

78. (Town Buildings.) The Town shall have the power to 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.

79. (Protection of Town Property.) The Town shall have the power to do whatever may be necessary to protect Town property and to keep all Town property in good condition.

80. (Oath of Office.) (a) Before entering upon the duties of their offices, the Commissioners, shall take 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 Commissioner of Church Hill, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State."

(b) The Commissioners shall each take this oath or affirmation before a Notary Public or other officer authorized to administer oaths in the State of Maryland, who shall certify to the Clerk-Treasurer that such oath has been administered, which certification shall be filed and recorded in the journal of the proceeding of said Commission.

81. (Official Bonds.) Such other officers or employees of the Town as the Commission or this Charter may require shall execute a bond in such amount, with such surety and with such conditions as may be required by the Commission. The premiums on such bonds shall be paid by the Town.

82. (Prior Rights and Obligations.) All right, title, and interest held by the Town or any other person or corporation at the time this Charter is adopted, in and to any lien acquired under any prior Charter of the Town, are hereby preserved for the holder in all respects as if this Charter had not been adopted, together with all rights and remedies in relation thereto. This Charter shall not discharge, impair, or release any contract, obligation, duty, liability, or penalty whatever existing at the time this Charter becomes effective. All suits and actions, both civil and criminal pending, or which may hereafter be instituted for causes of action now existing or offenses already committed against any law or ordinance repealed by this Charter, shall be instituted, proceeded with, and prosecuted to final determination and judgment as if this Charter had not become effective.

83. (Misdemeanors.) Every act or omission which, by ordinance, is made a misdemeanor under the authority of this Charter, unless otherwise provided shall be punishable upon conviction before any trial magistrate or in the Circuit Court for the County within which the offense is committed by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or imprisonment for thirty days in the County Jail, or both, in the discretion of the court or trial magistrate. The party aggrieved shall have the right to appeal as is now provided under the general laws of the State. Where the act or omission is of a continuing nature and is persisted in a conviction for one offense shall not be a bar to a conviction for a continuation of the offense subsequent to the first or any succeeding conviction.