

May pass  
or ordinances.

of said town, to regulate the police and provide for the payment of the same, to impose and appropriate taxes, fines, penalties and forfeitures for the breach of their ordinances, and for the purpose of providing for the extinguishment of fires, and to protect the property in said town, and for the lighting of the streets thereof, to contract with corporations, individuals or firms, for a period longer than one year; provided, that no such contract shall be made to bind the corporations for a longer period than fifteen years; to establish new avenues, streets, alleys and sidewalks; to open, widen, narrow, repair, pave, pike, straighten, extend, stop up or discontinue avenues, streets, alleys and sidewalks now or hereafter to be laid out or used, and such as may hereafter be lawfully established; to levy and collect taxes for establishing, opening, narrowing, closing, paving, piking, straightening, repairing and keeping in order said avenues, streets, alleys and sidewalks, and the roads leading from and to said town; provided, that when any avenue, street, alley or sidewalk shall be opened, widened, straightened or closed, the full value of all property taken and used for such avenue, street, alley or sidewalk or damages to be sustained in closing the same, in whole or in part, shall be assessed by the commissioners, and the said full value so assessed shall be paid or offered to be paid to the proprietors of said property before the said avenue, street, alley or sidewalk is opened, widened, straightened or closed, and any proprietor who may feel aggrieved by such action of the commissioners, shall be entitled to an appeal at any time within thirty days of such offer of payment, to the Circuit Court for said county, and such appeal shall be heard and determined as appeals from justices of the peace are now heard; and the commissioners, in assessing the damages to said land taken, shall take into consideration the benefits and advantages derived by the proprietors thereby.

Qualifications  
of voters.

30. At all elections for Town Commissioners, the voting shall be by ballot, and all male residents residing within the corporate limits, above the age of twenty-one years, and assessed with one hundred dollars' worth of real or personal property on the tax book of said town shall be entitled to vote. The judges of election shall make returns of election under the hands and seals of a majority of them, or under the hand and seal of any of them, to be returned by themselves to the clerk of the Circuit Court for Harford County, in like manner as now provided by law in general elections throughout the State; and said judges of election shall have access to