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SECTION 30

Powers and duties of town clerk

Town (TWN) CHAPTER 62, ARTICLE 3

§ 30. Powers and duties of town clerk. The town clerk of each town: 1.

Shall have the custody of all the records, books and papers of the town.

He shall attend all meetings of the town board, act as clerk thereof,

and keep a complete and accurate record of the proceedings of each

meeting, and of all propositions adopted pursuant to this chapter.

Immediately after adoption he shall enter into a book to be known as the

"ordinance book" a copy of every ordinance adopted by the town board,

specifying the date of adoption thereof. In addition, he shall act as

secretary of the board of commissioners of any improvement district when

so designated by such board of commissioners. He shall keep a complete

and accurate record in his office as town clerk of all proceedings of

every board of commissioners of improvement districts in said town. The

town clerk shall record all deeds of conveyances in the office of the

clerk of the county in which the property is located and thereafter file

the same in the town clerk's office. The cost and necessary expenses

incurred in the recording of such deeds in the county clerk's office

shall be a town charge.

1-a. Shall enter daily in a suitable book or books a record of all

moneys received by him, and shall deposit all such moneys not later than the third business day after the total thereof exceeds the sum of two hundred fifty dollars.

2. He shall file all certificates or oaths and other papers required by law to be filed in his office.

3. He or she shall certify to the county clerk within twenty days after their appointment, the names of all appointive town officers, except inspectors of election, with their respective post-office addresses, the date of their appointment and expiration of term of office. He or she shall also on or before the tenth day of January in each year, file a certificate with the department of audit and control specifying the names of all town officers, whether elected or appointed, excepting inspectors of election, and file a certificate with the commissioner of taxation and finance specifying the names of all town assessors, with their respective post-office addresses, the date of their appointment or election and the expiration of term of office.

4. Whenever a vacancy shall occur or exist in any town office, the town clerk shall immediately notify the county clerk of such vacancy, specifying the name of the officer, the office in which the vacancy occurred and the date when the same became vacant. Within five days after such vacancy is filled, the town clerk shall file with the county clerk and the department of audit and control and, if the vacancy was in the office of assessor, with the commissioner of taxation and finance, a certificate specifying the name and address of the person filling the vacancy, together with the term for which elected or appointed. In the

case of a person appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of town justice, the town clerk shall file a duplicate certificate with the chief administrator of the courts. If a vacancy shall occur or exist in the office of town clerk, the supervisor shall notify the county clerk of such vacancy and the date when such office became vacant.

5. He shall deliver to the supervisor, before the annual meeting of the board of supervisors of the county in each year, certified copies of all propositions adopted by the town since the last annual meeting of the board of supervisors.

6. At the expense of the town he or she shall procure and affix on or near the main entrance to his or her office a sign-board with the name of the town followed by the words "town clerk's office" in plain characters thereon with sufficient space immediately below for posting thereon the legal notices of the town. Such sign-board and, in any town that maintains a regularly and routinely updated website and utilizes a high speed internet connection, an electronic version of such sign-board shall be one of the public places upon which any legal notice may be posted. Towns which maintain a regularly and routinely updated website and utilizes a high speed internet connection shall, to the extent practicable, maintain an electronic version of such sign-board and shall post a link to the electronic version of the sign-board on its homepage. An electronic version of such sign-board shall include a town website page designed or intended to provide electronic access to public notices. A town shall not be required to maintain an electronic sign-board pursuant to this subdivision should the town incur additional costs in order to comply.

7. He shall issue all licenses or permits, whenever and in the manner required by this chapter or by any other law and collect all fees therefor, except as provided in section one hundred thirty-seven of this chapter.

8-a. Any town in the county of Ontario may, by resolution of the town board and upon agreement with the board of supervisors of such county, authorize the town clerk of such town to provide for the care and protection of any road dedication books in his possession by placing them in the custody of the county clerk for filing and storage in a safe place and for such purpose the board of supervisors of Ontario county is hereby authorized to make such provision as may be necessary for the care and preservation of such road dedication books in the office of such county clerk.

9. Except in towns where the office of town comptroller has been created the town clerk, when required by resolution of its town board, shall countersign all checks required to be signed by the supervisor.

10. (a) The town clerk may appoint, and at his or her pleasure remove, a first deputy town clerk, who shall serve without compensation from the town unless otherwise provided by the town board. Such compensation may be in addition to any other compensation he or she may receive as a town officer, town official or town employee. The town clerk shall establish the duties and responsibilities of the first deputy town clerk and such first deputy town clerk shall possess the powers and perform the duties of the town clerk during the absence or inability to act of the town

clerk, or during a vacancy in the office of town clerk. Before he or she shall perform any function as such, the first deputy town clerk shall take and file the constitutional oath of office and execute and file an official undertaking in the manner prescribed in section twenty-five of this article.

In addition, the town clerk may appoint, and at his or her pleasure remove, up to two additional deputy town clerks whose duties and responsibilities shall be established by the town board. The town board, in its discretion, may delegate to the town clerk the authority to establish the duties of the additional deputy town clerks. Any such additional deputy town clerks shall serve without compensation from the town, unless otherwise provided by the town board. Such compensation may be in addition to any other compensation he or she may receive as a town officer, town official or town employee. Before he or she shall perform any function as such, the additional deputy town clerk shall take and file the constitutional oath of office and if required by the town board, execute and file an official undertaking in the manner prescribed in section twenty-five of this article.

(b) In the event that the town clerk is absent or unable to act and there is no duly appointed and qualified first deputy town clerk present and able to act, the town board may appoint as deputy town clerk any person other than a member of the town board; provided, however, that such person be qualified as provided in section three of the public officers law and section twenty-three of this article. If the town board shall provide compensation for such deputy town clerk, such compensation may be in addition to any other compensation he or she may receive as a

town officer, town official or town employee. Such deputy town clerk shall hold office at the pleasure of the town board and in no event for longer than the duration of such absence or incapacity of the town clerk.

10-a. Where a town has not established the office of receiver of taxes and assessments, the town clerk shall collect water rates and sewer rents unless the town board has designated another officer or employee to make such collections.

11. The town clerk shall have such additional powers and perform such additional duties as are or hereafter may be conferred or imposed upon him by law, and such further duties as the town board may determine, not inconsistent with law.