§ 32. Powers and duties of town superintendent of highways and deputy superintendent. 1. The town superintendent of highways shall have such powers and shall perform such 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.

2. The town board of any town may at any time establish the office of deputy town superintendent of highways. The deputy town superintendent of highways shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the town superintendent of highways. If the town superintendent of highways shall fail to appoint such deputy within five days after the establishment of the office of deputy or within five days after a vacancy occurs in the office of deputy, the town board shall have power to appoint such deputy town superintendent of highways. During the absence or inability of the town superintendent of highways to act, such deputy shall act and be vested with all the powers and duties of the town superintendent as provided by law. Before such deputy shall perform any power or duty of the office of superintendent such deputy town superintendent of highways shall take and file the constitutional oath of office and execute and file an official undertaking to be approved by the town board. The town board shall fix the compensation to be received by such deputy.