

thereof; and also for the prevention, removal, or abatement of nuisances; to prevent swine, geese, fowls and animals or stock from going at large; apprehend and fine all tramps and vagabonds; for controlling the erection and location of buildings, fences, stock enclosures; and for prohibiting and controlling the use of powder, fire-arms, fire crackers and other explosives; for the protection of public property, sidewalks, shade or ornamental trees from injury and obstruction; providing for the paving of sidewalks, and assessing and taxing the expense thereof, in whole or in part, upon the respective owners of the property fronting thereon; for a license or tax on public exhibitions and amusements of all kinds, billiards, pool or bagatelle tables and tenpin alleys, and for the collection of the same; for a tax on persons for each dog kept by them, and to cause any dog to be killed; for the promotion of the morality, health, convenience and safety of the inhabitants of said town; and for the opening, extending, repairing, improvement and the closing up of streets, lanes, roads and alleys of said town; and all damages done and all benefits received by the opening, closing, extending or improving said streets, lanes, roads or alleys, shall be determined and assessed by three disinterested persons, residents of said town, to be appointed by said commissioners, who shall, within a reasonable time after notification of their appointment, take an oath before a justice of the peace for Caroline County, that they will faithfully, fairly and without partiality or prejudice, value and assess, in money, the loss and damages to be suffered and incurred, as well as benefits to be received by any person or persons interested in the property over, through and near which the said street, lane, road or alley is to be opened, closed, extended or improved, and they shall return the same, in writing, under their hands and seals, with a certificate of their qualification, before a justice of the peace, as hereinbefore provided, to the said Commissioners, which said valuation and assessment shall be ratified or rejected by the said Commissioners, as, in their judgment, may seem proper; and if any 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 of said ratification, 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 an appeal shall, within ten days, apply to said commis-