

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 the loss and damage to be suffered and incurred by any person interested in the property, over and through which the said street, lane or alley is to be opened, closed, extended, widened or improved; and 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 qualification before a justice of the peace, as hereinbefore provided, to the commissioners of said village, 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, or in any matter relating to the same, he may appeal, within sixty days after said ratification or rejection, to the circuit court for Caroline county, and either party may be entitled to trial by jury; and the judgment of said court shall be final among the parties; provided, that the person taking such appeal shall, within twenty days thereof, cause to be delivered to the clerk of the said circuit court, the 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.

1870, ch. 144.

**168.** The said commissioners may allow their clerk, treasurer, assessor and bailiff, and other employees, such reasonable compensation as they may deem proper, and pay the same from the fund hereinbefore provided to be raised by a direct tax on the assessable property in said village.

#### HILLSBOROUGH.

1874, ch. 505.

**169.** The citizens of the town of Hillsborough, in Caroline county, are constituted and made a body corporate, by the name of the president and commissioners of the town of Hillsborough, and as such shall have succession, and by their corporate name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, grant, receive and