

sons to be appointed by the Commissioners of Denton, and at such other time or times as they or a majority of them may deem proper so to do.

1914, ch. 730, sec. 94.

147. They may at their election appoint a suitable person to be Street Commissioner of said town and fix his compensation, whose duty it shall be to superintend the grading, paving, repaving, keeping in order and opening of streets, lanes and alleys in said town and the removing of obstructions therefrom, to take care of and preserve the public squares and properties and preserve the health and well being of the inhabitants of the town, said street commissioner being hereby given all the police powers of constables of this State. He shall perform all other appropriate duties prescribed by the Commissioners of Denton, and give bond in such penalty and in such manner as may be prescribed by them.

1914, ch. 730, sec. 95.

148. The Commissioners of Denton shall have power to make by-laws and pass ordinances to establish grades for the streets, gutters and sidewalks of said town, the width thereof, and prescribe the material of which they shall be built; to cause the sidewalks, along said public streets, to be graded, curbed, paved, repaved or improved and to assess the costs and expense thereof in whole or in part, upon the owner or owners of the abutting property, which costs and expense shall be a lien on the abutting property, and recoverable by an action at law, or compel by fines or otherwise the owner or owners of any such lot to grade, pave, repave and curb the sidewalks in front thereof; and may provide by ordinance for condemning, laying out, opening, extending and making new streets or alleys and for altering, straightening, widening, grading, improving, or closing up in whole or in part any existing street or alley, and for removing trees, posts and other obstructions therefrom, and for laying out public squares, drains, watercourses; and all benefits or 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 Commissioners of Denton, who shall within ten days after notification of their appointment, take an oath before a Justice of the Peace of Caroline County or any Notary Public, 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 said 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, graded or improved or any property adjacent thereto, or any other property injured or benefited by said