

pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town to the prompt payment, when due, from ad valorem taxes and such other revenues as may be described in the authorizing ordinance or ordinances, of the principal of and interest on such bonds or notes. The maturing principal of and interest on any general obligation bonds may be paid in whole or in part, from the proceeds of such benefit assessments or charges, or any combination thereof, as the Board may impose and collect during the life of said bonds, power and authority so to do being hereby specifically granted where appropriate to the public purpose for which said bonds may be issued, notwithstanding any limitation contained in this Charter or in any other law; but, in any event, the Town shall, if and when necessary, annually levy upon all property subject to taxation within its corporate limits ad valorem taxes sufficient to provide for the payment of the maturing principal of and interest on any such bonds or notes, without limitation as to rate or amount notwithstanding the limitation of any other law, and the issuance and sale of any such bonds or notes shall constitute a covenant to that effect.

Sec. 82-55. (Previous Issues). All bonds, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness issued by the Town previous to the effective date of this Charter and all ordinances passed concerning them are hereby declared to be valid, legal, and binding and of full force and effect as if herein fully set forth.

Sec. 82-56. (Purchasing and Contracts.) All purchases and contracts for the Town government shall be made by the Board. The Board may provide by ordinance for rules and regulations regarding the use of competitive bidding and contracts for all Town purchases and contracts. All expenditures for supplies, materials, equipment, construction of public improvements, or contractual service involving more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) shall be made on written contract. The Board shall advertise for sealed bids in such manner as may be prescribed by ordinance, for all such written contracts. Such written contracts shall be awarded to the bidder who offers the lowest or best bid, quality of goods and work, time of delivery or completion, and responsibility of bidders being considered. All such written contracts shall be approved by the Board before becoming effective. The Board shall have the right to reject all bids and readvertise. The Town at any time in its discretion may employ its own force for the construction or reconstruction of public improvements without advertising for (or readvertising for) or receiving bids. All written contracts may be protected by such bonds, penalties, and conditions as the Town may require.

#### PERSONNEL

Sec. 82-57. (Clerk to the Board). There shall be a clerk to the Board. He shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board and shall serve at the pleasure of the President. He shall attend every meeting of the Board and keep a full and accurate account of the proceedings of the Board. He shall keep such other records and perform such other duties as may be required by this Charter or the Board.

Sec. 82-58. (Town Attorney). The President with the approval of the Board may appoint a Town Attorney. The Town Attorney shall be a member of the bar of the Maryland Court of Appeals. The Town Attorney shall be the legal adviser of the Town and shall perform such duties in this connection as may be required by the Board or the President. His compensation shall be determined by the Board. The Town shall have the power to employ such other legal consultants as it deems necessary from time to time.