

they shall have power to provide for the payment of the damages and costs aforesaid by levying and assessing the same generally upon the whole of the assessable property of said town or specially upon the assessable value of the property benefited thereby, or in their discretion partly upon the property benefited and balance upon the whole of the assessable property of said town, and the said commissioners shall have the power to ascertain and determine what amount of benefits will thereby accrue to any lot or parcel of ground adjacent to said street, alley or sidewalk or the owner thereof, and which said lot or parcel of ground or the owner thereof ought to pay, and they shall on the day fixed by said ordinance and within three days inclusive of said meeting, so ascertain and determine, and their decision in writing shall be filed with the secretary and shall be by him reordred in a book kept for that purpose, and any proprietor who may feel himself aggrieved by such action of the commissioners shall be entitled to an appeal at any time within thirty days after the decision of the commissioners shall be filed as aforesaid to the Circuit Court for Harford County, and such appeal shall be heard and determined as appeals from justices of the peace are now heard, and all benefits so assessed against any lot or parcel of ground or to the owner or occupant thereof shall be a lien against said lot or parcel of ground from the time said commissioners shall finally order the work contemplated to be begun, and it shall be the duty of said commissioners to certify under the seal of the corporation to the tax collector the amount of benefits so assessed, who shall forthwith enter the same on his books against the property so assessed, and the said tax collector of said town shall collect such benefits as other town taxes are collected; provided that no property shall be sold for the payment of benefits until after the expiration of six months from the date of the passage of the ordinance by said commissioners.

1916, ch. 680, sec. 114.

126. The judges of election shall make returns of election under the hands and seals of a majority of them, or under the hand and seal of any of them, to be returned by themselves to the clerk of the Circuit Court for Harford County, in like manner as now provided by law in general elections throughout the State; and said judges of election shall have access to the tax books of the said town for the purpose of determining the qualifications of any voter whose right to vote is disputed, and it shall be the duty of said clerk, as soon as may be after the returns are made, to inform the commissioners so elected, and administer to them, separately, the following oath or affirmation: "I, make oath (or affirmation) on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of Commissioner of Bel Air, to the best of my ability, so help me God"; which shall be within the test book for other officers in the custody of the said clerk, and signed by said commissioners, which said oaths and signing shall be deemed their qualifications.