

prohibit and restrain gambling and games of chance of all kinds; to regulate and provide for a tax on dogs; to provide for and prevent the running at large of all horses, cattle, hogs, geese, chickens and other fowl upon the streets or within the limits of said town; to provide by ordinance for condemning, laying out, opening, extending and making new streets or alleys, and for altering, straightening, widening, grading, improving or closing up in whole or in part any existing street or alley, and for removing trees, posts and other obstructions, and for laying out public squares, drains, water-courses, and all benefits or damages done, suffered or incurred by the laying out, opening and making of new streets or alleys, or by altering, straightening, widening, grading, improving or closing up, in whole or in part, any existing street or alley, or laying out public squares, drains or water-courses, shall be determined and assessed by three disinterested persons, residents of said town, appointed by the Board of Commissioners, who shall within ten days after the notification of their appointment take an oath before a justice of the peace of Wicomico County, that they will faithfully and fairly, without partiality or prejudice, value and assess the loss and damage to be suffered and incurred by any person interested in the said property, over, through, and by which the said street, alley, square, drain or water-way is to be opened, closed, extended, widened, graded or improved, and also to estimate the benefits that may accrue therefrom to any such property over, through, and by which the said street, alley, square, drain or water-way is to be opened, closed, extended, widened, graded or improved, or any property adjacent thereto, or any other property injured or benefited by said street, alley, square, drain or water-way; they shall give at least ten days' notice in three public places in the corporate limits of their purpose to lay out, open, extend, close up, widen, straighten, grade or improve the street or alley, square, drain or water-way, so desired to be laid out, opened, extended, closed up, widened, straightened, graded or improved, and of the day, hour and place of meeting for said purpose, and they shall meet at the time and place mentioned in the notices given by them, and proceed to exercise the powers and perform the duty assigned to and required of them, and to ascertain whether any and what amount, in value of damages, will be caused thereby, for which the owner or occupant of any right or interest, claimed in any ground or improvement, ought to be compensated, over and above the amount in value of benefit which will thereby

Laying out and opening streets, etc.

Compensation for damages in opening streets.