

sage of this act to expend upon the improvement of the territory added by this act, all the taxes collected out of the property in new territory hereby annexed to the said town. To expend taxes.

SEC. 96. The commissioners of Crisfield shall have full power to provide for laying out, opening, extending, widening, straightening or closing up, in whole or in part, any street, square, lane or alley within the bounds of said town, which in their opinion the public welfare may require; to provide for ascertaining whether any and what amount in value of damage will be caused thereby, and what amount of benefit will thereby accrue to the owner or possessor of any ground or improvements within or adjacent to said town, for which said owner, or possessor ought to be compensated or ought to pay a compensation; and to provide for assessing and levying either generally on the whole assessable property of said town, or specially on the property of the persons benefitted, the whole or any part of the amount of damage and expenses which they shall ascertain will be incurred in locating, opening, extending, widening, straightening or closing up the whole or any part of any street, square, lane or alley in said town; to provide for granting appeals to the Circuit Court for Somerset County, from the decision of any commissioners of streets, or other persons appointed by the commissioners of Crisfield, to ascertain the damage which will be caused, or the benefit which will accrue to the owner or possessor of grounds or improvements by locating, opening, extending, widening, straightening or closing up in whole or in part any street, lane, square or alley within said town; and for securing to every such owner or possessor the right, on application within a reasonable time, to have decided by a jury trial, whether any damage has been caused or any benefit has accrued to them, and to what amount; and to provide for collecting and paying over the amount of compensation to each entitled; and to enact and pass all ordinances from time to time which shall be deemed necessary and proper, to exercise the powers and effect the objects above specified. And the said commissioners of Crisfield shall have power from time to time, and as often as they shall see fit, to appoint three suitable and proper persons as commissioners of streets, to perform the duties devolving upon them under the provisions of this section, or of any ordinance passed in pursuance thereof; but before said commissioners of streets shall proceed to the performance of any duties assigned to them by the commissioners of Crisfield, they shall give notice in a newspaper published in said town, at

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