

Damage and
expense.

Right of jury
trial on appli-
cation.

thereby accrue to the owner or possessor of any ground or improvements within or adjacent to the town for which each owner or possessor ought to be compensated or ought to pay as compensation, and to provide for assessing and levying either generally upon the whole assessable property of the town or specially on the property of persons benefited, the whole or any part of the amount of damages and expense which they shall ascertain will be incurred in locating, opening, extending, widening, straightening or closing up the whole or any part of any street, lane or alley in the town, and for the collection thereof; to provide for granting appeals to the Circuit Court for Dorchester County from the decisions of any commissioners whom they are empowered to appoint by ordinance to ascertain the damage which will be caused or the benefits which will accrue to the owners or possessors of grounds or straightening or closing, in whole or in part, any street, lane or alley within the town, and for securing to every such owner or possessor the right, on application within a reasonable time, to have decided by jury trial whether any damage has been caused or any benefit has accrued to him, and to what amount, to provide for collecting and paying over the amount of compensation adjudged to each person or investing it, in the discretion of the corporation, in some stock or otherwise bearing an interest not lower than four per cent. per annum for the use of any such person who, because of their infancy, absence from the city, or any other cause, may be prevented from receiving it, before any street, lane or alley, in whole or in part, shall be so opened, extended, widened, straightened or closed up; to provide for the collection of the amounts adjudged to be paid by the owners or possessors who may be benefited by the opening, widening, extension, straightening or closing up, in whole or in part, of any street, lane or alley in the town, and to enact and pass all ordinances from time to time which shall be deemed necessary and proper to exercise the powers and effect the objects above specified.

Grading and
paving side-
walks and
gutters.

333b. The said Commissioners of Hurlock shall have full power to provide by ordinance for grading and paving or regrading and repaving all sidewalks and gutters on any street, lane or alley in said town of Hurlock, or any part thereof, and to compel the owners of the abutting property to pave and grade or repave and regrade such sidewalks and gutters, and in case the owners of the abutting property shall refuse or fail, after thirty days' notice thereof served upon such abutting property owner or posted upon said property when the same