

shall give at least ten days' notice by notice in at least two public places in said town, of the time and place of meeting for the purpose of executing their commissions; they shall, within ten days after such valuation and assessment, report the same in writing under their hands and seals, with the certificate of their qualifications as hereinbefore provided, to the Commissioners of the town, which said valuation and assessment shall be ratified or rejected by them as in their judgment may seem proper; and if any person shall feel aggrieved by the determination of the Commissioners in ratifying or rejecting the amount of compensation awarded, loss, benefits and advantages accruing or in any manner relating to the same, he may appeal, within thirty days after said ratification or rejection, to the Circuit Court for Charles County; either party may be entitled to a trial by jury, and the judgment of said court shall be final among the parties; provided that the person taking the appeal shall, within ten days thereafter, cause to be delivered to the Circuit Court the award filed by said Commissioners, together with a copy of the order of said Commissioners ratifying or rejecting the same, and all other papers relating thereto. And the said Commissioners may enact all ordinances necessary from time to time to exercise all such other and incidental powers and acts as may be necessary for the exercise of the powers herein conferred upon them; provided, further, that all such damage shall in all cases be paid to the respective parties or their guardians, agents or attorneys, or their personal representatives, before any such highway, roads, streets, lanes or alleys shall be opened, widened, straightened, changed or closed, or any subway shall be constructed as hereinbefore provided. None of the proceedings herein shall be held to be invalid because of neglect of compliance with matters of form; provided, it shall appear that the substantial requirements herein are essentially complied with and that no injustice has been done to any of the parties because of non-compliance with such matters of form; and provided, further, that the said Commissioners shall have the same powers as to cutting across streets or highways and into adjacent lands for the purpose of draining that are now possessed by the County Commissioners or Road Commissioners for said county.

1920, ch. 590, sec. 31. 1922, ch. 33, sec. 31.

148. The Town Commissioners are hereby empowered to borrow money for the purpose of public improvements in said town, in such sums as they may deem proper in their discretion, not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of five thousand dollars, such sum or sums of money to be payable at such times as the said Commissioners may agree upon with the lenders, subject to the limitation hereinafter set forth, and to issue therefor bonds in sums of not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars each, each bond to be signed by the President of the said Town Commissioners and countersigned by the clerk thereof, and all of them to be issued at the option of the Commissioners and to bear rate of interest not to exceed six per centum per annum. The interest on said bonds