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sioners as in their judgment may seem proper; and if any Appeal may 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 after said ratification or rejection, 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 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 determine to the persons entitled, or if rejected, to hold the same to his credit and 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, widening, straightening or closing up the whole or 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.

charged.

SEC. 27. And be it enacted, That the expenses and costs of now costs paving, repairing or otherwise improving the sidewalks in said may be town, incurred by the said services. nances, may be charged and recovered by them in the name of the corporation from the owner of the property fronting thereon, in proportion to the amount expended in the immediate front of said property, by suit or action at law against the owner thereof, as other debts are collected, and the expense of such paving shall be a lien upon the property chargeable therewith.

Who may be deemed owner.

SEC. 28. And be it enacted, That a tenant for more than five years for life, and a mortgage in possession, as well as the holder in fee, shall be deemed and taken as owner for the purposes of the two preceding sections.

Tax to be levied.

SEC. 29. And be it enacted. That the said commissioners shall have the power to levy, with the consent of the majority of said taxpayers, writing in an amount more than thirty cents on the one hundred dollars, as the necessity may arise.