

Ten days' notice to be given by Burgess and Council of their intentions.

least ten days' notice, by handbills posted in at least fifteen conspicuous places in the town, of their purpose to lay out, open, extend, widen, straighten or close up the street, highway, lane, alley, square, sewer, sanitary sewer, drain or watercourse so directed to be laid out, opened, extended, widened, straightened or closed up, and of the day, hour and place of their meeting for said purpose, and the said Burgess and Council shall meet at the time and place mentioned in the notice given by them and proceed to exercise the powers and perform the duties 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 improvements ought to be compensated over and above the amount in value of benefit which will thereby accrue to such owner or occupant and to ascertain what amount of benefit will thereby accrue to any lot or parcel of ground within or adjacent to said town or to the owner or occupant thereof, and which said lot or parcel of ground or the owner or occupant thereof ought to pay.

Benefits and damages.

Explanatory map to be prepared of street changes.

56K. Whenever the Burgess and Council shall have proceeded to execute the powers conferred in the preceding section, they shall have prepared an explanatory map which shall contain a correct description of the street, highway, lane, alley, square, sewer, sanitary sewer, drain or watercourse so laid out, opened, extended, widened, straightened, or closed up by them with each separate lot or parcel of ground deemed to have sustained damages or received benefit, and shall give at least ten days' notice by handbills set up in at least ten different conspicuous places of the town, that they will meet at a time and place, mentioned in said notice, to determine the amount of damages to be awarded to the owner or occupant of any lot or parcel of ground which will sustain damages and any lot or parcel of ground which will be benefited; they shall meet at the time and place mentioned in said notice and within three days, inclusive of the day of meeting, shall determine the amount of damages to be awarded to all owners and occupants and the amount of benefits assessed to any lot or parcel of ground, and transmit their decision with the explanatory map to the clerk of the Burgess and Council, who shall file the same and record such decision in a book to be kept for that purpose.

Ordering streets, etc., to be opened, closed, etc.

56L. After the filing of the explanatory map and decision of the Burgess and Council, the Burgess and Council may order and direct the said street, lane, alley, square, highway, sewer, sanitary sewer, watercourse or drain so laid out, opened,