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Sec. 10. Salary of auditor; may employ assistance. The auditor shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars. He may employ such assistance as may be necessary for the dispatch of public business. He shall be furnished an office in the city building and all expenses authorized under this act shall be paid by the said city, including premium on said bond.

Sec. 11. Accounts shall be opened by auditor with collector of taxes and with treasurer. The auditor shall open an account with the collector of taxes, charging him with the whole amount of taxes committed, also the supplementary tax and all interest due; he shall also open an account with the treasurer, charging him with the amount of loans and sums of money that may be borrowed for the city, and all securities and sums receivable, in order that the value and description of all personal property belonging to the city may be seen at any time in his books.

Sec. 12. List of current prices of articles used in various city departments to be kept on file by auditor. The auditor shall keep on file in his office a list of the current prices of supplies and materials used in the several departments of the city.

Sec. 13. Auditor shall publish in newspapers a monthly report. He shall, between the fifth and the tenth day of each month, cause to be published in the newspapers of said city, a report showing the receipts and expenditures of each department for the preceding month.

Sec. 14. Inconsistent statutes repealed. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved April 7, 1921.

Chapter 144.

An Act to Abolish the Board of Public Works of the City of Lewiston and to Provide for a Highway Commission.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Office of Lewiston Highway Commission established. A commission to be known as the Lewiston Highway Commission is hereby established in and for the City of Lewiston, which shall have and exercise all the powers, and be charged with all the duties relative to the construction, maintenance, care and control of the streets, highways, bridges, sidewalks, drains and sewers in said city, subject, however, to the general laws of the state.

Sec. 2. Commission to consist of three members. Said commission shall consist of three members, all of whom shall be a resident of said Lewiston, and each member shall be sworn by the city clerk of said

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city to the faithful discharge of his duties, and shall hold his office as hereinafter provided unless removed by a justice of the supreme judicial or superior court for cause.

Sec. 3. Members not eligible to election to city council; shall take no active part in politics. No member of said commission shall be eligible to the city council or hold any city office. No member of the commission or the superintendent of streets shall take any active part in politics. Any violation shall be considered cause for removal.

Sec. 4. Organization; shall elect a secretary. The commission shall, as soon as this act takes effect, organize by the choice of one of its members as chairman, and shall elect a secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of the proceedings of the commission, to notify members of meetings and perform such other duties as the commission may elect.

Sec. 5. Commission to elect superintendent of streets and sewers who shall be under its supervision. The commission shall also elect a superintendent of streets and sewers, who shall have executive charge of work under the direction and control of said commission. Said superintendent may contract for necessary labor and materials, subject at all times to the approval of the commission, to whom he shall render an account, monthly or oftener if required, of all receipts, expenditures and outstanding bills.

Sec. 6. Inventory to be made of property used in street department. Said commission shall make a schedule of all the supplies, tools, materials and property received by them, and of all additions that shall from time to time be made to the same, and shall enter an inventory thereof in a book kept for that purpose. Any and all books of accounts and records shall be subject to inspection by the city auditor and such books of accounts and records may be kept in such manner and form as said auditor may direct.

Sec. 7. Expenditures to be approved by some member of commission; list of persons employed in street department to be kept on record and duplicate list filed with auditor. The weekly pay roll and all matters requiring payment of money from the city treasury shall be approved by some member of the commission, or the clerk, after approval and before payment, they shall be sent to the said auditor for his approval. The commission shall at all times keep a correct list of all persons employed in the street department together with the amount of wages paid and a duplicate list of the same shall be filed with the auditor.

Sec. 8. Salary of commissioners. The commissioners shall receive a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, payable in equal monthly installments by the city treasurer, said sum shall be in full compensation for all services.

Sec. 9. Salary of superintendent of streets and clerk of commission. The compensation of the superintendent of streets and sewers, and also that of the clerk or clerks shall be fixed by said commissioners and shall be paid from an appropriation made by the city council for the work of the commission.

Sec. 10. Members of commission to be appointed by mayor; filling of vacancies; organization of commission; mayor to appoint chairman in case of no choice; city solicitor attorney for commission. Members of the commission shall be appointed by the mayor, one for a term of six years, one for five years, and one for four years. Vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. The commission shall annually choose a chairman from its members, and in case of failure to make such choice, the mayor shall appoint the chairman. The city solicitor shall be attorney for said commission and shall without additional compensation give the commission such advice and service as it may from time to time require.

Sec. 11. Procedure for removal of commissioners. Proceedings for removal of said commissioners shall be brought on petition of a majority of the city council and shall be heard as provided in section two of this act, the decision of the justice hearing a petition for removal shall be final.

Sec. 12. Inconsistent statutes repealed. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved April 7, 1921.

Chapter 145.

An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court in Gardiner.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

P. & S. L., 1911, c. 247, § 10; relating to the salary of the judge of the Gardiner Municipal Court, amended. That section ten of chapter two hundred and forty-seven of the Private and Special Laws of nineteen hundred and eleven, entitled "An Act with reference to the Gardiner Municipal Court," be amended, so that said section shall read as follows:

'Sec. 10. Salary increased to \$1200. The salary of said judge shall be twelve hundred dollars and such fees as are allowed by the general law, and the same shall be payable quarterly out of the treasury of the County of Kennebec, on the first day of January, April, July and October. All fines and costs received in criminal cases, shall be paid quarterly into