

conditions as if same had been sold for taxes; and when, in the opinion of The Commissioners of Trappe, it may be necessary to open new streets or widen existing ones the question shall be submitted to the taxable citizens of said town, and if approved by a majority vote of said citizens the commissioners are authorized to assess the damages and benefits and to execute the work.

Approved April 2, 1929.

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### CHAPTER 113.

AN ACT to add a new paragraph to Section 6 of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Charter," to be numbered 20B and to follow immediately after Paragraph 20A, headed "Pensions," of said Section 6 of Article 4 (said Section 6 being a part of the Charter of Baltimore City), said Paragraph 20B as so enacted to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, in connection with any system of pensions and retirements authorized by said Paragraph 20A, to make provision by ordinance for the payment of benefits to beneficiaries and dependents of its officers, agents, servants and employees, in case of death (whether accidental or otherwise and/or whether occurring in the actual performance of duty or otherwise) of such officers, agents, servants and employees; this Act further to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to make such provision for the payment of death benefits retroactive to January 1st, 1926; and this Act further to ratify, confirm and validate Ordinance No. 553 of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, approved February 1st, 1926, and all acts done and awards heretofore made by the Board of Trustees of the Employees Retirement System of the City of Baltimore under the supposed or assumed authority of said ordinance, to the same extent as if the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore prior to the passage of said ordinance had been expressly empowered by Act of the General Assembly of Maryland to ordain an ordinance in the precise terms of said Ordinance No. 553, approved February 1st, 1926.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new paragraph be, and the same is hereby