

1870, ch. 98.

322. The commissioners shall have power to make all such by-laws, regulations and ordinances as shall not conflict with the constitution and laws of the State of Maryland.

Ibid.

323. They shall have power to establish the limits and width of the streets and alleys of the said village, and remove obstructions therefrom, and may, with the consent of one-half of the owners of the property through which they may pass, open new streets, lanes or alleys.

Ibid.

324. They shall have power to provide for the payment of damages and expenses of opening, widening, laying out and grading the streets, lanes and alleys in said village, by levying and assessing the same generally upon the whole of the assessable property, or specially upon the assessable property of persons benefited thereby.

Ibid.

325. If on the opening or laying out of any new street, lane or alley, the said commissioners cannot agree with the owner of any land or property wanted for the purposes, for the purchase, use or occupation of the same, application may be made to any justice of the peace for the county, who shall thereupon issue his warrant, under his hand and seal, directed to the sheriff of the county, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty inhabitants of the county, who shall be freeholders, and not related to any of the parties, or in anywise interested, to meet on the land or near the property to be valued, on a day to be named in the warrant, not less than ten nor more than twenty days after issuing the warrant.

Ibid

326. Before the jury proceed to act, the sheriff shall administer to each juror an oath that he will justly and impartially value the damages; and if any of the jurors summoned do not attend, the sheriff shall immediately summon as many jurors as shall be necessary, with those in attendance, to furnish a panel of twenty, and from them each party or his agent, or if either be