

upon the property within the limits of the town of St. Michaels, in said county, to be disbursed by the Commissioners of the Town of St. Michaels for the repair and maintenance of the road bed of the streets of said town; provided, that no money shall be paid hereunder until and unless the Commissioners of the Town of St. Michaels shall, on or before the thirty-first day of December in each year, file with the County Commissioners of Talbot County an itemized statement, with the vouchers, showing that for the year then just ended an actual expenditure of at least five hundred dollars (\$500) has been made upon the road bed of the streets of the town of St. Michaels.

WATER AND LIGHT.*

1900, ch. 113, sec. 4.

472. The Commissioners of St. Michaels are hereby authorized and empowered to construct and erect water works and electric light plant for said town, and empowered to do all acts necessary and proper for the carrying out the provisions of this Act; and said Commissioners shall have full control over the said water works and electric light plant, with authority to employ such superintendents, workmen or other employees as may be necessary or proper to carry on the same, and to purchase all supplies and materials needed in constructing or conducting the same, and also to provide rules and regulations for supplying said town with water and light, and to fix and establish from time to time a schedule of rates and charges to be made and collected for the use of water and light by private consumers, and the said Commissioners shall, as in case of other taxes, collect such charges, which are hereby made a lien on the real estate upon which said water and lights are furnished, and all moneys derived from water and light rents shall be used first, for the payment of current expenses of said works; second, for the payment of interest when due on the bonds authorized to be issued under this Act; and thirdly, as to any balance, to provide a sinking fund for the payment of said bonds at their maturity; and the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to make suitable provisions for the protection of the property of said town from fire by providing a suitable number of fire-plugs or public hydrants properly adapted to that purpose and conveniently situated for use.

1916, ch. 461, sec. 1.

473. The Commissioners of St. Michaels are hereby authorized and empowered to erect, construct, equip, maintain and operate a plant for manufacturing and supplying electric current for lighting the streets, avenues, lanes, alleys, squares and ways of St. Michaels and for other municipal purposes, and for supplying light, heat and power to the citizens

*Secs. 1-3, ch. 113, 1900, authorized \$15,000 of bonds for water works and light plant. 1922, ch. 164, authorized St. Michaels to issue \$10,000 for extension of water mains.