

proceedings of the Council; should the Mayor fail to perform the duties imposed upon him, he shall be subject to indictment in the Circuit Court for Worcester County, and upon conviction, to a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars, to be paid into the treasury of the town.

405A. The Mayor and Council of Snow Hill are hereby authorized and empowered to require and enforce the grading, re-grading, improvement, maintenance and repairs of the public streets, gutters, sidewalks, alleys and ways of the town by the placing of pavements, curbing, shells, dirt, sidewalks or other improvements of such material and kind as in the discretion of the Mayor and Council may seem proper, at the expense of the owners of the abutting property, and in case of a failure of such owner or owners of such property to make such improvements or repairs in the manner and of such materials as directed by the Mayor and Council within twenty days after written notice thereof by personal service on such owner or owners, or by mailing such notice to the last known postoffice address of such owner or owners, then the said Mayor and Council have the power and authority to proceed to make such improvement or repairs and assess the costs thereof to the owner or owners of the abutting property in proportion to the frontage of such property, such assessment to be collected as municipal taxes are collected by law in said city; and the said Mayor and Council are hereby given full power and authority to appoint, employ and compensate all officers, agents, servants or employees that may, in the exercise of the discretion of said Mayor and Council seem necessary or advisable to carry into effect the provisions of this and the preceding or any other section of the said Charter of Snow Hill.

415. The Council shall levy at the first meeting in June annually on the assessible property of said town, a sum sufficient to meet the current expenses of that year including also the maturing obligations on account of water, street improvement or other bonds or indebtedness, and such taxes, when levied, shall be a lien upon the property assessed and shall be collected in the following manner, to wit: On the first day of January next succeeding each levy, taxes shall be deemed to be in arrears and interest shall be charged and collected on all taxes not then paid from the first day of January, the date when said taxes become due and in arrears, and