

such damage or expense) upon the assessable property of persons benefited thereby; and, in the event that the same shall be so assessed upon the property of said persons (the amounts so assessed shall be collected by the said Treasurer under the authority conferred upon him in Section one hundred and seventy-nine, and the said Board shall have power to pass all necessary ordinances to that end); the said President and Commissioners shall have the power to determine when pavements or sidewalks shall be re-laid, re-built or re-constructed, and shall, also, have the power to determine when it shall be necessary to re-lay, re-build or re-construct sidewalks or pavements in order that the pavements or sidewalks in the town shall be of a uniform construction; that one-half of the cost of re-laying, re-building or re-constructing said pavements or sidewalks, or any other expense in connection therewith, shall be a lien upon the abutting land, as in the nature of a judgment at law, taking precedence over any other lien against the said land, whether the same be created by mortgage or otherwise, and shall be collectible by either execution or by a proceeding in equity, as now provided at law or in equity for the collection of liens against real estate. Nothing herein contained shall operate to prevent the President and Commissioners from recovering for pavements or sidewalks heretofore constructed under the authority contained in Chapter 623 of the Acts of 1890, but all rights to recover against land owners for pavements heretofore re-laid, re-built or re-constructed is hereby saved.

188A. That all water rents, or sums due to the Town of Elkton, for the use of water, past due and in default, and all sums due and in default for sewer and water connections, shall be a lien against the real estate furnished by the President and Commissioners with water and shall take precedence over any other lien on said real estate, whether the same shall have been created by a mortgage or otherwise, provided, that no lien against any real estate shall be created against the same for water furnished the premises for the use of a tenant who is engaged in manufacturing, but shall only be a lien on the real estate for water furnished for domestic purposes; and the said liens shall be collectible by either execution or by a proceeding in equity, as now provided at law or in equity for the collection of liens against real estate.

188B. That the President and Commissioners shall have the authority to zone the Town of Elkton, divid-