

greater than the taxes in arrears upon said property and the interest and expenses of sale and costs and fees, and the same shall be reported as hereinbefore provided, as sold to the Town of Gaithersburg, which said Town of Gaithersburg shall be treated and considered the same as any other purchaser. If any person claiming title under a tax deed made as hereinbefore provided, shall be defeated in any suit or proceedings by or against him for the recovery of the land purporting to be conveyed by such tax deed, the successful claimant shall be adjudged to pay him the full amount paid by the purchaser, at the tax sale, with interest, at the rate of fifteen (15) per centum per annum on the total amount thus paid, also the amount of all taxes, State, County or Municipal, general or special, paid by the purchaser, his heirs or assigns after the date of the certificate of purchase, and interest thereon, at six (6) per centum per annum; this judgment shall be a lien on the land in controversy. The Treasurer shall immediately after the redemption of any property, certify the said redemption to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, and the said Clerk shall record the same according to the customs now pursued in said office.

19. The failure of the Council or any person designated by them, or of any official herein charged with any duties in relation to the assessment, levy or collection of taxes to perform the acts required of them at, or within the time specified, shall not affect the validity of such act, or any proceedings based thereon, if done within a reasonable time thereafter.

20. The Bailiff shall attend the meetings of the Council and perform such duties as it shall direct; he shall preserve the peace, prevent disorderly or irregular meetings of persons, and he shall enforce all ordinances that may be enacted by the Council; he shall serve all notices and process required by this Charter except those otherwise designated herein or any ordinance passed by virtue hereof, and his return duly endorsed thereon shall be evidence of the facts therein stated.

21. The Mayor shall have all the powers of a Justice of the Peace in criminal cases, where the Town of Gaithersburg is a party; he shall have power to administer oaths of office to members of Council and appointed or elected officers of the town; he shall receive the same fees as Justices of the Peace are allowed for similar service; and an appeal from his judgment may be taken to the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, which Court