

they may make application to the Highways Commission in writing, setting forth what portion of said street, avenue or alley they want macadamized, graveled, shelled, paved or curbed, and they may designate in said application the nature and character of the material that they want used for that purpose; and when the application is presented to the Highways Commission, they shall appoint one examiner or three examiners, in the manner hereinafter provided for, whose duty it shall be to have such street, avenue or alley, or portion thereof applied for, macadamized, graveled, shelled, paved or curbed, in accordance with said application and the provisions of this sub-title of this article; and before any examiner or examiners shall proceed to act in the premises, the examiner or examiners shall take an oath or affirmation before some justice of the peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Baltimore county, that he or they will well and truly tax and assess the benefits for macadamizing, graveling, shelling, paving or curbing, fairly and equitably upon the grounds bounding and fronting on such street, avenue or alley, or portion thereof, applied for, and will act in all respects without prejudice or partiality in said matter; after taking such oath or affirmation, the examiner or examiners shall give at least ten days' notice in one or more newspapers published in Baltimore county, and one newspaper of general circulation published in Baltimore city, that said application has been made; and after giving such notice the examiner or examiners shall make an estimate of the probable amount of work to be done and of the probable cost of same, and an estimate of the probable cost and expenses of the proceedings in the matter, including the per diem of the examiner or examiners, and make a statement of the gross amount thereof, and shall cause to be made a plat of said street, avenue or alley, or part thereof, upon which the work is to be done, and of the ground bounding and fronting on the same; and after said statement and plat is completed, the said examiner or examiners shall tax and assess the gross amount of the probable cost of the work, and of the cost and expenses of the proceedings in the matter, fairly and equitably, on the ground bounding and fronting on such street, avenue or alley, or portion thereof, on which the work is to be done, and such tax and assessment shall be a lien on said property, and shall be collected, deposited, paid out and disbursed in the same manner as assessments for benefits for condemning, opening, grading and constructing any street, avenue or alley, or part thereof, are collected, deposited, paid out and disbursed; and all proceedings which can be had and taken for the condemnation, opening, grading and construction of any street, avenue or alley, or portion thereof, under