

committee of said village, who shall decide the matters properly before them. Any party affected by the final decision of said committee, made after such hearing, shall have the right to appeal therefrom within ten days to the Circuit Court of Montgomery County; and provided, further, that upon the petition of the owners of one-half of the frontage abutting on any street, road or land to be graded, paved, macadamized, or otherwise to be improved under the provisions of this section, requesting the grading, paving, macadamizing, or improving of any such street, road or lane, it shall be the duty of the said committee] THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE IS EMPOWERED TO GRADE, PAVE, MACADAMIZE, OR OTHERWISE IMPROVE ANY EXISTING DEDICATED STREET, ROAD OR LANE, OR ANY COUNTY ROAD, STREET, OR LANE WHICH HAS BEEN OR WHICH MAY BE ACQUIRED AND OPENED FOR PUBLIC USE WHICH IS UNGRADED, UNPAVED, OR UNIMPROVED, AND TO LAY SIDEWALKS AND CURBS THEREON, PROVIDED THAT THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE PETITIONED FOR BY THE OWNERS OF ONE-HALF OF THE FRONTAGE ABUTTING ON THE STREET, ROAD, LANE OR SIDEWALK.

THE VILLAGE COUNCIL, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, AND AFTER DUE PUBLICATION THEREOF, SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ASSESS THE COST OF THE GRADING, PAVING, MACADAMIZING, OR IMPROVING AGAINST ALL PROPERTY ABUTTING ON THE STREET, ROAD, LANE OR SIDEWALK, IN PROPORTION TO THE FRONTAGE OF THE ABUTTING PROPERTY ON THE SAME. ANY TAX ASSESSED SHALL BE PAYABLE TO THE COUNTY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE IN NOT MORE THAN TEN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS, AS NEARLY EQUAL AS MAY BE. THE FIRST INSTALLMENT SHALL BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE THE FIRST DAY OF JULY NEXT SUCCEEDING THE MAKING OF SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENT. EACH INSTALLMENT SHALL BE COLLECTED AS COUNTY TAXES ARE COLLECTED, AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO INTEREST FROM THE FIRST OF THE FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER UNTIL PAID AT THE RATE OF SIX PER CENTUM PER ANNUM. EACH INSTALLMENT OF THE ASSESSMENT SHALL BECOME A LIEN AGAINST THE ABUTTING PROPERTY, AND ANY INSTALLMENT NOT PAID BY THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY FOLLOWING ITS BECOMING DUE, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME PENALTIES AND SHALL BE COLLECTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED FOR THE COLLECTION OF UNPAID COUNTY TAXES.

ALL MONEY RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE SHALL, UPON ORDER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, BE PAID OVER TO THE TREASURER OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL. THE VILLAGE COUNCIL SHALL THEN BECOME CHARGED WITH THE DUTY TO PAVE, GRADE, MACADAMIZE, OR OTHERWISE IMPROVE THE STREETS, ROADS, LANES, AND SIDEWALKS WITHIN THE VILLAGE. BEFORE ANY CONTRACT FOR WORK SHALL BE ENTERED INTO, OR ANY OBLIGATION INCURRED, NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE OWNERS AND OTHERS OF RECORD INTERESTED IN THE ABUTTING PROPERTY AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD GIVEN. THE HEARING SHALL BE BEFORE THE VILLAGE COUNCIL, WHO SHALL DECIDE THE MATTERS PROPERLY BEFORE IT. ANY PARTY