

vided, however, that said special tax shall not exceed one dollar per month on any one house, to be paid by the owner or occupant thereof as aforesaid.

29. The council shall keep and annually publish a tabular statement of the receipts and expenditures of the funds of the corporation, and such other matters connected with the government and regulation of town affairs as they may deem necessary and proper. Financial statement.

30. The council shall have power to lay water pipes or construct sewers, and they shall have full power to provide for laying out, opening, widening, straightening or closing up, in whole or in part, any street, lane or alley within the limits of the town, which, in their opinion, the public welfare or convenience may require; to provide for ascertaining whether any and what amount in value of damage will be caused thereby, and what amount of benefit, if any, will accrue thereby to the owner or possessor of any ground or improvements within or adjacent to the town, for which such owner or possessor shall be compensated or should pay a compensation; and to provide for assessing and levying, either generally upon the whole assessable property of the town, or specially on the property of persons benefited, the whole or any part of the amount of damages 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, lane or alley in the town, and for the collection thereof; to provide for granting appeals to the Circuit Court for Montgomery or Prince George's counties, as the case may be, from the decisions of any commissioners, whom they are empowered to appoint by ordinance to ascertain the damages which will be caused or the benefits which will accrue to the owners or possessors of ground or improvements, by locating, opening, extending, widening, straightening or closing, in whole or in part, any street, lane or alley within the town, and for securing to every such owner or possessor the right, on application within a reasonable time, to have decided by jury trial whether any damage has been caused or any benefit has accrued to him, and to what amount; to provide for paying over the amount of compensation adjudged to each person entitled, or investing it, in the discretion of the corporation, in some stock or otherwise, bearing an interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum, for the use of any such person who, because of their infancy, absence from the town or any other cause, may be prevented Opening and closing streets.
Damages and benefits.
Right of appeal.