

award or return, or in the amount of compensation awarded, benefits assessed, or in any matter relating to the same, he may appeal, within sixty days of said ratification, to the Circuit Court for Caroline County, and either party may be entitled to a trial by jury; and the judgment of the said court shall be final among the parties to such appeal; provided, that the persons taking such an appeal shall, within ten days, apply to said commissioners for the same in writing, and within twenty days thereof cause to be delivered to the clerk of the Circuit Court aforesaid, a copy of the said award filed with said Commissioners ratifying or rejecting the same, and all other papers relating thereto; and the said corporation shall be liable for and tender the damages thus assessed and determined to the persons entitled, or if rejected, to hold the same to his credit or for his use; and the said Commissioners shall have full power to assess and levy, either generally on the whole assessable property of said town, or specially on the property of persons so assessed to be benefited thereby, the whole or any part of the amount of damages and expenses that they shall ascertain will be incurred in locating, opening, extending, straightening or closing up the whole or any part of any street, lane, road or alley, in said town, and to collect the same in the manner hereinbefore provided for the collection of the general tax levy; provided, however, that, in opening or extending avenues, streets, roads and alleys, they shall be made to conform in width and bearings and in all other respects with those of the plat of the town of Ridgely, now upon record in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for Caroline County; this proviso not to relate to the road extending from the land of the P., B. & W. Railroad in a northerly direction and binding upon the lands of the Hoffman estate on the west, and the lands of Mrs. Alfred Sigler, the High School property and the lands of Charles L. Herzog on the east, which road the Commissioners of Ridgely shall have the power, and are hereby expressly authorized and empowered, to widen in their discretion by acquiring adjoining lands by gift, purchase, condemnation in accordance with Chapter 117, of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1912, or in any other manner.

1896, ch. 178, sec. 26.

502. The expense and cost of paving, repairing, or otherwise improving the side-walks in said town, incurred by said Commissioners under their ordinances, may be charged and recovered by them, in the name of the corporation, from the owner or owners of the property fronting thereon, in proportion to the amount expended in the immediate front of said property, by suit or action at law against the owner or owners thereof, as other debts are collected; and the expense of such paving shall be a lien upon the property chargeable therewith.

1896, ch. 178, sec. 27.

503. The tenant for more than five years, for life, a mortgagee in possession, as well as the holder in fee, their executors and administrators,