

earth, timber, stone or other material which they may need or require in the building, extending or improving said water-works, and to make any such purchase for such price as may be agreed upon, and the title to any such land, real or leasehold estate, spring, brook, water-works, water or water-course, earth, timber, stone or other material shall vest in the Mayor and Councilmen of said town.

1890, ch. 130, sec. 9.

**258.** The said Water Board are hereby authorized to contract with any person or persons for the furnishing of any machinery, water-pipe or other material necessary to be used in building, extending or improving the said water-works in said town, and they are also authorized to make all necessary and proper contracts with any person or persons for furnishing labor for said purposes, and may in their discretion let out the whole of the said work to such contractor or contractors as they deem best, or may hire and employ workmen by the day and purchase material in such greater or lesser quantities as they may deem most conducive to the interest of the town, and they are authorized to employ one or more competent engineers, superintendents and foremen to lay out and supervise said work.

1890, ch. 130, sec. 10.

**259.** If the said Water Board cannot agree with the owner or owners of any real or leasehold estate, spring, brook, water or water-course, earth, timber, stone or other material, or with the owner or owners of any real or leasehold estate or land through which they may find it necessary to have a right of entry or passage for the purpose of conveying water into said town; or if the owner of such real or leasehold estate, spring, brook, water or water-course, earth, timber, stone or other material is under any disability or incapacity to contract, or absent from the county, or unknown, it shall be lawful for said water board to apply to any justice of the peace of Allegany County, who shall thereupon issue his summons under his hand and seal, directed to the sheriff of said county, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty inhabitants of said county, not interested in the property to be valued, to meet on or near the land or other property to be valued, on a day named in said summons, not less than fifteen nor more than thirty days after the issuing of the same, for the purpose of condemning such property.

1890, ch. 130, sec. 11.

**260.** If at the time named in said summons any of said jurors summoned do not attend, the sheriff shall immediately summon as many jurors as may be necessary with the jurors in attendance to make up the full number of twenty jurors, and from them each party, or his agent, or if either be not present in person or by agent, the sheriff, for him, may strike off four jurors, and the remaining twelve jurors shall act as a jury of inquest of damages; and the sheriff shall, before the jury shall proceed to