

passed a resolution consenting and approving thereto, and shall have filed, with the clerk of said court, a copy of such resolution, duly certified by the township secretary. All damages and benefits occasioned by such laying out and the subsequent opening thereof, or by any such widening, changing, or vacation, shall be assessed, collected, and paid in the manner provided by the general road law and the amendments, additions, and supplements thereto: Provided, That all damages occasioned by such laying out, and the opening thereof, or by the widening, changing, or vacating of all roads within townships of the first class shall be assessed, collected, and paid by such townships of the first class.

(c) Dedicated Roads, Streets, Lanes, Alleys, and Drainage Facilities.

Section 2020. Plans of Dedicated Roads and Streets.—No person shall construct, open, or dedicate any road, street, lane or alley, or any drainage facilities in connection therewith, for public use or travel in any township, without first submitting plans thereof to the township commissioners for their approval. Such plans shall be prepared in duplicate in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the commissioners, and shall show the profiles of such roads, streets, lanes or alleys, the course, structure, and capacity of any drainage facilities, and the method of drainage of the adjacent or contiguous territory, and also any other or further details that may be required under the rules and regulations adopted by the township commissioners. Before acting upon any such plans, the commissioners may, in their discretion, arrange for a public hearing, after giving such notice as they may deem desirable in each case. The township commissioners are authorized to alter such plans, or order the same to be altered, and to specify any changes or modifications of any kind which they, in their discretion, may deem necessary with respect thereto, and may make their approval of such plans subject to any such alterations, changes or modifications, but no plans shall be approved until there is a solicitor's report as to municipal liens. Any plans when so approved shall be signed, in duplicate, on behalf of the township by such officer as the commissioners may designate, and an approved duplicate copy shall be filed in the township engineer's office or other proper office, where the same shall be available to public inspection. No road, street, lane or alley, or any drainage facilities in connection therewith, shall be opened, constructed, or dedicated for public use or travel, except in strict accordance with plans so approved by the commissioners, or with further plans subsequently approved by them in the same manner,

nor until such plan, and the approval thereof, has been recorded as hereinafter provided.

Section 2021. Appeals where Commissioners Refuse Approval.—In any case where the township commissioners shall refuse to approve any plans submitted to them in accordance with this act, any person aggrieved by the action of the commissioners may, within thirty days after such action, appeal therefrom by petition to the court of quarter sessions of the county, which court shall hear the matter de novo, and, after hearing, may enter a decree affirming, reversing, or modifying the action of the commissioners as may appear just in the premises. The court shall designate the manner in which notices of the hearing of any such appeal shall be given to all parties interested. The decision of the court shall be final.

The action of the township commissioners, or of the court on appeal, in approving any such plans, and an approved duplicate copy of such plans, shall be recorded by the person applying for such approval in the office of the recorder of deeds of the county.

Section 2022. No Responsibility on Township where Plans not Approved.—If any road, street, lane or alley, or any drainage facilities in connection therewith, shall be opened, constructed, or dedicated for public use or travel, except in strict accordance with plans approved, as provided in this subdivision, neither the township commissioners nor any public authorities shall place, construct, or operate any sewer, drain, water pipe, or other facilities, or do any work of any kind, in or upon such road, street, lane or alley; and neither the township commissioners, nor any other public authorities, shall have any responsibility of any kind with respect to any such road, street, lane, alley, or drainage facilities, notwithstanding any use of the same by the public, unless such road, street, lane, alley, or drainage facilities, are accepted by ordinance: Provided, however, That nothing herein contained shall prevent the laying of trunk sewers, drains, water or gas mains, if required by engineering necessity for the accommodation of other territory.

Section 2023. Entry of Lands.—The township commissioners and their representatives and workmen may enter upon any land and property, and maintain marks and monuments, so far as the commissioners deem necessary in carrying out their powers and duties of this subdivision.

Section 2024. Penalty.—Any person, copartnership, or corporation who or which shall construct, open, or dedicate any road, street, lane or alley, or any drainage facilities in connection therewith, for public use or travel in any township, without having first complied