

same when necessary, for the space of one month after notice has been given him by the Mayor or Town Clerk, in writing, requiring the same to be done, the Mayor and Council may cause the same to be done at the expense of the owner of the lot, which expense shall be a lien on said lot of ground until paid, and may be recovered from the said owners by the Mayor and Council as other debts of like amount are recovered in this State by law; they may also require the owners of the lots of ground fronting on either side of the street or alley, graded or paved or otherwise improved, to pay two-thirds of the expense incurred in grading and paving or otherwise improving the same, to be apportioned among them by the Mayor and Council, payable whenever said work may be finished; such apportionment to be in proportion to the front feet of said lots owned by them respectively; and whenever payment thereof is refused the Mayor and Council may recover the same by law in the same manner as county taxes are collected in this State, the remaining one-third of the said expense shall be paid by the Mayor and Council out of the taxes levied by them upon the citizens of the town generally.*

1900, ch. 341, sec. R.

227. The Mayor of said town, by virtue of his said office for municipal purposes and for preserving the peace, shall have all the power and authority of a justice of the peace, and shall see that the ordinances of the corporation are duly executed; he shall sign all ordinances passed by the Council, and in case he disapproves of any ordinance, he may refuse to sign the same, and shall return it to the Council, at the next meeting thereof, with his reason for withholding his signature therefrom; and if the said ordinance, when again put upon its passage, shall receive the votes of four of the members of the Council, it shall become a valid ordinance without the signature of the Mayor.

1900, ch. 341, sec. S.

228. All fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed by the laws and ordinances of said Mayor and Council shall be recovered before the Mayor or any justice of the peace resident within the corporate limits of said town, upon a warrant issued against the offender, directed to the bailiff of said corporation, on any constable of Carroll or Frederick Counties, in the corporation name of said town, and shall be collected by judgment and execution in the same manner and with the same costs and fees provided for in the case of suits before a justice of the peace, and with such penalties to the officers for non-performance of duty in such cases prescribed by the laws of the State; and said fines, penalties and forfeitures shall be paid by the officer collecting the same to the clerk and treasurer of said town; provided, that if the offense be a breach of the peace or disturbing the good order of the town, or in violation of any of the ordinances intended to secure the safety of the lives or property of any of the

*Sec. 2, ch. 645, 1920, reads as follows: This Act shall not affect or impair any rights vested, or any contracts, obligations, duties, liabilities or penalties whatever now existing.