

pany, the amount of money arising from the levy of two cents on each one hundred dollars of assessable property on or before the first day of December, in each and every year.

WATER.

1918, ch. 305, sec. 6.

209. The President and Commissioners of the town of Elkton, in addition to the powers already possessed by them, and with the sanction and consent of said Auxiliary Board shall have the right and power to acquire by purchase or condemnation any land, improvements, rights of way, waters, water courses or other property of any kind whatsoever, whether used for private purposes or already devoted to a public use, or any interest therein, or any franchise connected therewith, for the purpose of establishing a water system, or water plant, for the town of Elkton. In all condemnation cases instituted for any of the purposes above mentioned, the procedure followed may be that, now or hereafter prescribed or authorized by its charter, in a particular case, or it may in any case, in its discretion, adopt and pursue the method provided and prescribed by Article 33A of the Code of Public General Laws of this State, and after the said new system of water works shall be established for said town, the President and Commissioners of said town of Elkton are hereby fully authorized by ordinance to provide for the operation and management of said water system, and to regulate the charges to be made for furnishing water to persons, firms and corporations using the same.*

1910, ch. 358, sec. 6 (p. 731).

209A. Should the voters at said election declare in favor of issuing said water bonds, then the said President and Commissioners of the town of Elkton shall at once proceed either to erect a water plant for said town or to purchase the property, plant, rights and franchises of the Maryland Water Company of Cecil County, at a price to be agreed upon, and, if the purchase price cannot be agreed upon, then they shall, in case they shall decide to acquire the plant of the Maryland Water Company, instead of building a new one, at once proceed to condemn the same in the manner as provided by the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, Article twenty-three, title "Corporations," and all rights, powers and privileges conferred by said Article upon the corporation herein mentioned relating to the condemnation of land is hereby expressly conferred upon and vested in the President and Commissioners of the town of Elkton for the purpose of acquiring the property, real and personal, and the rights and franchises of the Maryland Water Company of Cecil County, and for any other necessary purpose of establishing, owning and operating a complete water supply system for the town of Elkton and the inhabitants thereof; and after the acquisition of the property, rights and franchises

*The other sections of ch. 305, 1918, authorized \$80,000 of bonds for water supply and the levying of taxes to pay interest on and to redeem said bonds.