

tion, or who shall drive on, over or across any highway which has been closed by proper authority, shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding before a magistrate, alderman, or justice of the peace, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, and the costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall be imprisoned one day for each dollar of fine and costs unpaid: Provided, however, That persons who have no outlet due to the closing of a highway may drive on, over or across such highway, with the consent in writing of, and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by, the authorities responsible for the closing, or their agents or contractors, without being subject to the penalties imposed by this section.

In addition to the penalties herein provided, the authorities responsible for the maintenance of a highway which has been closed to vehicular traffic, or their agents or contractors, may, in an action at law, recover damages from any person or persons who have damaged a highway by driving on, over or across same when it is closed to vehicular traffic in accordance with the provisions of this act.

All fines collected under the provisions of this section shall be paid by the officer receiving the same to the treasurer of the township in which the offense was committed.

The commissioners of any township may temporarily close any township road when, in their opinion, excessive or unusual conditions have rendered such road unfit or unsafe for travel, and immediately repair, because of the time of year or other conditions, is impracticable. The road or portion of road so closed shall be properly marked at its extremities, and a means of passage for the customary users of such road shall, whenever possible, be provided.

Anyone using such road or portion thereof after the same has been properly closed and marked, without a permit from the commissioners, shall be subject to a penalty of not more than one hundred dollars, to be recovered in a summary proceeding. The penalties so recovered shall be payable to the treasurer of the township wherein the offense was committed.

Section 2015. Laying out Roads under the General Road Law.—All roads partly within townships of the first class, where one of the termini of such roads is without the township, shall be laid out, widened, changed, or vacated only by the courts of quarter sessions, as heretofore, in the manner provided by the general road law and the amendments, additions, and supplements thereto. But no such road shall be opened, changed, widened, altered, or vacated unless and until the board of commissioners of the township shall have

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,