

# ANNUAL REPORT

*of the*

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*of the*

### Township of Abington

*for the year*

# 1934

Ending January 7, 1935

COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
PENNSYLVANIA

*Commissioners*

CHARLES B. MARKS, President  
WILLIAM H. JONES, Vice-President  
C. BREWSTER RHOADS    ALEXANDER HOGG  
JOSEPH W. VANSANT    LEWIS J. MEYER  
HERMAN ROLL    CHARLES H. GUENST  
EDWIN H. GEISSLER    WILLIAM K. DONALDSON  
HOWARD W. TRUMP    WILLIAM GEBHARDTSBAUER  
CHARLES F. MEBUS

*Secretary*

E. RAYMOND AMBLER

*Solicitor*

DAVID E. GROSHENS

*Treasurer*

ROBERT C. ROSS

*Chief of Police*

PATRICK McKEE

*Township Engineer*

OLIVER L. KING

*Plumbing Inspector*

MONROE C. ROBERTS

*Highway Supervisor*

PHILIP ROUSE

*Health Officer*

GEORGE P. RAPP

*Building Inspector*

*Department of Public Affairs*

ROLL, RHOADS, DONALDSON

*Department of Public Works*

MEBUS, GUENST, GEISSLER, DONALDSON  
TRUMP, GEBHARDTSBAUER

*Department of Public Safety*

JONES, HOGG, TRUMP, MEYER,  
GUENST, GEISSLER

*Department of Public Health*

VANSANT, GEBHARDTSBAUER, HOGG, MEYER

*ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT*

Harry T. Mackenzie, Joshua M. Holmes, Jr., Louis H. Doane

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Board of Township Commissioners meet on the  
Second Thursday of Each Month at 8 o'clock P. M.

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The regular meetings of the Departments are as follows:

|                                  |                        |                    |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Public Health .....              | First Wednesday .....  | 8:00 o'clock P. M. |
| Public Safety .....              | First Thursday .....   | 7:30 o'clock P. M. |
| Public Affairs .....             | Third Thursday .....   | 7:30 o'clock P. M. |
| Zoning Board of Adjustment ..... | Fourth Tuesday .....   | 8:00 o'clock P. M. |
| Public Works .....               | Fourth Wednesday ..... | 7:30 o'clock P. M. |

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## CALL THE SECRETARY

|                                   |   |             |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------|
| For General Township Information  | } | Ogontz 2700 |
| For Highway Information           |   |             |
| For Health Information            |   |             |
| For Building Information          |   |             |
| For Garbage Collection Complaints |   |             |

Office Hours 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.  
Saturdays 9 A. M. to 12 Noon  
Holidays Excepted

CALL THE TREASURER'S OFFICE FOR INFORMATION  
RELATING TO TAXES—OGONTZ 2700

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**FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE**  
Call Bureau of Police, Ogontz 2700  
Office Always Open.

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## IN CASE OF FIRE

Call Ogontz 2700

The two nearest Fire Companies will proceed  
immediately to the fire.  
Operators at Switchboard 24 hours of the day.

## To the Citizens of Abington Township:

It is with pleasure and a great deal of satisfaction that the Board of Commissioners present their Annual Report for the year 1934, which report summarizes the work done by the various committees and departments.

In spite of the depression and the fact that a very large percentage of the 1934 taxes as well as previous years taxes were uncollected, the board, thru business methods and close cooperation were enabled to close their years books with all bills paid, the only outstanding obligation being the bonded indebtedness. There was a marked increase in efficiency in all departments which was due to the intense interest and cooperation on the part of committees—the secretary—treasurer—chief of police, and all employees.

Even though the township is faced with obstacles and drawbacks it stands among the leaders of the townships in the state. Some time these barriers will be eliminated and Abington Township will march on toward comfort and prosperity. The outstanding and most troublesome obstacle at the present time is our sanitary conditions. Only a small portion of our township is sewerred, the largest portion being compelled to use cesspools, which are a constant menace to health and an adequate sewer system is justified by consideration of economy, convenience, community growth, prestige, and preservation of property values. The voters had an opportunity to eliminate this constant and dreaded nuisance in the early part of 1934 but they did not see fit to grant the board the right to install a sewerage system.

Other projects for the betterment of the township were carried forward to a successful conclusion and during the coming year we hope for bigger and better things.

We lost through death a member of our board, Mr. H. P. Robinson, who had served long and faithfully and the board will miss his valued service.

Respectfully,

CHARLES B. MARKS, President.

## **Sewers**

The construction of Storm Water and Sanitary Sewers in Elk Street from Geneva Avenue to Weldon Avenue. In Weldon Avenue from Elk Street West to the low point near Sylvania Avenue and in Center Street from Weldon Avenue to the Northerly side of Jenkintown Road, Ward No. 3, was started in the Fall of 1933 and completed in the Spring of 1934.

A Storm Water Sewer was constructed in Heston Street from its intersection with Bradfield Road Northeastwardly for a distance of 250 feet, in the Roslyn Ward No. 8.

Several manholes were installed and repairs made to the Storm Water Sewer in the Highland Farm sub-division, Abington Ward No. 1.

A Storm Water Sewer was constructed at the intersection of Brook Road and Huntingdon Road, Abington Ward No. 1.

An old wooden bridge on Forrest Avenue 700 feet Southwest of Fox Chase Road, McKinley Ward No. 4, was replaced with 36 feet of 36 inch diameter reinforced concrete pipe.

## **New Sidewalk Paving**

The Township graded and constructed a concrete sidewalk on the Westerly side of Old York Road from Jericho Road to Edge Hill Road, Abington Ward No. 1, where the property owners failed to comply with the Ordinance.

## **Radius Corners**

The Pennsylvania State Highway Department reconstructed to a larger radii, three of the four dangerous corners at the intersection of Edge Hill Road and Susquehanna Street, Wards No. 1 and No. 8. Township Officials aided the State Department in securing release of land from the property owners who donated the necessary land.

## **Federal Civil Works Administration Projects**

Work started in the year 1933 was completed by the Federal Civil Work Administration as follows:

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| FORD ROAD from Rockledge Avenue to Moredon Road, Ward No. 2, joint project, County and the Township. Length 5750 feet. Abington Township's share of expense .....   | \$7,415.98 |
| PINE ROAD from Moreland Township Line, South to Spring House, Ward No. 2. Joint project City of Philadelphia, Montgomery County and Abington Township. Length 4640 feet. Abington Township's share of expense ..... | \$1,416.38 |

Cleaning and grubbing 11.6 acres of Baederwood Park Land along Highland Avenue, Glenside Ward No. 11.

### General Highway Work

The general maintenance and patching of the highways, including snow removal, the collection of ashes and rubbish in our Township was performed by our Township Highway Forces, in addition thereto the following work was done:

HESTON STREET, Ward No. 8—was penetrated from Easton Road to Bradfield Road, 700 feet.

### Re-Naming of Streets

GROVANIA AVENUE—Charles Street from Susquehanna Street Northeast was re-named "GROVANIA AVENUE" thus making Grovania Avenue a continuous street from Susquehanna Street to Grove Avenue.

DOUGLASS AVENUE—Summit Avenue from Forrest Avenue to Osceola Avenue was re-named "DOUGLASS AVENUE".

### Health and Sanitation Committee

Physicians reported to the Health Department during the year 1934, communicable diseases as follows:

|                           |     |                          |     |
|---------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| Bacillary Dysentery ..... | 2   | Mumps .....              | 222 |
| Chicken Pox .....         | 102 | Scarlet Fever .....      | 27  |
| Dysentery .....           | 2   | Septic Sore Throat ..... | 1   |
| Erysipelas .....          | 2   | Tuberculosis .....       | 4   |
| Infantile Paralysis ..... | 1   | Typhoid Fever .....      | 7   |
| Measles .....             | 200 | Whooping Cough .....     | 48  |

HEALTH OFFICER:—The Health Officer made inspections, periodically, of the public eating places, drinking places and soda fountains within our Township. Three hundred and four (304) Health Certificates were filed and issued. Many nuisances, including the overflowing cesspools, were investigated and their abatement effected.

GARBAGE:—Very few irregularities in the collection of garbage were reported to the Department of Health during the year. The service of collecting and disposing the garbage was performed under contract with Mr. Frank Birchler, Jarrettown, Pa., and proved satisfactory.

MILK INSPECTION:—The Old York Road Milk Control Board is composed of a representative from each municipality, namely, Abington, Cheltenham, Springfield and Upper Moreland Townships and the Borough of Jenkintown. This Milk Control Board supervises the inspection of milk for these municipalities.

The inspection of the pasteurizing plants and dairies was

conducted by the Philadelphia Interstate Dairy Council at an expense to the Township of \$417.26. Samples of milk and cream were collected and analysis made by the Medical Arts Laboratory of Jenkintown, Pa. The expense of this service to the Township was \$630.02.

**Plumbing Inspection**

One hundred and sixty-three (163) plans of plumbing work (Nos. 2001 to 2163 incl.) were approved and permits issued during the year 1934.

Ten (10) Master Plumbers were granted Certificates of Registration and forty-six (46) Master Plumbers were granted the renewal of the Certificates of Registration.

Fourteen (14) violations of the Plumbing Ordinance were detected and corrected. Three summons were required to be issued in obstinate cases.

Forty-two (42) leaching cesspools were built and five (5) septic tanks and subsoil drainage systems were installed.

Eight (8) complaints of obnoxious odors were investigated and recommendations made for abatement.

Several inspections of storm water sewers and creeks in various parts of the Township were made during the year.

The inspection made during the months of March and April disclosed the fact seventy-four (74) properties were draining their sewage to streams and thirty (30) properties were draining the sewage into the highways.

The Plumbing Inspector compiled a record of sanitary drainage and plumbing fixtures of houses in the Abington Ward No. 1; North Glenside Ward No. 6, and Ardsley Ward No. 9.

**Building Inspection**

Two hundred and fifty-one (251) permits (Nos. 5372 to 5622 incl.) were issued during the year 1934 at the estimated cost, as follows:

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| 16 Dwellings .....                           | \$106,650.00 |
| 36 Garages .....                             | 11,360.00    |
| 128 Alterations, additions and repairs ..... | 40,134.00    |
| 58 Chicken Houses, sign boards, etc. ....    | 5,153.00     |
| 3 Demolishing and removing buildings .....   |              |
| 1 Gasoline Service Station .....             | 500.00       |
| 1 Cemetery Broadcasting Room .....           | 2,000.00     |
| 2 Green Houses .....                         | 3,000.00     |

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 Barn .....                       | 1,000.00  |
| 1 Amusement Building .....         | 12,000.00 |
| 4 Temporary Permits renewals ..... |           |

**Police Committee**

\$181,797.00

The result of the operation of the Police Department during 1934 follows:

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Dogs killed by Officers .....                               | 305         |
| Fires reported .....  | 140         |
| Lodgers accommodated .....                                  | 412         |
| Meals served to prisoners .....                             | 924         |
| Persons hurt in accidents reported to this department ..... | 433         |
| Prisoners fingerprinted and photographed .....              | 68          |
| Reported to Coroner, persons killed .....                   | 23          |
| Stolen Automobiles, recovered .....                         | 23          |
| Street lights reported out .....                            | 4230        |
| Value of stolen goods reported .....                        | \$15,790.00 |

During the year 883 arrests were made, classified as follows:

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Adultery .....                                | 1   |
| Aggravated Assault and battery .....          | 4   |
| Assault and battery .....                     | 72  |
| Assault and battery by Automobile .....       | 145 |
| Assault and battery by Bicycle .....          | 1   |
| Assault and battery by Trolley .....          | 3   |
| Bad Checks .....                              | 1   |
| Begging .....                                 | 3   |
| Bench warrant .....                           | 1   |
| Burglary .....                                | 1   |
| Carrying concealed deadly weapons .....       | 1   |
| Contempt of court .....                       | 1   |
| Defrauding Hotel Keeper .....                 | 1   |
| Demented .....                                | 19  |
| Destroying Property .....                     | 1   |
| Disorderly conduct .....                      | 106 |
| Driving auto, under influence of liquor ..... | 12  |
| Driving auto, without Operators car .....     | 3   |
| Driving auto, without Owner's consent .....   | 7   |
| Driving auto, with 1934 tags .....            | 1   |
| Drunk .....                                   | 183 |
| Escaped from a home .....                     | 1   |
| Failing to pay taxi fare .....                | 1   |
| False pretense .....                          | 4   |
| Forcibly entry and larceny .....              | 4   |
| Fornication .....                             | 4   |
| Fraudulent conversion .....                   | 7   |

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Highway robbery, assault and battery ..... | 1  |
| Hit and run driver .....                   | 2  |
| Hold-up robbery .....                      | 1  |
| Illegal sale, liquor .....                 | 3  |
| Illegal lottery .....                      | 1  |
| Incorrigible .....                         | 1  |
| Indecent exposure .....                    | 11 |
| Involuntary manslaughter .....             | 6  |
| Interfering with an officer .....          | 2  |
| Keeping disorderly house .....             | 1  |
| Larceny .....                              | 77 |
| Larceny and conspiracy to defraud .....    | 1  |
| Making false statements .....              | 1  |
| Making threats .....                       | 2  |
| Malicious mischief .....                   | 22 |
| Manslaughter .....                         | 3  |
| Material witness .....                     | 1  |
| Non-support .....                          | 30 |
| Obtaining money under false pretense ..... | 1  |
| Obtaining money by fraud .....             | 1  |
| Operating gambling machines .....          | 1  |
| Operating auto overweight .....            | 2  |
| Passing counterfeit money .....            | 2  |
| Passing worthless checks .....             | 1  |
| Public Nuisance .....                      | 3  |
| Rape .....                                 | 2  |
| Reckless driving .....                     | 20 |
| Resisting arrest .....                     | 6  |
| Selling without license .....              | 1  |
| Shooting craps .....                       | 9  |
| Short weight .....                         | 1  |
| Sodomy, assault and attempted rape .....   | 1  |
| Subordination of Perjury .....             | 1  |
| Suspicion .....                            | 15 |
| Threats .....                              | 4  |
| Tresspass .....                            | 7  |
| Vagrancy .....                             | 6  |
| Violation, Dog Laws .....                  | 1  |
| Violation, Fire Arms Law .....             | 4  |
| Violation, Game Laws .....                 | 1  |
| Violation, Liquor Laws .....               | 8  |
| Violation, Motor Laws .....                | 16 |
| Violation, Parking Laws .....              | 1  |
| Violation, Plumbing Code .....             | 3  |
| Violation, State Aid Laws .....            | 1  |
| Violation, Township Ordinance .....        | 1  |
| Violation, Zoning Ordinance .....          | 2  |

## Fire Department

The Companies of the Abington Township Fire Department report December 1, 1933, to December 1, 1934, having attended fires classified as follows:

|                               |    |                            |    |
|-------------------------------|----|----------------------------|----|
| ABINGTON                      |    | EDGE HILL                  |    |
| Automobiles .....             | 3  | Automobiles .....          | 2  |
| Club .....                    | 1  | Dumps .....                | 2  |
| Dwellings .....               | 20 | Dwellings .....            | 12 |
| False Alarms .....            | 2  | False Alarms .....         | 2  |
| Field Fires and Rubbish ..... | 31 | Field Fires .....          | 10 |
| Garage .....                  | 1  | Garage .....               | 1  |
| Haystack .....                | 1  | Haystack .....             | 2  |
| Pump House .....              | 1  | Rubbish .....              | 2  |
| Store .....                   | 1  | Store .....                | 1  |
| Waste Oil .....               | 1  | Tar Wagon .....            | 1  |
| Woods and Underbrush .....    | 9  | Woods and Underbrush ..... | 10 |
| —                             | —  | —                          | —  |
|                               | 71 |                            | 45 |
| WELDON                        |    | McKINLEY                   |    |
| Automobiles .....             | 5  | Barns .....                | 1  |
| Barns .....                   | 1  | Dump .....                 | 1  |
| Dump .....                    | 2  | Dwellings .....            | 4  |
| Dwellings .....               | 9  | False Alarms .....         | 1  |
| Fields .....                  | 21 | Field Fires .....          | 30 |
| Garage .....                  | 1  | Nursery .....              | 1  |
| Store .....                   | 1  | Pole .....                 | 1  |
| Truck .....                   | 2  | Store .....                | 1  |
| Waste Oil .....               | 1  | Woods and Underbrush ..... | 2  |
| Woods and Underbrush .....    | 3  | —                          | —  |
| —                             | —  |                            | 42 |
|                               | 46 |                            |    |
| ROSLYN                        |    |                            |    |
| Automobiles .....             | 1  |                            |    |
| Bill Boards .....             | 1  |                            |    |
| Church .....                  | 1  |                            |    |
| Dumps .....                   | 1  |                            |    |
| Dwellings .....               | 8  |                            |    |
| False Alarms .....            | 2  |                            |    |
| Field Fires .....             | 9  |                            |    |
| Garage .....                  | 1  |                            |    |
| Greenhouse .....              | 1  |                            |    |
| Outhouse .....                | 2  |                            |    |
| Store .....                   | 1  |                            |    |
| Woods and Underbrush .....    | 7  |                            |    |
| —                             | —  |                            |    |
|                               |    |                            | 35 |

**Zoning**

Three (3) petitions for change of classification in the Abington Township Zoning Ordinance of 1930 were received during the year 1934 by the Board of Township Commissioners. Public hearings were held and the petitions in each instance, except one, were granted and the Ordinance amended accordingly.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment received one (1) appeal for a variance and special exception to the terms of the Zoning Ordinance. This appeal, owing to special conditions and not being contrary to the public interest, was granted.

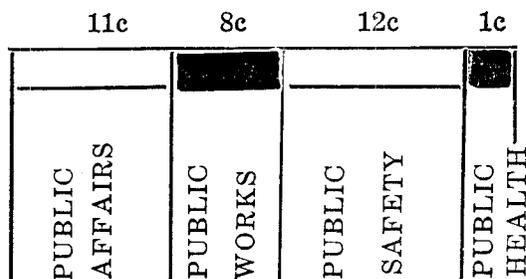
**Finance Committee**

The accounting system, now in use by our Township, is a first-class system for municipalities of our size. It is very beneficial to the officers and the heads of the various departments in its simplicity of the provisions for various details of our work.

We submit, for your information, the following chart of the Tax Payers 1934 Dollar.

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| COUNTY GOVERNMENT   | \$ .07 |
| SCHOOL GOVERNMENT   | \$ .61 |
| TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT | \$ .32 |
|                     | \$1.00 |

The following chart represents that portion of the Tax Payers Dollar expended by the various Departments of Township Government.



The eleven cents expended through the Department of Public Affairs includes the moneys paid into the Sinking Fund

Accounts and the expenses incurred in financing the Temporary Loans of the Township; the salaries of the officials and employees of the Department; Treasurer's commissions; operating expenses of the Township office and the upkeep and maintenance of the municipal buildings.

The eight cents expended through the Department of Public Works includes the salaries and wages of the employees of the Department; all engineering expenses pertaining to highways, sewers and parks, and all other expenses incidental to the repairs and maintenance of sewers, streets and highways, including the collection and disposal of ashes and rubbish.

The twelve cents expended through the Department of Public Safety includes the moneys paid over to the Fire Companies, salaries of the employees of the Department and all other expenses incidental to the operation of the Bureaus of Police, Street Lighting, Building Inspection and Zoning.

The one cent expended through the Department of Public Health includes the salaries of the employees of the Department; the expenses incidental to the Plumbing Inspection, Milk Inspection, Collection and Disposal of Garbage and all further expenses incidental to the enforcement of the health laws and ordinances.

A detailed report of the expenditures of the Committee and Departments, which have all kept within their budget appropriations, appear on pages 16 to 24 inclusive in this Report.

**AUDITORS' REPORT**  
of the  
**Account of ROBERT C. ROSS, Treasurer**  
and the  
**Commissioners of the Township of Abington**

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

From the First Monday of January, 1934, to the  
First Monday of January, 1935

**GENERAL FUND**

DEBITS

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| To Bank Balance, 1/2/34, General Fund .....                          | \$ 783.96    |
| To Amount received on account 1932-1933 Taxes<br>and Penalties ..... | \$ 30,271.94 |
| To Amount received on account 1934 Taxes .....                       | 212,410.87   |
| To Amount received on account 1934 Penalties .....                   | 886.99       |
| To Amount received from Secretary, Miscellaneous<br>Receipts .....   | 13,574.96    |
| To Amount received from Bank Interest, General<br>Fund .....         | 153.69       |
| To Amount received from Temporary Loans, 1934....                    | 125,000.00   |
| To Amount of Transfer from Highway Fund .....                        | 17,000.00    |
|  | 399,298.45   |

\$400,082.41

CREDITS

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| By VOUCHERS issued:                            |              |
| for Treasurer's Compensation.....              | \$ 6,021.67  |
| for Treasurer's Expense .....                  | 1,143.88     |
| for Repayment of Temporary Loans<br>1933 ..... | 30,000.00    |
| for Repayment of Temporary Loans<br>1934 ..... | 115,000.00   |
|  | \$152,165.55 |
| for Miscellaneous General Fund .....           | 196,374.59   |
| for Transfers to Highway Fund .....            | 50,000.00    |
| By Depository Bond Expense .....               | 194.75       |

\$398,734.89

By Bank Balance, 1/7/35, General Fund .....

1,347.52

\$400,082.41

**HIGHWAY FUND**

DEBITS

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| To Bank Balance, 1/2/34, Highway Fund .....         | \$ 2,254.99 |
| To Amount received on account 1929 Land Liens... \$ | 86.47       |
| To Amount received on account 1930 Land Liens ...   | 2,069.89    |
| To Amount received on account 1931 Land Liens...    | 4,551.96    |
| To Amount received on account 1932 Land Liens....   | 14,875.77   |
| To Amount received on account 1933 Land Liens...    | 15,680.29   |

|  |           |              |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| To Amount received on account Unseated Land  |           |              |
| Liens, Net Penalties and Interest .....      | 1,190.72  |              |
| To Amount of Transfer from General Fund..... | 50,000.00 |              |
|  |           | 88,455.10    |
|  |           | \$ 90,710.09 |

CREDITS

|   |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| By VOUCHERS issued:                         |              |              |
| for Miscellaneous Highway Fund .....        | \$ 71,878.10 |              |
| for Transfer to General Fund .....          | 17,000.00    |              |
|   |              | \$ 88,878.10 |
| By Bank Balance, 1/7/35, Highway Fund ..... |              | 1,831.99     |
|   |              | \$ 90,710.09 |

UNCOLLECTED TAXES DUE:

|  |              |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| By Robert C. Ross, Treasurer:                |              |              |
| Account 1932 Taxes and Penalties as per last |              |              |
| audit .....                                  | 798.87       |              |
| Less Exonerations granted .....              | 798.87       |              |
|  |              | \$ 93,233.08 |
| Account 1933 Taxes and Penalties as per last |              |              |
| audit .....                                  | \$ 30,271.94 |              |
| Less amount paid on account .....            | 56,986.79    |              |
| To 1933 Tax Liens filed with the             |              |              |
| Montgomery County Commissioners              | 4,389.43     |              |
| To Allowances due to deaths, removal,        | 88.10        |              |
| etc. ....                                    |              |              |
| To Allowances due to County Letters          |              |              |
|  |              | 91,736.26    |
| By 1933 Taxes and Penalties due .....        |              | \$ 1,496.82  |
| Account 1934 Tax Duplicate .....             | \$291,182.30 |              |
| Extra Assessment .....                       | 57.20        |              |
|  |              | 291,239.50   |
| To Allowances due to County Letters          | 1,442.35     |              |
|  |              | \$289,797.15 |
| NET TAX DUPLICATE .....                      | 212,410.87   |              |
|  |              | \$ 77,386.28 |
| Amount 1934 Tax due .....                    | \$ 3,959.54  |              |
| Amount of 1934 Penalties .....               | 886.99       |              |
| Credit for 1934 Penalties paid .....         |              |              |
|  |              | 3,072.55     |
| Amount 1934 Penalties due .....              |              |              |
| By 1934 Taxes and Penalties due .....        |              | \$ 80,458.83 |
|  |              | \$ 81,955.65 |

TO BE APPLIED as follows:

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 1934 Fixed Charges Fund ..... | \$ 38,036.56 |
| 1934 Fire Tax Fund .....      | 1,223.00     |
| General Funds .....           | 42,696.09    |
|                               | \$ 81,955.65 |

## PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

### DEBITS

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| To Bank Balance, 1/2/34 .....  | \$ 13,308.14 |
| To Amount received on account of Abington Sewer Liens .....            | 2,442.72     |
| To Amount received from Bank Interest Permanent Improvement Fund ..... | 70.05        |
| To Amount of Transfer from Highway Fund .....                          | 7,828.05     |
|  | \$ 23,648.96 |

### CREDITS

By VOUCHERS issued:

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| for Miscellaneous Permanent Improvement Fund ..... | \$ 9,666.27 |
| for Depository Bond Expense .....                  | 35.02       |

9,701.29

Bank Balance, 1/7/35, Permanent Improvement Fund ..... \$ 13,947.67

## PARK AND SHADE TREE FUND

### DEBITS

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| To Bank Balance, 1/2/34, Park and Shade Tree Fund .....              | \$ 25,625.35 |
| To Amount received from Bank Interest Park and Shade Tree Fund ..... | 634.94       |
|  | \$ 26,260.29 |

### CREDITS

By VOUCHERS issued:

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| for Miscellaneous Park and Shade Tree Fund ..... | \$ 682.31 |
| for Depository Bond Expense .....                | 269.33    |

951.64

Bank Balance, 1/7/35, Park and Shade Tree Fund ..... \$ 25,308.65

### LIABILITIES

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Balance of Loan 1907 .....  | \$ 13,000.00 |
| Balance of Loan 1911 .....  |              |
| Balance of Loan 1912 .....  | 80,000.00    |
| Balance of Loan 1913 .....  | 11,000.00    |
| Balance of Loan 1915 .....  | 2,000.00     |
| Balance of Loan 1919 .....  | 10,000.00    |
| Balance of Loan 1923 .....  | 35,000.00    |
| Balance of Loan 1925 .....  | 28,000.00    |
| Balance of Loan 1925A ..... | 39,000.00    |
| Balance of Loan 1927 .....  | 44,000.00    |
| Balance of Loan 1928 .....  | 49,000.00    |

|                                   |             |              |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Balance of Loan 1930 .....        | 100,000.00  |              |
| Balance of Loan 1931 .....        | 60,000.00   |              |
|                                   |             | \$471,000.00 |
| Temporary Loans, 1934 .....       |             | 10,000.00    |
| Treasurer's Compensation .....    | \$ 6,337.63 |              |
| Less Amount paid on account ..... | 6,021.67    |              |
|                                   |             | 315.96       |
|                                   |             | \$481,315.96 |

CASH ASSETS

|  |           |              |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| Sinking Fund, Loan of 1907 .....               | \$ 289.83 |              |
| Sinking Fund, Loan of 1911 .....               |           |              |
| Sinking Fund, Loan of 1912 .....               | 177.92    |              |
| Sinking Fund, Loan of 1913 .....               | 119.09    |              |
| Sinking Fund, Loan of 1915 .....               | 208.66    |              |
| Sinking Fund, Loan of 1919 .....               | 5,084.51  |              |
| Sinking Fund, Loan of 1923 .....               | 9,875.99  |              |
| Sinking Fund, Loan of 1925 .....               | 15,600.86 |              |
| Sinking Fund, Loan of 1925A .....              | 9,847.64  |              |
| Sinking Fund, Loan of 1927 .....               | 6,476.91  |              |
| Sinking Fund, Loan of 1928 .....               | 4,777.37  |              |
| Sinking Fund, Loan of 1930 .....               | 10,718.46 |              |
| Sinking Fund, Loan of 1931 .....               | 802.63    |              |
|  |           | \$ 63,979.87 |
| Bank Balance, General Fund .....               | 1,347.52  |              |
| Bank Balance, Highway Fund .....               | 1,831.99  |              |
| Bank Balance, Permanent Improvement Fund ..... | 13,947.67 |              |
| Bank Balance, Park and Shade Tree Fund .....   | 25,308.65 |              |
| Due by Township Treasurer .....                | 81,955.65 |              |
| Due by Liens in Prothonotary's Office .....    | 1,280.95  |              |
| Due by 1929 Land Liens .....                   | 3,480.40  |              |
| Due by 1930 Land Liens .....                   | 4,643.96  |              |
| Due by 1931 Land Liens .....                   | 13,615.69 |              |
| Due by 1932 Land Liens .....                   | 24,621.68 |              |
| Due by 1933 Land Liens .....                   | 41,218.40 |              |
|  |           | \$277,232.43 |

WE, the undersigned Township Auditors of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, do hereby report that we have audited, settled and adjusted the accounts of the board of Township Commissioners of the Township of Abington, and of ROBERT C. ROSS, the Township Treasurer, for the year beginning on the first Monday of January, 1934, and ending on the first Monday of January 1935, and find that the above statement of the list of receipts, expenditures, credits and debits, is a true and correct account of said settlement and audit, and we find said accounts correct as above stated.

D. E. KRUEGER,  
CHARLES WILLIAMS,  
W. RAYMOND VOGEL,  
Township Auditors.

Abington, Pennsylvania, March 5, 1935.

Attest:

E. RAYMOND AMBLER,  
Secretary

# REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

## for 1934

### GENERAL ACCOUNTS

#### DEBITS

Bank Balance — General Accounts ..... \$ 3,038.95  
 Received from Secretary

#### Miscellaneous Receipts

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Highway Permits .....  | \$ 1,428.00  |
| Curb Permits .....   | 4.00         |
| Building Permits .....   | 1,595.00     |
| Amusement Permits .....  | 327.00       |
| Plumbing Permits .....   | 674.00       |
| Registration of Plumbers .....                                       | 660.00       |
| Sewer Rentals .....  | 2,531.36     |
| Liquor License Fee .....   | 4,430.50     |
| Pole License .....   | 977.40       |
| Coal Weighing .....  | 11.18        |
| Hire of Roller, County Relief .....                                  | 453.60       |
| Fines, Violation Plumbing Ordinance .....                            | 20.00        |
| Refund Garbage Contract, Gasoline Tax and<br>Insurance Premium ..... | 462.92       |
|  | \$ 13,574.96 |
| Received from Treasurer, on account of taxes .....                   | 243,569.80   |
| Received from County on account of Land Liens .....                  | 38,455.10    |
| Received from Temporary Loans—1934 .....                             | 125,000.00   |
| Received Bank Interest .....   | 153.69       |
|  | \$423,792.50 |

#### CREDITS

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Vouchers Issued, General Accounts ..... | \$275,418.24 |
| Vouchers Issued, Temporary Loans .....  | 145,000.00   |
| Depository Bond Expense .....           | 194.75       |
|   | \$420,612.99 |
| Bank Balance—General Accounts .....     | 3,179.51     |
|   | \$423,792.50 |

**PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT**

**DEBITS**

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Balance on Hand, January 2, 1934 .....       | \$13,308.14  |
| Received on account of Abington Sewer .....  | 2,442.72     |
| Bank interest credit .....                   | 70.05        |
| To amount transferred from Highway A/C ..... | 7,828.05     |
|  | <hr/>        |
|  | \$ 23,648.96 |

**CREDITS**

Expenditures:

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Filing Sewer Liens, Abington Ward No. 1 .....                   | \$ 81.00    |
| Sewer Election .....  | 3,017.15    |
| Weldon Storm Sewer and Elk Street, Glenside<br>Ward No. 3 ..... | 6,568.12    |
| Depository Band Expense .....                                   | 35.02       |
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|   | \$ 9,701.29 |

Balance on Hand, January 7, 1935 ..... \$ 13,947.67

**Park and Shade Tree Account**

**DEBITS**

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Balance on Hand, January 2, 1934 ..... | \$ 25,625.35 |
| Bank Interest Credited .....           | 634.94       |
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**CREDITS**

\$26,260.29

Expenditures:

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Ardsley Park .....            | \$ 66.06  |
| Baederwood Park .....         | 560.16    |
| Crestmont Park .....          | 56.09     |
| Depository Bond Expense ..... | 269.33    |
|                               | <hr/>     |
|                               | \$ 951.64 |

Balance on Hand, January 7, 1935 ..... \$ 25,308.65

**TOWNSHIP BONDS and SINKING FUND ACCOUNTS**

Outstanding Bonds, January 2, 1934 ..... \$501,000.00

Bonds retired during year 1934

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Loan 1907 ..... | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Loan 1911 ..... | 3,000.00    |
| Loan 1912 ..... | 7,000.00    |
| Loan 1913 ..... | 1,000.00    |
| Loan 1915 ..... | 1,000.00    |
| Loan 1919 ..... | 14,000.00   |
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\$ 30,000.00

Outstanding Bonds, January 7, 1935 ..... \$471,000.00

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Balance in Sinking Fund Accounts,                       |              |
| January 2, 1934 .....                                   | \$ 79,401.22 |
| 1933 Tax due and paid .....                             | 18,066.02    |
| 1934 Tax collected .....                                | 18,690.31    |
| Bank Interest Credited .....                            | 2,060.13     |
|   | \$118,217.68 |
| Expenditures:   |              |
| Retirement of Bonds .....                               | \$ 30,000.00 |
| Coupon Interest Paid .....                              | 22,047.50    |
| State Taxes, 1933 .....                                 | 1,701.66     |
| Depository Bond Expense, etc. ....                      | 488.65       |
|   | \$ 54,237.81 |
| Balance in Sinking Fund Accounts, January 7, 1935 ..... | \$ 63,979.87 |

## APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES

### Debt Service

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Appropriation .....                             | \$237,247.00 |
| Expenditures:                                   |              |
| 1933 Tax due and paid, Sinking Fund .....       | \$ 18,066.02 |
| 1934 Tax collected and paid, Sinking Fund ..... | 16,500.00    |
| 1933 State Taxes Paid .....                     | 1,701.66     |
| Depository Bond Expense .....                   | 488.65       |
| Repayment 1933 Temporary Loans .....            | 30,000.00    |
| Repayment 1934 Temporary Loans .....            | 115,000.00   |
| Interest and Expense Temporary Loans .....      | 3,928.07     |
|   | \$185,684.40 |
| Total Expenditures .....                        | \$185,684.40 |
| Balance Unexpended .....                        | \$ 51,562.60 |

### Fire Protection

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Appropriation .....              | \$ 24,700.00 |
| Expenditures:                    |              |
| 5 Volunteer Fire Companies ..... | \$ 11,845.00 |
| Rental Fire Hydrants .....       | 10,620.00    |
|                                  | \$ 22,465.00 |
| Total Expenditures .....         | \$ 22,465.00 |
| Balance Unexpended .....         | \$ 2,235.00  |

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Appropriation .....\$ 31,000.00

Expenditures:

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Salaries (Office and Commissioners) .....        | \$ 13,363.00 |
| Township Treasurer's Commissions .....           | 6,021.67     |
| Treasurer's Printing and Postage .....           | 843.88       |
| Solicitor, Secretary and Treasurer's Bonds ..... | 322.50       |
| Audit and Annual Report .....                    | 625.74       |
| Workmen's Compensation .....                     | 195.10       |
| Office Supplies and Equipment .....              | 2,255.98     |
| Police, Fire and Office Telephones .....         | 3,615.91     |
| Other Expenses .....                             | 537.53       |

Total Expenditures .....\$ 27,781.31

Balance Unexpended .....\$ 3,218.69

### Police Protection

Appropriation .....\$ 60,000.00

Expenditures:

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Salaries .....                                | \$ 46,750.00 |
| Police Pensions .....                         | 2,000.00     |
| Motor Vehicle Equipment .....                 | 1,001.43     |
| Insurance (Automobile and Compensation) ..... | 1,383.42     |
| Uniforms .....                                | 1,418.48     |
| Maintenance Radio .....                       | 267.71       |
| Maintenance Automobiles .....                 | 6,056.39     |
| Maintenance Traffic Signals .....             | 486.06       |
| Food for Prisoners .....                      | 124.48       |
| Other Expenses .....                          | 494.93       |

Total Expenditures .....\$ 59,982.90

Balance Unexpended .....\$ 17.10

### Lighting of Highways

Appropriation .....\$ 28,000.00

Expenditures:

Lighting of Highways .....\$ 27,936.70

Total Expenditures .....\$ 27,936.70

Balance Unexpended .....\$ 63.30

### Health and Sanitation

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Appropriation .....                 | \$ 11,200.00 |
| Expenditures:                       |              |
| Salaries .....                      | \$ 4,920.00  |
| Inspection Expense (Plumbing) ..... | 600.00       |
| Milk Inspection Expense .....       | 1,047.28     |
| Compensation Insurance .....        | 97.56        |
| Collection of Garbage .....         | 4,150.00     |
| Other Expenses .....                | 240.06       |
|                                     | <hr/>        |
| Total Expenditures .....            | \$ 11,054.90 |
|                                     | <hr/>        |
| Balance Unexpended .....            | \$ 145.10    |

### Public Building Maintenance

|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Appropriation .....                 | \$ 6,300.00 |
| Expenditures:                       |             |
| Salaries .....                      | \$ 1,920.00 |
| Maintenance Township Building ..... | 2,207.96    |
| Repairs to Buildings .....          | 1,949.96    |
|                                     | <hr/>       |
| Total Expenditures .....            | \$ 6,077.92 |
|                                     | <hr/>       |
| Balance Unexpended .....            | \$ 222.08   |

### Building Inspection

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Appropriation .....          | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Expenditures:                |             |
| Salaries .....               | \$ 3,150.00 |
| Inspection Expense .....     | 600.00      |
| Compensation Insurance ..... | 58.53       |
| Other Expenses .....         | 17.00       |
|                              | <hr/>       |
| Total Expenditures .....     | \$ 3,825.53 |
|                              | <hr/>       |
| Balance Unexpended .....     | \$ 174.47   |

### Sanitary Sewers

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Appropriation .....               | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Expenditures:                     |             |
| Sewerage Operating Expenses ..... | \$ 213.83   |
| Rentals .....                     | 2,619.44    |
| Refund of Rentals .....           | 640.50      |
| Other Expenses .....              | 16.78       |
|                                   | <hr/>       |
| Total Expenditures .....          | \$ 3,490.55 |
|                                   | <hr/>       |
| Balance Unexpended .....          | \$ 509.45   |

## Zoning

Appropriation .....\$ 600.00

### Expenditures:

Salaries (Solicitor) .....\$ 300.00  
Public Hearing ..... 130.68  
Other Expenses ..... 5.00

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Total Expenditures .....\$ 435.68

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Balances Unexpended .....\$ 164.32

## Roads, Streets and Highways

Appropriation .....\$ 74,953.00

### Expenditures:

Salaries .....\$ 3,310.00  
Engineering ..... 1,483.05  
Maintenance of Machines ..... 4,200.41  
Insurance (Compensation and Automobile) ..... 1,135.00  
Motor Vehicle Equipment ..... 2,870.50  
Street Signs ..... 1,014.29  
Tools and Equipment ..... 770.37  
Leasing of Equipment Expense ..... 189.70  
Equipment, Auto and Team Hire ..... 188.00  
Other Expenses ..... 80.70  
Hire of Truck and Labor Removing Ashes..... 6,995.80  
Repairs and Maintenance to Streets ..... 26,052.64  
County-Aid Improvements, Ward 2 ..... 8,832.36  
Fox Chase Road Land Damages, Ward 2..... 1,400.00  
Transfer to Permanent Improvement on  
account Weldon Storm Sewer and Elk Street  
Extension, Ward 3 ..... 7,828.05  
York Road Sidewalk, Ward 1 ..... 527.23

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Total Expenditures .....\$ 71,878.10

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Balance Unexpended .....\$ 3,074.90  
Labor Removing Ashes .....\$ 6,715.30  
3219 Hours Truck Service ..... 6,438.00

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Total Cost Ash Collection .....\$ 13,153.30

ABINGTON—WARD NO. 1

|                          |           |             |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Highway Maintenance      |           |             |
| Labor .....              | \$ 966.83 |             |
| Materials .....          | 504.12    |             |
|                          | <hr/>     |             |
|                          |           | \$ 1,470.95 |
| Highway Improvements     |           |             |
| York Road Sidewalk ..... |           | 527.32      |
|                          |           | <hr/>       |
|                          |           | \$ 1,998.18 |

SAW MILL HILL—WARD NO. 2

|                                   |             |              |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Highway Maintenance               |             |              |
| Labor .....                       | \$ 549.62   |              |
| Materials .....                   | 173.11      |              |
|                                   | <hr/>       |              |
|                                   |             | \$ 722.73    |
| Highway Improvements              |             |              |
| Ford Road .....                   | \$ 7,415.98 |              |
| Pine Road .....                   | 1,416.38    |              |
| Fox Chase Road Land Damages ..... | 1,400.00    |              |
|                                   | <hr/>       |              |
|                                   |             | \$ 10,995.09 |

GLENSIDE—WARD NO. 3

|                     |           |           |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Highway Maintenance |           |           |
| Labor .....         | \$ 406.02 |           |
| Materials .....     | 559.10    |           |
|                     | <hr/>     |           |
|                     |           | \$ 965.12 |
|                     |           | <hr/>     |
|                     |           | \$ 965.12 |

|   |             |  |
|---|-------------|--|
| Highway Improvements  |             |  |
| Weldon Storm Sewer and Elk Street Extension (Per-<br>manent Improvement Account) .....                      | \$ 6,568.12 |  |
| (Transfer to Permanent Improvement on account<br>Weldon Storm Sewer and Elk Street Extension<br>\$7,828.05) |             |  |

McKINLEY—WARD NO. 4

|                     |            |             |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|
| Highway Maintenance |            |             |
| Labor .....         | \$ 1840.32 |             |
| Materials .....     | 877.74     |             |
|                     | <hr/>      |             |
|                     |            | \$ 2,718.06 |
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|                     |            | \$ 2,718.06 |



