

to effectuate such object may contract with or grant unto any other corporate body, public or private, or to any individual or partnership the right of franchise within the limits of said town for the purpose of operating water works, electric light or gas plants, the granting of such franchise to be regulated by the ordinances of the said burgess and commissioners; and in order to carry out and effectuate the construction of such plants, the said burgess and commissioners shall have the power and authority to grant the right to lay water mains through the streets, alleys or highways, erect fire plugs, erect electric light poles, and generally do all things that may be necessary to provide water, gas or electric light plants for said town; and authority is hereby given the said burgess and commissioners to condemn private properties if the same should be necessary for the operation of the aforesaid franchise; said condemnation proceedings to be in accordance with the general laws of the State of Maryland as in such cases are applicable thereto; the said burgess and commissioners shall have the power and authority to contract for the furnishing or supplying of water, gas or electric light in sufficient quantities for the need of the town and the inhabitants thereof with any body corporate, public or private, or with any individual or individuals, or with any partnerships; they shall have full power to pass such ordinances as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this section.

1906, ch. 315, sec. 241L.

**508.** The burgess and commissioners are authorized and empowered to purchase, construct, operate and maintain an electric light plant, gas plant or water works for the benefit of said town whenever the burgess and commissioners of said town deem it expedient, and levy taxes for the payment of said plants.

1906, ch. 315, sec. 241M.

**509.** The burgess and commissioners shall from time to time make such by-laws and ordinances as they may deem expedient for the comfort, health and convenience of said town, and the preservation of order and suppression of vice and immorality.

1906, ch. 315, sec. 241N.

**510.** The burgess and commissioners shall not purchase or acquire any real estate unless the said burgess and commissioners shall first provide by ordinance for said purchase and the mode and manner of payment therefor, and all ordinances for the purchase of real estate shall provide for submitting the question of said purchase to the qualified voters of said town at some regular election for the election of burgess and commissioners of said town; and before any such ordinance shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the town at least four weeks' public notice shall be given by handbills posted in at least fifteen conspicuous places in the town of an intention to submit said ordinance to the qualified voters of the town; said notice shall set forth the ordinance in full, and mode and manner of payment proposed, and no ordinance for the purchase of real estate