

of ground on which they are assessed, from the time of the final ratification of the aforesaid return, and shall be collected as taxes are collected, or may be collected by action at law. On appeal, the court or jury may alter the award so returned, whether of damages or benefits, and award costs in its discretion.

34. For the purpose of carrying out the foregoing powers, and for the preservation of the health, cleanliness, peace and good order of the community, and for the protection of the lives and property of the citizens from fire and disease, and to suppress, or cause to be suppressed, abated or discontinued, any and all nuisance within the said limits of said town, they may pass any and all ordinances and by-laws from time to time necessary, and to enforce and insure the observance of the said ordinances in addition to an action in debt, or such other civil remedies as may exist in such cases by law for the recovery of fees, fines and penalties thereto affixed; they may affix thereto reasonable fines, and in default of payment of any fines so imposed, they may provide for the imprisonment of the offender for a period not exceeding thirty days in the county jail, or until such fines are paid; and instead of the foregoing penalties it shall be lawful, in the case of vagrancy, to sentence such person to hard labor on the public streets not exceeding ten days.

May pass ordinances for preservation of the health, etc.

Penalty for violation.

35. All ordinances and by-laws heretofore passed by the Commissioners of Delmar, and now in force and not in conflict with the provisions of this charter, shall be valid and remain in force until the same are repealed, amended or modified by the Commissioners.

36. All property within the corporate limits of Delmar that is subject to taxation for county purposes in Wicomico County shall be taxed for municipal purposes in Delmar, and the Board of Commissioners of Delmar, at their first meeting in June in the year nineteen hundred, and every five years thereafter, or oftener, shall appoint three citizens, noted for their good judgment in the fair valuation of property, as assessors, who, after subscribing to an oath to perform the duties imposed upon them without fear, favor, partiality or prejudice, shall proceed to value the real estate and improvements thereon, and all property liable to assessment and taxation under the laws of the State, judgments and private securities excepted, at a fair and just market valuation, and return the same under their hands to the Board of Commissioners within thirty days unless their time be extended; and

Property subject to taxation.

Shall appoint assessors, etc.