

expense thereof, in whole or in part, upon the respective owners of the property fronting thereon; for a license or tax on public exhibitions or amusements of all kinds, billiard, pool or bagatelle tables and ten-pin alleys, and for the collection of the same; for a tax on persons for each dog kept by them, and to cause any dog to be killed; for the promotion of the morality, health, convenience and safety of the inhabitants of said town; and for the opening, widening, extension, repairing, improvement and closing up of streets, lanes and alleys of said town; and all damages done and all benefits received by the opening, closing, extension, widening or improving said streets, lanes or alleys, shall be determined and assessed by three disinterested persons, residents of said town, to be appointed by said commissioners, who shall, within a reasonable time after notification of their appointment, take an oath before a justice of the peace for Caroline county that they will faithfully, fairly, and without partiality or prejudice, value and assess in money the loss and damage to be suffered and incurred, as well as benefits to be received by any person interested in the property over, through and near the said street, lane or alley to be opened, closed, extended, widened or improved; and they shall return the same in writing, under their hands and seals, with a certificate of their qualification, before a justice of the peace as hereinbefore provided, to the said commissioners, which said valuation and assessment shall be ratified or rejected by the said commissioners, as in their judgment may seem proper; and if any person shall feel aggrieved by the determination of the said commissioners, in ratifying or rejecting said award or return, or in the amount of compensation awarded, benefits assessed, or in any matter relating to the same, he may appeal within sixty days after said ratification to the circuit court for Caroline county, and either party may be entitled to a trial by jury, and the judgment of said court shall be final among the parties to such appeal; provided, that the person taking such appeal shall within ten days apply to said commissioners for the same in writing, and within twenty days thereof cause to be delivered to the clerk of the circuit court aforesaid, a copy of the said award filed with said commissioners, together with a copy of the order of said commissioners ratifying or rejecting the same, and all other papers relating thereto; and the said corporation shall be liable for