

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 16, secs. 210-211. 1912, ch. 790, sec. 515.

833. The council shall have power to open and keep open streets, lanes and alleys, with the consent of the owners of the land through which the same may pass, or upon paying damages therefor, to be assessed by three disinterested persons to be appointed by the council, who shall, in making such assessment, take into consideration as well the benefits that may accrue to the owners of said property as the damages that may occur by reason of said opening to said owners, which said persons shall report their proceedings to the council, whose proceedings shall then be similar to those of county commissioners of this State in such cases, with right of appeal to the Circuit Court for the county. Whenever the opening, grading, piking or paving of any street, or part of any street, shall be done, the council shall, after due notice thereof given by them, award the work to be done to the lowest responsible bidder therefor.

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834. The parts of the several county roads within the limits of said town are hereby made and declared to be public streets or avenues of said town, and shall be from time to time improved and repaired as in the discretion of the council the public interest may require and the resources of the town will justify.

WATER AND SEWERS.*

1896, ch. 179, sec. 2. 1912, ch. 790, sec. 517.

835. The Mayor and council of Rockville is hereby constituted the Water Board for Rockville, and as such water board they are authorized and empowered to construct and erect water works for the said town, and to contract for purchase in fee simple or lease for a term of years, renewable at their pleasure, any land, real estate, spring, brook and water course, and to use and occupy forever or for a term of years any land, real estate, spring, brook, or water course which they may deem expedient and necessary for the purpose of furnishing said town with water; and they are hereby vested with all the rights and powers necessary for the introduction of water into said town. If from any cause the said water board of Rockville shall be unable to agree with any owner of real or leasehold estate, spring, brook, water or water course or any other material which partakes of or is part of realty, or for any right of way which they find necessary for the conduits of said water in its entry into the said town, or if such owner is under any disability or incapacity to contract, or absent, or unknown, the said water board of Rockville is hereby clothed with the power of condemnation under the right of eminent domain, as provided in Section 203 of Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, as fully as if said section had been herein incorporated; and their manner and procedure in condemnation for the purposes of this act shall

*Ch. 74, 1916, authorized \$10,000 of bonds for completing water and sewer systems, and ch. 187, 1924, \$10,000 for extending said systems.