

and property depreciation of the water supply system, water plant, sanitary sewerage system, sewage treatment plant, storm water sewers, and any other improvements provided for under the provisions of this article, the Town of Mount Airy shall have the power:

(a) To issue bonds in accordance with the provisions of Section 57 of this charter.

(b) To assess the cost of water, sewer, or storm water mains or any part thereof on the property abutting on the water, sewer, and storm water mains in accordance with Section 91 of this charter.

(c) To charge and collect such service rates, water rents, ready-to-serve charges, or other charges as may be necessary for water supplied and for the removal of sewage. These charges are to be billed and collected by the mayor, and, if water bills are uncollected within thirty days, the water may be turned off. All charges shall be a lien on the property, collectible in the same manner as town taxes.

ARTICLE X

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

POWER

90. The Town of Mount Airy shall have the power to levy and collect taxes in the form of special assessments upon property in a limited and determinable area for special benefits conferred upon such property by the construction or installation of water mains, sewer mains, public ways, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and storm water sewers, and to provide for the payment of all or any part of the above projects out of the proceeds of such special assessment.

PROCEDURE

91. The procedure for special assessments, wherever authorized in this charter, shall be as follows:

(a) The cost of the work being charged for shall be assessed according to the front foot rule of apportionment or some other equitable basis determined by the council.

(b) The amount assessed against any property for any project or improvement shall not exceed the value of the benefits accruing to the property therefrom, nor shall any special assessment be levied which shall cause the total