

estate, spring, brook, water and water courses, to dig, bore and sink wells, to erect any and all reservoirs, storage dams and standpipes for the storage of water, as may be necessary and expedient; to lay all pipes and conduits, erect fire plugs, to purchase all necessary machinery, supplies and material necessary to be used in building, constructing, operating or maintaining said waterworks or extending the same, to make and construct sewers, to purchase all material and supplies necessary, to employ all necessary labor, or they may, in their discretion, let out the whole or any part of said work to contractors as they may deem to the best interest of said town, and they are authorized to employ engineers, superintendents and foremen to lay out and supervise said work.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That if the said Burgess and Commissioners can not agree with the owner or owners of any real estate or leasehold estate, spring, brook, stream, water or water course, or with the owner or owners of any real or leasehold estate or land through which it may be necessary to have a right of entry or passage for conveying water or constructing a sewer, or if such owner or owners is or are incapable of contracting or is absent from Washington County or unknown, it shall be lawful for the said the Burgess and Commissioners of Hancock, and it is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire the same by condemnation in the manner set forth in Sections 251 and 252 of Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, and any amendments thereto and the provisions thereof to meet conditions as required are hereby made applicable to any and all proceedings of condemnation which may be necessary by said Burgess and Commissioners.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the title to said waterworks and all lands, estate, water courses, water ways, reservoirs, dams, wells, conduits, pipes, fire plugs, machinery, appliances and any and all parts thereof whatsoever, and all property and things belonging or appertaining thereto, shall vest in the Burgess and Commissioners of Hancock, as also any and all sewers that it may lay out and construct.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the said Burgess and Commissioners are authorized to fix rates for the use and consumption of water supplied for any purpose, and may, in their discretion, place meters or other appliances for the purpose of measuring the water used by consumers and make a rate or charge therefor accordingly, and may likewise, in their discretion, impose a reasonable charge for the tapping or use of any sewers that may be made or laid out by said Burgess and Commissioners.