

limits, and to straighten, widen or change existing roads, streets or highways, and they shall be authorized to do all things necessary to keep such streets, roads or highways, within such corporate limits in good condition, and free from obstruction, and they may pass ordinances regulating such roads, highways or streets and imposing fines and forfeitures for obstructing the same. The said corporation may make arrangements with the County Commissioners of said county whereby the expense of keeping up said streets or roads may be paid by the county, and the said County Commissioners shall provide for the expense of keeping up the county roads or highways which pass through said town.

32. The said Mayor and Council of Hurlock shall have full power to provide for laying out, opening, extending, widening, straightening or closing up, in whole or in part, any street, lane or alley within the limits of the town which, in their opinion, the public welfare or convenience may require, to provide for ascertaining whether any and what amount in value of damages will be caused thereby, and what amount of benefit will thereby accrue to the owner or possessor of any ground or improvements within or adjacent to the town for which each owner or possessor ought to be compensated or ought to pay as compensation, and to provide for assessing and levying either generally upon the whole assessable property of the town or specially on the property of persons benefited, the whole or any part of the amount of damages and expense which they shall ascertain will be incurred in locating, opening, extending, widening, straightening or closing up the whole or any part of any street, lane or alley in the town, and for the collection thereof; to provide for granting appeals to the Circuit Court for Dorchester County from the decisions of any commissioners whom they are empowered to appoint by ordinance to ascertain the damage which will be caused or the benefits which will accrue to the owners or possessors of grounds or straightening or closing, in whole or in part, any street, lane or alley within the town, and for securing to every such owner or possessor the right, on application within a reasonable time, to have decided by jury trial whether any damage has been caused or any benefit has accrued to him, and to what amount, to provide for collecting and paying over the amount of compensation adjudged to each person or investing it, in the discretion of the corporation in some stock or otherwise bearing an interest not lower than four per cent per annum for the use of any such person who, because of their infancy, absence from the city, or any other cause, may be prevented from receiving it, before any street, lane or alley, in whole or in part, shall be so opened, ex-