

voting at said election shall cast ballots "for the debt," the town may issue said bonds and construct said improvements.

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SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if two-thirds of the qualified voters voting at said special election shall vote in favor of creating said debt, the Council of said town is authorized and empowered to construct, maintain and operate water works, a sewerage system and an electric lighting plant for said town, and to contract for, purchase in fee simple or lease for a term of years, any real estate, right of way, spring, brook or water course, or any personal property which they may deem expedient for the purposes aforesaid. And said Council is hereby vested with all the rights and powers necessary for the construction, maintenance and operation of said improvements in said town. If from any cause said Council shall be unable to agree with any owner of real estate, spring, brook, water course or right of way, or of any interest or claim therein, or if said owner be under any disability or incapacity to contract, or absent from the State, or unknown, the said Council is hereby granted the powers of condemnation under the right of eminent domain, as provided in section 167, Article 23, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, as fully as if said section had been herein incorporated; and the manner and procedure in condemnation for the purposes of this Act shall be in all particulars the same as is provided by section 167; provided, that if it shall become necessary to condemn any property lying within the limits of said town, and partly in Montgomery and partly in Prince George's county, the proceedings in relation thereto shall be had in the former county.

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SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That said Council is hereby authorized and empowered to do all acts necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of this Act; to contract for the building and construction of all or of any portion of said improvements, either in one contract or in several, either with or without prior advertisement for bids, and with power to reject any or all bids which may be received therefor. And said Council shall have full control of said water works, sewerage system and electric lighting plant when constructed, and shall have authority to employ such superintendents, workmen or other employees as may be necessary to carry on the same, and to purchase all supplies necessary for the successful operation thereof; to establish and maintain rules and regulations for furnishing said water and electric lighting to the residents