

of said notice the Commissioners shall cause to be delivered the papers connected therewith to the clerk of said court, and the same proceedings shall be had on the appeal as in cases of appeal from judgments of justices of the peace; provided, nevertheless, that "The Commissioners of Leonardtown" may decline to open, lay out, extend, widen, grade or straighten any street, alley or highway or improve or construct any public square, waterway or drain or sewer notwithstanding the decision of the court; but, in case of refusal to do so, they shall be liable for all costs incurred, and shall pay the same. On appeal the court or jury may alter the award so returned, whether of damages or benefits, and award costs in its discretion, and benefits assessed by virtue of the above provision shall be liens on the respective lots or parcels of ground on which they are assessed from the time of the final ratification of the return made to "The Commissioners of Leonardtown" and shall be collected as taxes are collected, or may be collected by action at law.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1931.

Approved April 17, 1931.

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## CHAPTER 496.

AN ACT to authorize and empower The Commissioners of St. Michaels, a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland, to extend, enlarge and improve its electric plant, transmission lines and system, and to that end to purchase and operate existing lines now being served by the St. Michaels Utilities Commission within the limits of Talbot County; to issue notes or coupon bonds to an amount not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to pay for such extension, enlargement or improvement, and to levy such additional tax on assessable property of the said town of St. Michaels as may be necessary to pay the interest and principal of said notes and bonds as the same shall fall due.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That The Commissioners of St. Michaels, a municipal, corporation of the State of Maryland, be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to extend, enlarge and improve its electric plant,