

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Mayor and Councilmen of Rock Hall are hereby empowered and directed to build, construct, equip, maintain and operate a water supply system including drilled wells, receiving reservoirs, stand pipes, pumping stations, elevated tanks and towers, mains, connections, and fire hydrants for municipal and commercial purposes and for supplying water to the citizens of Rock Hall and the said Mayor and Councilmen of Rock Hall shall invite by public advertisement at least once a week for three successive weeks in two or more newspapers published in Kent County, Maryland, sealed proposals for the furnishing of the materials and for the doing of the work according to plans and specifications which they shall order to be made thereof reserving unto themselves the right to accept or reject any bid or bids which for good reasons shall be made to them, and to readvertise as herein provided for other bids and to require good and sufficient bond or bonds with security to be approved by them from the party or parties contracting to furnish materials and doing the work in building, constructing and equipping said water supply system including drilled wells, receiving reservoirs, stand pipes, pumping stations, elevated tanks and towers, mains, connections and fire hydrants and all necessary appurtenances thereto, which bonds shall be taken in the name of the Mayor and Councilmen of Rock Hall conditioned for the faithful performance of such contract or contracts as may be entered into.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the Mayor and Councilmen of Rock Hall shall have charge of the said water works and water system when built and constructed and shall operate the same with authority to employ and pay such workmen, laborers and employees as may be necessary to carry on and maintain the same and supply said Town and the inhabitants thereof with water and shall have authority to purchase materials and supplies necessary to operate the same and to make repairs and additions thereto as necessity may require for fire protection and domestic use and to fix, charge and collect water rates or water rents for the use of said water which water rates or water rents shall be a lien upon the properties furnished water and to adopt and provide all necessary rules and regulations therefor.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That as a preliminary and prerequisite to the exercise of the power and authority hereby granted and conferred, the sense of the legal voters of the Town of Rock Hall shall first be taken and had thereto at an election to be held for that purpose in the town of Rock Hall on the first Saturday in May 1927 when the question