

for the issuance of bonds or certificates of indebtedness to finance the construction of such Building and providing for a referendum thereon.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 20 of Chapter 142 of the Acts of 1949 be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

20. (a) The Mayor and Town Council is hereby empowered and authorized to construct and reconstruct, surface and re-surface roadbeds, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and street improvements, or any or all, in the Town of Forest Heights, in such cases as it may determine the same to be necessary for the public benefit and for the benefit of the abutting land and of the owners of the said abutting land, provided that before any permanent street, sidewalk and/or curb improvement shall be made under the provisions of this section, the Mayor and Town Council shall obtain from more than fifty per centum of the property owners counted in proportion to the number of lots owned, of record abutting upon said street, sidewalk and/or curb, their written approval of said permanent improvement and/or improvements. Such approval shall be upon a street-by-street basis.

(b) *The Mayor and Town Council are authorized to construct and equip a community building for the purpose of holding meetings of the Mayor and Town Council, for the offices of the Mayor and Town Council, for storing the property and equipment of the Mayor and Town Council, for a public library, and for meetings of the various civic organizations of which the Mayor and Town Council approve.*

To finance the construction of such a community building, the Mayor and Town Council are authorized to issue bonds, or certificates of indebtedness, in total amount not to exceed \$50,000. at an interest rate not to exceed 6%, repayable over a period not to exceed 20 years; provided, however, that no bonds shall be issued under the authority of this section whose par value when added to the total par value of all bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the town outstanding will exceed ten per cent. (10%) of the total assessed value of all taxable property in the town as shown on the town assessment rolls.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall not become effective until it shall first be submitted to the*