

persons interested in the property over and through the said street, lane, alley is to be opened, closed, widened, extended or improved, and also to estimate the benefits that may accrue therefrom to any property affected thereby, and that they shall, within ten days after such valuation or assessment, return the same in writing under their hands and seals, with a certificate of their qualifications, before a justice of the peace as hereinbefore provided, to the Commissioners of said town, which said valuation and assessment shall be ratified or rejected by said Commissioners within twenty days after return of same, as in their judgment may seem proper; and before actually opening, widening or altering any street, lane or alley, the said Commissioners shall pay or tender to the person, his agent, guardian or representative, the amount of damages so awarded; and if any person shall feel aggrieved by the determination of the said Commissioners in ratifying or rejecting said return, either as to damages or benefits, or in any manner relating to the same, he, she or they may appeal within thirty days from said ratification or rejection to the Circuit Court for Wicomico county, and said court or a jury may increase or decrease the amount of damage or benefits so awarded and award costs in its discretion, and said judgment shall be final; and it shall be the duty of the said Commissioners to cause the papers connected therewith to be delivered to the clerk of the said county, on petition in writing of any party feeling aggrieved; and the persons appointed to assess the damages as aforesaid shall receive such compensation as the Commissioners of said town shall determine.

1908, ch. 337, sec. 16 (p. 1096).

192. The Commissioners of said town may annually levy a tax for the expenses of the corporation upon the taxable property within the limits of the town, real and personal, and the same shall be collected by a collector appointed by the Commissioners for the purpose, whose compensation shall be fixed by the Commissioners, and who shall give bond in such amount as they shall prescribe, and the said taxes shall be due and bear interest one month after levying of same. And the said collector in collecting the said taxes shall have all the powers possessed by the collector of taxes for Wicomico county, or the Commissioners of Powellsville may collect them by suit in the name of "Commissioners of Powellsville" by suit before any justice of the peace of Dennis District in Wicomico county and execution and sale as small debts are collected before justices of the peace; but said tax shall not exceed twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars for any one year, and the basis of taxation shall be the assessment as for county purposes.

1908, ch. 337, sec. 17 (p. 1096).

193. The said Commissioners may pass all ordinances not contrary to the laws of this State necessary to give effect and operation to the power vested in them, and in absence of ordinances the law of the county shall be the law of the town.