

continue avenues, streets, alleys and sidewalks now or hereafter to be laid out or used, and such as may hereafter be lawfully established; to levy and collect taxes for establishing, opening, narrowing, closing, paving, piking, straightening, repairing and keeping in order said avenues, streets, alleys and sidewalks, and the roads leading from and to said town; provided, that when any avenue, street, alley or sidewalk shall be opened, widened, straightened or closed, the full value of all property taken and used for such avenue, street, alley or sidewalk or damages to be sustained in closing the same, in whole or in part, shall be assessed by the commissioners, and the said full value so assessed shall be paid or offered to be paid to the proprietors of said property before the said avenue, street, alley or sidewalk is opened, widened, straightened or closed, and any proprietor who may feel aggrieved by such action of the commissioners, shall be entitled to an appeal at any time within thirty days of such offer of payment, to the Circuit Court for said County, and such appeal shall be heard and determined as appeals from justices of the peace are now heard; and the commissioners, in assessing the damages to said land taken, shall take into consideration the benefits and advantages derived by the proprietors thereby.

87. The said commissioners shall have authority to elect a chairman, secretary, and treasurer, from among their own number; and all ordinances passed by them shall be signed by the chairman and attested by the secretary, and no compensation shall be made to them for any service rendered as such; provided, that they shall have power to fix and provide for the payment of such salary or compensation to their own secretary as they may deem just and reasonable, and to fix the amount of the bonds to be given by the said treasurer and the tax collector hereinafter mentioned, and other officers whom they may, in the exercise of their discretion, require to give bond, and to approve of the same; and provided further, that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the same person from holding the office of secretary, treasurer and collector.

88. All taxes shall be fairly laid, and shall not exceed in any one year seventy-five cents in every one hundred dollars of taxable property in said town, and the taxable basis of said property for the year 1902 shall be the same as that for county and State purposes as shown by the tax books of Harford County, with the addition of such property as may be assessed