

fication 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 damages to be suffered and incurred, as well as benefits to be received by any person or persons interested in the property, over, through and near which the said street, lane or alley is to be opened, closed, extended 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 of said ratification, to the Circuit Court for Caroline County, and either party may be entitled to a trial by jury; and the judgment of the 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 and tender the damages thus assessed and determined to the persons entitled, or if rejected, to hold the same to his credit or for his use; and the said commissioners shall have full power to assess and levy, either generally on the whole assessable property of said town, or especially on the property of persons so assessed to be benefited thereby, the whole or any part of the amount of damages and expenses that they shall ascertain will be incurred in locating, opening, extending, straightening or closing up the whole or any part of any street, lane or alley, in said town, and to collect the same in the manner hereinbefore provided for the collection of the general tax levy; provided, however, that, in opening or extending avenues, streets and alleys, they shall be made to conform in width and bearings and in all other respects with those of the plat of the town of Ridgely, now upon record in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for Caroline County.

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streets, etc.