

and shall pay the same. All benefits assessed by virtue of the above provisions shall be liens on the respective lots or parcels of ground on which they are assessed for the time of the final ratification of the aforesaid return, and shall be collected as taxes are collected, or may be collected by action at law. On appeal the court or jury may alter the award so returned, whether damages or benefits, and award costs in its discretion.

1929, ch. 198.

310. The Mayor and Council of Snow Hill are hereby authorized and empowered to require and enforce the grading, re-grading, improvement, maintenance and repairs of the public streets, gutters, sidewalks, alleys and ways of the town by the placing of pavements, curbing, shells, dirt, sidewalks or other improvements of such material and kind as in the discretion of the Mayor and Council may seem proper, at the expense of the owners of the abutting property, and in case of a failure of such owner or owners of such property to make such improvements or repairs in the manner and of such materials as directed by the Mayor and Council within twenty days after written notice thereof by personal service on such owner or owners, or by mailing such notice to the last known postoffice address of such owner or owners, then the said Mayor and Council have the power and authority to proceed to make such improvement or repairs and assess the costs thereof to the owner or owners of the abutting property in proportion to the frontage of such property, such assessment to be collected as municipal taxes are collected by law in said city; and the said Mayor and Council are hereby given full power and authority to appoint, employ and compensate all officers, agents, servants or employees that may, in the exercise of the discretion of said Mayor and Council seem necessary or advisable to carry into effect the provisions of this and the preceding or any other section of the said Charter of Snow Hill.

1894, ch. 455. 1920 Code, sec. 406.

311. For the purposes of carrying out, the foregoing powers, and for the preservation of the health, cleanliness, peace and good order of the community, and for the protection of the lives and property of the citizens from fire or disease, and to suppress or cause to be suppressed, abated or discontinued, any and all nuisances within the limits of said town, they may pass any and all ordinances and by-laws from time to time necessary; and to enforce and insure the observance of the said ordinances, in addition to an action in debt, or such other civil remedies as may exist in such cases by law for the recovery for fees, fines and penalties thereto affixed, they may affix thereto reasonable fines; and in default of payment of any fine so imposed, they may provide for the imprisonment of the offender for a period not exceeding thirty days, in the county jail, or until such fines are paid, and instead of the foregoing penalties it shall be lawful, in the case of vagrancy, to sentence such person to hard labor on the public streets not exceeding ten days.