

mined by them in accordance with the previous section, and where work is done under contract the Mayor and Town Council shall invite proposals for said work by advertisement for two weeks in some newspaper having general circulation in Brentwood, at such reasonable cost for said advertising, to be paid out of the fund provided by this Act, as the Mayor and Town Council shall determine, and the said Mayor and Town Council shall, in all cases, award the contract for such work to the lowest responsible bidder therefor, reserving at all times the right to reject any and all bids received. All contractors for such street improvements shall give bond in such sum as the Mayor and Town Council shall require, with sufficient surety or sureties, to be approved by the Mayor and Town Council, for the faithful performance of their contract. The Mayor and Town Council shall employ a competent engineer at such compensation as may be determined by them in carrying out the objects of this Act.*

1922, ch. 153, sec. 19.

134. The Mayor and Council shall have full power to control and protect public grounds owned by the town of Brentwood, whether within the corporate limits or outside of said town.

1922, ch. 153, sec. 20.

135. No ordinance passed by the Mayor and Town Council shall go into effect until after the expiration of thirty days after its passage, unless otherwise provided by the laws of this State. If within thirty days from the date of its passage a petition protesting against it signed by one-half as many voters as voted at the last general election shall be filed with the Town Clerk, such ordinance shall be suspended, and the Mayor and Town Council shall reconsider it, and if it be not repealed the Mayor and Town Council shall submit it to a vote of the duly qualified voters of said town at the next election, provided, however, that if the next election shall occur more than ninety days thereafter, the Mayor and Town Council shall call a special election for the purpose of deciding whether such proposed ordinance shall or shall not become a law, and the same shall become operative or repealed by a majority of the votes cast at this election.

1929, ch. 135, sec. 1.

136. The Mayor and Town Council of Brentwood, Maryland, a municipal corporation, is hereby authorized and empowered to levy and collect annually a special assessment of not to exceed ten cents on a hundred dollars, according to the assessed valuation appearing on the books of the said town, on all real and personal property situated in the town of Brentwood, in Prince George's County, Maryland, the money derived from said special assessment to be used exclusively for the maintenance, equipment and operation of the Brentwood Volunteer Fire Department.

*Ch. 167, 1927, was adopted by the voters of the town.