

No. XXI

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the Chief Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Melville and is hereby enacted by authority of the same, That the Town Council of the Borough of Melville shall at their first or second meeting after the adoption of this ordinance and annually thereafter at the first or second meeting after the spring election, appoint a Chief of Police who shall be a resident over twenty-five years of age, and such assistant policemen as the Council may deem expedient.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police in addition to his police duties, to see that all the assistant policemen attend to their duties faithfully in the performance of all things required of them by law or by the Borough ordinances and use their best endeavors to preserve the peace and quietness of the Borough, and whenever the occasion requires to detail a special policeman to aid him or them to suppress riot or rows and to call to his assistance any or all of the citizens of the Borough to aid in quelling disturbances and making arrests.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of all policemen when on duty to wear a shield or badge with the words, Borough Police, Borough of Melville, as required by law.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of every citizen of the Borough when called upon by a Borough officer, by the High Constable or by any police officer to assist in the preservation of public order and in preventing all assaults and riots, tumults or disturbances, and each person refusing or neglecting to assist when so called upon shall upon conviction pay a fine not exceeding Three Dollars for each refusal or neglect, with costs.

Sec. 5. Any policeman neglecting to go with and assist the Chief of Police or High Constable, in quelling disturbances and in making arrests, shall on conviction pay a fine not exceeding Five Dollars for each and every neglect or refusal with costs.

Sec. 6 Any person offering any resistance to or in any wise interfering with a policeman of the Borough, or High Constable in making arrests or in the discharge of any other duty, shall on conviction before the Chief Burgess, forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding Five Dollars for the first offense and not Exceeding Ten Dollars for each subsequent offense, and any person striking or other wise offering violence to any officer or his assistants when in discharge of his duty shall upon conviction before the Chief Burgess

forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding Twenty Dollars for each offense with costs.

Sec. 7. Each regular police shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation before entering upon the duties of his office, to support the Constitution of the United State and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and to perform the duties of his office with fidelity, which oath of (sic) or affirmation shall be filed among the records of the corporation.

Sec. 8. The compensation of Policemen for services rendered by them shall be the same as the compensation allowed the High Constable for similar service.

Passed March 7, 1898

F. W. Heller, Pres.

Attest: G. W. Henrie, Sec.

J. C. Christian, Chief Burgess

Approved March 8, 1898

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