

water works, or to the contractor or contractors for such construction as shall be due from time to time or earned by the contractor in the prosecution of said works, and also from time to time to pass orders for the payment for property purchased or condemned and for material furnished in pursuance of this Act; and may in their discretion employ a competent hydrographical engineer to superintend the construction of said works.

1914, ch. 836, sec. 81R.

**172.** The Commissioners of Ellicott City are hereby empowered to construct and erect a water works for supplying said City with water, and to contract for the purchase in fee simple or lease for a term of years, renewable at their pleasure, any land, real estate, springs, brooks, water courses, streams, wells, etc., and to use and occupy forever, or for a term of years, any land, real estate, springs, brooks, water courses, streams or wells which may be deemed necessary for the purpose of supplying and furnishing said city with water; and they are hereby provided and invested with all the rights and powers necessary for the purpose of inducting water into said City. If, for any cause, the Commissioners of Ellicott City shall be unable to agree with any owner or owners of any real estate, land, wells, springs, brooks, streams or water courses or any other material which partakes of real estate, or for any right-of-way which they may find necessary for conducting said water into and in said City, or if any owner is unable, from some disability or incapacity, to contract with said Commissioners of Ellicott City, or absent out of the County or unknown, the said Commissioners of Ellicott City are hereby clothed with the power of condemnation under the right of eminent domain as provided for in the public general laws of this State as fully as if said public general laws had been herein incorporated, and their manner of procedure for the purposes of this Act shall in all particulars be the same as is provided by the said public general laws of Maryland. The said Commissioners of Ellicott City shall have the power of fixing a schedule of rates for furnishing water to private residences and to provide for the collection of said water rents as other taxes are collected, and the income thereof shall be applied, first, for the maintenance of said water works, and afterwards for the payment of interest accrued on said bonds, and then to the sinking fund to meet the bonds as they severally fall due.

1914, ch. 836, sec. 81S.

**173.** The title to said water works and all of the lands, estates, water courses, conduits, pipes, machinery and other parts thereof shall, when completed and acquired, invest in the Commissioners of Ellicott City; and any person, who shall knowingly and wilfully pollute any spring, stream, brook, water course, reservoir or stand pipe in connection with the water works so to be constructed, by throwing any impure or deleterious substance or thing into the same, or by swimming, bathing or washing themselves, or by washing clothes or any other thing therein, or by committing any nuisance in or near the sources of supply or the reservoir