a magistrate may commit the offender.

The Chairman may command the assistance of Justices of the Peace, constables, and other persons, to preserve good order. § 13

All questions at a Township Meeting, except the choosing a Councillor, are decided by a majority of the freeholders and householders present, above the age of twenty-one, and any person offering to vote, not being duly qualified, is liable to a fine of one pound. Vic. 21, § 4

The Township Meeting shall first elect a Councillor, Councillors, if there be a vacancy. 42 Vic. 10, § 7

The meeting shall then elect a Township Clerk, an Assessor, a Collector, and a sufficient number of persons to serve as Poundkeepers, Overseers of Highways, three Town Wardens, and not less than three, nor more than twelve Fence-viewers. Vic. 21, § 3  
8 Vic. 20, § 1