

the Commissioners of said town, shall appoint from the taxpayers of said town, four persons of proper personal qualification, who, together with the Burgess shall constitute and be a Water Board, and shall have charge of the construction and management and maintenance of said waterworks and water distribution system. They shall appoint from their own number a Treasurer who shall give bond to be approved (both as to amount and sureties) by the said Water Board for the faithful performance of his duties as such Treasurer. The said Treasurer shall receive the proceeds of sale of said bonds or any other money which may be received on account of water works and water distribution system, shall deposit the same in a bank to be designated by said Water Board, and shall disburse the same on orders of said Water Board by check to be designated by himself and the Burgess of said town. The said Water Board is authorized and empowered to contract for, purchase in fee simple or lease for a term of years, renewable at their pleasure, any land, real estate, spring, brook or water course, which they may deem necessary for the purpose of supplying the said town and the citizens thereof with water, and they are hereby vested with all the rights and powers necessary for the introduction of water in said town, including the authority to contract with any water company, persons or corporations, to furnish water sufficient to supply the needs of said town. If from any cause said Water Board shall be unable to agree with any owner of real or leasehold estate, spring, brook, water or water course or any other material which partakes of or is a part of real estate, or for any right of way which they may find necessary for conduits for said water to enter in and distribute through said town, or if such owner is under any disability or incapacity to contract, or absent or unknown, the said Water Board is hereby clothed with power of condemnation under the right of eminent domain, as now provided by the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland as fully as if said provisions had been herein incorporated. The said Water Board shall make rules and regulations for the construction, erection, management and maintenance of said waterworks and water distribution system and shall establish rates for water service, and shall make semi-annual reports of their proceedings and of the condition of said waterworks and water distribution system to the Burgess and Commissioners of Williamsport; they shall have power to enter into contracts for building said waterworks and water distribution system, to contract for material therefor, to employ all necessary labor and clerks, and to fix their compensation, and the four persons appointed to said Water Board shall be appointed for the term of one, two, three and four years, respectively, as to the first appointees, and their successors shall be appointed for the term of four years. Any member of the Water Board shall be eligible for reappointment, and the Burgess of said town for the time being shall always be ex-officio a member of said Water Board.

1924, ch. 19, sec. 3.

862. For the purpose of paying said bonds at maturity and the interest thereon, the Burgess and Commissioners are authorized and required to