

overdue special assessments shall be collected in the same manner as town taxes or by suit at law.

(i) *Collection.* All special assessments shall be billed and collected by the clerk-treasurer.

### Town Property

#### 94. Acquisition, possession, and disposal.

The town may acquire real, personal, or mixed property within the corporate limits of the town for any public purpose by purchase, gift, bequest, devise, lease, condemnation, or otherwise and may sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of any property belonging to the town. All municipal property, funds, and franchises of every kind belonging to or in the possession of the town (by whatever prior name known) at the time this charter becomes effective are vested in the town, subject to the terms and conditions thereof.

#### 95. Condemnation.

The town [shall have the power to] *may* condemn property of any kind, or interest therein or franchise connected therewith, in fee or as an easement, within the corporate limits of the town, for any public purpose. Any activity, project, or improvement authorized by the provisions of this charter or any other State law applicable to the town [shall be deemed to be] *is* a public purpose. The manner of procedure in case of any condemnation proceeding shall be that established in Article 33A of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland (1957 Edition, as amended), title "Eminent Domain."

#### 96. Town buildings.

The town [shall have the power to] *may* acquire, [to] obtain by lease or rent, [to] purchase, construct, operate, and maintain all buildings and structures it deems necessary for the operation of the town government.

#### 97. Protection of town property.

The town [shall have the power to] *may* do whatever may be necessary to protect town property and to keep all town property in good condition.

### General Provisions

#### 98. Oath of office.

(a) Before entering upon the duties of their offices, the mayor, the councilmen, the clerk-treasurer, the members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, and all other persons elected or appointed to any office of profit or trust in the town government shall take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation: "I, ....., do swear (or affirm, as the case may be), that I will support the Constitution of the United States; and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the Constitution and Laws thereof; and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of ....., according to the Constitution and Laws of this State."