

town; said rates to be reasonable in amount and not lower than such as would suggest themselves to a prudent business man having reference to the profitable operation of the plant, and said Board of Street Commissioners are hereby authorized from time to time to make such reasonable rules and regulations as they may deem proper in regard to the furnishing, supplying or discontinuing any electric light service to the consumers thereof, or the use thereof by such consumers, including all connections made with the buildings of consumers, and no service of electric light shall continue to be furnished to any consumer if such consumer shall be in arrears for thirty days on any account for light furnished by the said Board of Street Commissioners; and the said Board of Street Commissioners shall have power and authority to purchase all material, lamps and supplies necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, and supply the same to consumers subject to the provisions of this section of this Act.

1900, ch. 75, sec. 6.

389. All sums of money collected from consumers as provided in the preceding section of this Act shall be immediately paid over to the clerk, who shall receipt for the same and enter it to the credit of a separate account to be known as the lighting fund, and said clerk shall forthwith pay over the moneys when received into the hands of the tax collector, and the sum of money so received shall constitute part of a separate fund to be kept by the tax collector, and to be known as the lighting fund, and to be applied to the payment of the costs and expenses incident to carrying out the provisions of this Act, and to and for no other use and purpose. Said fund to be placed and drawn out by said Board of Street Commissioners as directed by Section 322 of this Article, and the said Board of Street Commissioners shall have power, in the event that they shall impose on the clerk by virtue of the provisions of this Act any duties additional to those now performed by him, to allow out of the funds at their disposal to said clerk as compensation therefor an annual sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars to be paid to said clerk in addition to the salary now received by him.

1900, ch. 75, sec. 7.

390. The said Board of Street Commissioners shall also have control of the lighting of the streets, lanes, alleys, squares, highways and public places of the city of Hagerstown, and are empowered and authorized to operate and maintain the plant provided by this Act, and to provide fuel and material, employ engineers, linemen, collectors, agents and other necessary labor, and to make all needful provisions for carrying out the purposes of this Act, and to make such repairs, changes or alterations as from time to time they may deem proper and necessary; provided, that the wages or compensation given to any employes shall not be greater than that given to an employe performing similar services in private enterprises of a similar nature, and that such employe when appointed shall only be subject to removal for cause other than political or religious affiliation or belief.