

highways of the said town the water mains and sewer mains and fire plugs shall be established, constructed or laid; to determine the character, kind, manner and methods of system to be established and constructed; to make all necessary contracts for the installation of said system, either by it or by a contractor or contractors; to pass all necessary orders for the payment of moneys due for the establishment, construction, and thereafter the maintenance of the said system as shall from time to time be due or earned by an employe, contractor, or contractors, in the prosecution of said work or under the employ of said town; also from time to time to pass all necessary orders for the payment for property purchased or condemned, and for material furnished in pursuance of the provisions of this Act; said Mayor and Town Council may, in its discretion, employ a competent engineer to plan and superintend the work of establishing and constructing the said system; may, in its discretion, employ the services of an attorney to advise and prepare contracts for the said work.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That should the Mayor and Town Council of said town, in the exercise of the discretion vested in it by the provisions of this Act, determine to construct and install said system, or any department of the work thereunder, by the letting of a contract therefor, then, and in that event, the said contract shall only be awarded by the said Mayor and Town Council after public advertisement for not less than once a week for three successive weeks in some newspaper published in said Montgomery County. giving notice when and where the plans and specifications may be seen, the terms of the proposals and the hour and place where the bids will be opened, on the day and hour, and at the place, set out in said advertisement, and in the presence of such bidders as may appear, the engineer or engineers for said town, the advisory commission hereinafter provided for, such attorneys for the respective parties as may appear, the Mayor and Town Council and the Clerk and Treasurer for said town, said bids are to be opened by the said Mayor; and within four weeks from said date the said Mayor and Town Council shall reject any bid or bids, or accept any bid or bids, filed as aforesaid, and if any such bid or bids be accepted, the said Mayor and Town Council shall require a surety company bond in the penal sum to be fixed by them, the same to be given by the successful bidder or bidders for the faithful performance of the contract and the payment of all material, material men,