

to suppress vagrancy; to open and close streets, roads, lanes and alleys, and to establish footways, when in their judgment the public welfare or convenience may require; to provide for ascertaining whether any and in what amount damages shall be caused thereby, for which the owner or possessor of any property through which such street, road, lane or alley may pass are to be compensated; to provide for granting appeals to the Circuit Court for Allegany County from the decision of any Commissioners or any other persons appointed in virtue of any ordinance; to ascertain the damage occasioned by the opening, closing or establishing or altering of streets, roads, lanes or alleys in said town, and for securing for the person injured the right, on application within thirty days from the return to the Commissioners, to have decided by jury trial whether any and what damages he has sustained; to provide for collecting and paying the compensation awarded to any person before any street, road, lane or alley shall be opened, closed, established or altered; and to enact all ordinances from time to time necessary and proper to the exercise of the powers granted in this section; provided, that whenever the Council propose to open, close, alter or establish any street, road, lane or alley they shall give at least thirty days' notice by advertising or hand bills to all parties interested of their intention, and the time of consideration of such action; to provide for the codification of all ordinances that may be passed, and the printing and the publishing of the same; and the printed copy of all such ordinances when approved by the Mayor and Council shall be legal evidence of the passage of such ordinances and of the contents thereof in any court of this State; to provide penalties, not exceeding twenty-five dollars in amount, or a term of imprisonment, not exceeding thirty days, for the violation of ordinances, or both fine and imprisonment. The town Council shall not borrow money, nor incur debts, nor issue bills or other securities of a commercial character in excess, in any year, of the receipts of the annual levy, except that the said Mayor and Council of Midland shall have power to borrow a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars for the purpose of building a lockup, a building suitable for a Council Chamber and a house for fire apparatus, payable at any time within seven years; and for the redemption of the principal thereof, and the payment of the interest thereon, they are authorized to levy upon the assessable property within the corporate limits annually, a sufficient pro rata sum to be set apart as a sinking fund for the redemption of the sum so allowed to be borrowed aforesaid when the same

Streets, roads,
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