

or dispose of real and personal property for the benefit of said town, including the power to lease or rent the same, to incur expenses and debts on behalf of said town, to provide for and pay the expenses of governing said town, including the expense of having a meeting place for said Mayor and Council and a place for keeping the records, books, property and other things of said town, the expense of registering voters, conducting elections, providing records, books, and other things necessary for the proper government of said town, the expense of paying the salary of the Town Treasurer, the expense of hiring persons, including an attorney or attorneys to perform work or services for said town, to enter into contracts on behalf of said town for the foregoing or any other lawful purpose in connection with the government of said town and to fix the amount of compensation to be paid thereunder, and to expend the moneys and funds of said town for any of the foregoing or any other lawful purpose for the benefit of said town, and to do all other acts, and things, subject only to limitation of this Act, for the good government of the Town, and for the benefit of said town. Provided, however, that neither the Town nor the Mayor and Council nor any person shall have power or authority, in any one year, to contract debts or incur any financial liability on behalf of said town in excess of the current annual revenues of said town, except as may be authorized by General, Local or Special Act of the General Assembly of Maryland.

Whenever a petition to improve any street with concrete or other hard surfaced sidewalks, curbs or gutters, is presented to the town, signed by at least 60 per cent of the owners of record of the property abutting on the streets to be improved, the Town shall call a public hearing of all interested property owners, and after such hearing, the Town shall have power to provide for the improvement and construction of concrete or other hard surfaced sidewalks, curbs, and gutters in any block where there is improved property, and to assess against the abutting property and collect from the owners thereof the total cost thereof, including engineering and all overhead and including the costs of radii at corners in case of curbs and gutters and of intersecting sidewalks at corners, the assessment being in proportion to the number of front feet owned, abutting on the portion of the street so improved. That such assessments, when made, shall constitute a tax or lien upon such abutting property with priority over all liens recorded after the passage of this Act, and such amounts as are not paid in advance as provided in the preceding section shall be payable in four equal quarterly installments with interest thereon from the date of assessment at the rate of six percentum per annum, the first installment shall be due 30 days after the date of assessment, and succeeding installments every three months thereafter