143. All fines, penalties and forfeitures under the Hines, &c., how ordinances of the corporation, shall be recovered recovered before the mayor, and the mayor may commit the offender for non-payment of such fines and costs incurred to the county jail until paid, and the costs in such proceedings shall be the same as are chargeable by a justice of the peace in criminal proceedings.

144. The taxable property of said town for the Hold. s 1.

What property purposes of the corporation of Hagerstown, and as taxable. authorized, shall be the same as that assessable and taxable for state and county purposes, and that the mayor and council may provide for taking the assessable property from the assessment books of the county, with power upon proper explanation to correct the same as in justice it may be required.

145. The mayor of Hagerstown is hereby author- Ibid s 2. ized and empowered, by and with the advice and appointment consent of his council, to appoint not exceeding four police officers. sober, discreet and honest persons as police for said town, and removable at pleasure, and that after revoking such appointment he shall communicate the same in writing to a called meeting of the council, or at the first regular meeting held after such appointments, and shall then confirm or reject such appointment, and such person or persons so appointed shall be the acting police of said town until rejected by said council, and if confirmed shall hold the said office until the expiration of said time for which the mayor making such appointments shall expire, unless sooner removed as aforesaid by the mayor, who shall have power to fill vacancies occasioned by such removal or otherwise, by and with the advice and consent of his council as aforesaid, and such police shall be general conservators of the peace; they shall disperse and suppress all disorderly assemblies, be present at public meetings held in said town, to preserve the peace, and generally to maintain the quiet and good order of the town; arrest all offenders and take them before the mayor for trial, and execute the process of said mayor, and to