

and draft shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the court of quarter sessions.

Section 2009. Exceptions to Report.—Any citizen or freeholder of the township may, within thirty days after the filing of the report of the board of commissioners, upon entering in the court sufficient surety to indemnify the board for all costs incurred in the proceedings, file exceptions to the report, together with a petition for a review.

Section 2010. Appointment of Viewers.—Upon favorable action on such matter by the board of commissioners, and after the expiration of the term allowed for filing exceptions, or upon the order of the court upon the disposition of any exceptions, if in either case the compensation for the damages or benefits accruing therefrom have not been agreed upon, the court of common pleas, or any law judge thereof in vacation, on application by petition by the board of commissioners or any person interested, shall appoint three viewers, from the county board of viewers, to assess the damages and benefits occasioned by the proceeding in the manner provided by this act for such proceedings.

Section 2011. Notices to be Posted along Improvement.—After the passage or approval of any ordinance by the board of commissioners, for the opening, widening, straightening, extending, or vacating any road, street, or alley, notice shall, within ten days thereafter, be given by handbills posted in conspicuous places along the line of the proposed improvement. Such notice shall state the fact of the passage or approval of the ordinance, and the date of the passage or approval.

Section 2012. Width of Public Roads.—The width of a public road in townships of the first class shall not be less than thirty-three feet or more than one hundred and twenty feet: Provided, That the limits of width shall not be construed to include the width required for necessary slopes in cuts or fills, when the limits of the road and the extra width required for such slopes exceed the limits of width herein specified.

Section 2013. Opening and Repairing Roads.—Public roads or highways laid out by lawful authority in townships shall, as soon as may be practicable, be effectually opened and constantly kept in repair. All public roads or highways shall, at all seasons, be kept reasonably clear of all impediments to easy and convenient traveling, at the expense of the township.

Whenever proceedings have been heretofore or may hereafter be begun for the opening and laying out of any public road in any township, such public road shall be physically opened upon the ground for use by the public within the period of five years next after the completion of such proceedings, and if not so opened,

then such proceedings shall be deemed to be void and of no effect, and the land proposed to be taken shall revert to the owners of the land, as in the case of the vacation of a public road, free of any easement or right of the public to use the same.

Section 2014. Detours.—Except in the case of emergencies wherein the safety of the public would be endangered, no public road or highway in any township shall be closed to vehicular traffic, except upon order of the authorities having charge of the maintenance of such highways, nor for a longer period than is necessary for the purpose for which such order is issued; Provided, however, That no public road or highway shall be closed to vehicular traffic when the same has been designated as a detour by the State Department of Highways, unless the written consent of the Department of Highways has first been obtained, or unless the authorities having jurisdiction over said road or highway shall, by resolution duly recorded on their minutes, declare such closing necessary for the protection of the public safety.

When any public road or highway shall be closed, as hereinbefore provided, it shall be the duty of the authorities authorizing the closing to immediately designate or lay out a detour, on which they shall erect or cause to be erected and maintained while such detour is in use, legible signs at each public road intersection throughout its entire length, indicating the direction to the main highway. During the period when such detour is in use, it shall be the duty of the authorities closing the main highway to maintain such detour in safe and passable condition. It shall also be the duty of the authorities closing the main highway and maintaining the detour to immediately remove all detour signs when the highway originally closed is opened for traffic. Said authorities shall, as soon as possible, repair the road designated as a detour, and place same in a condition at least equal to its condition when designated as a detour. Whenever necessary in the creation of a detour, as aforesaid, the authorities responsible for laying out the detour may enter into agreement with the owners of private lands, covering the acquisition of right of way privileges over private property for the period when the main highway shall be closed to traffic. In the exercise of the rights conferred by this section, the authorities responsible are hereby empowered to pay for the necessary maintenance, subsequent repair, and land rental out of such funds as are available for the construction and/or maintenance of the highways in their charge.

Any person who shall wilfully remove, deface, destroy, or disregard any barricade, light, danger sign, detour sign, or warning of any other character whatsoever, erected or placed under authority of this sec-