

assessment to appear before said Commissioners to show cause why said increase should not be made.

173. The said Commissioners of Sharptown shall have full power to pass all by-laws and ordinances not inconsistent with the laws and Constitution of this State as from time to time they may deem wise, equitable and expedient for the comfort, health, convenience and prosperity of said town and its inhabitants; for the prevention and removal of nuisances, for the preservation of health and suppression of vice and immorality within the limits of said town; and for the protection of the property of said town and its inhabitants.

174. The Commissioners of Sharptown shall have power to make by-laws and pass ordinances to establish grade for streets, gutters and sidewalks of the town, the width thereof, and prescribe the material of which same shall be built; to cause the sidewalks along the streets to be graded, curbed, paved, repaved or improved at the cost and expense of the owners of the abutting property, which cost shall be a lien on the abutting property and recoverable by an action at law, or compel by fines or otherwise the owners or proprietors of any such lot to grade, pave, repave and curb the sidewalks in front thereof agreeably to ordinances that may hereafter be passed; to provide by ordinance for the condemning, laying out, opening, extending, and making new streets or alleys, and for altering, straightening, widening, grading, improving or closing up in whole or part any existing street or alley, and for removing trees, posts and other obstructions, and for laying out public squares, drains and watercourses; and all benefits and damages done, suffered or incurred by 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 and watercourses, shall be determined and assessed by three disinterested persons, or a majority of them, residents of said town, appointed by the said Commissioners, who shall within ten days after notification of their appointment, take an oath before a justice of the peace of Wicomico county that they will faithfully and fairly and without partiality or prejudice, value and assess the loss and damages to be suffered and incurred by any person or persons interested in said property over, through and by which the street or alley, square, drain or watercourse 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 or alley, drain or watercourse is to be opened, closed, extended, widened,