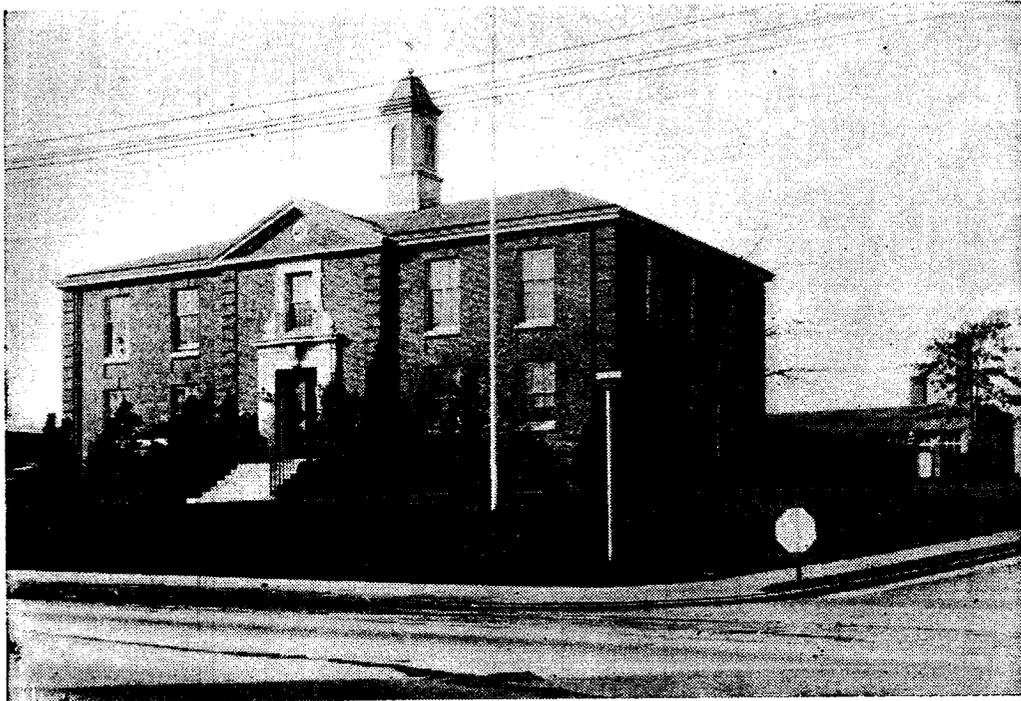


**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON**



**1940
ANNUAL REPORT**

Year Ending January 6, 1941



COMMISSIONERS OF ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

York Road and Horace Avenue

Abington, Pennsylvania

COMMISSIONERS

1941

Abington Ward No. 1	WATSON T. CHESTERMAN 9 Edge Hill Road Abington
Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2	LUKE GREENHALGH 907 San Diego Avenue Fox Chase
Glenside Ward No. 3	LEWIS C. DORN 309 W. Wharton Road Glenside
McKinley Ward No. 4	EDWIN H. GEISSLER 518 Cypress Avenue Elkins Park
Crestmont Ward No. 5	WILLIAM H. JONES 328 S. Easton Road Willow Grove
North Glenside Ward No. 6	CHARLES B. MARKS 309 Maple Avenue North Hills
Noble Ward No. 7	HOWARD W. TRUMP 506 Grove Avenue Jenkintown
Roslyn Ward No. 8	ALEXANDER HOGG Avondale Avenue Roslyn
Ardsley Ward No. 9	LEWIS J. MEYER 538 Tyson Avenue Ardsley
Roychester Ward No. 10	HARRY T. MACKENZIE 301 Silver Avenue Willow Grove
Glenside Ward No. 11	WILLIAM K. DONALDSON 316 Abington Avenue Glenside
Glenside Ward No. 12	WILLIAM GEBHARDTSCBAUER 302 E. Oakdale Avenue Glenside
Glenside Ward No. 13	BENJAMIN H. DAVIS 30 W. Lynnwood Avenue Glenside

OFFICERS

CHARLES B. MARKS, President

WILLIAM H. JONES, Vice-President

E. RAYMOND AMBLER, Secretary

ROBERT C. ROSS, Treasurer

Solicitor

DAVID E. GROSHENS

Chief of Police

PATRICK McKEE

Township Engineer

OLIVER L. KING

Building Inspector

LOUIS E. BRIGHAM

Assistant to Twp. Engineer

EDMUND BITTING

Plumbing Inspector

MONROE C. ROBERTS

Highway Supervisor

ISAAC SOWERS, JR.

Health Officer

GEORGE P. RAPP

PERSONNEL
Departments and Boards

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WILLIAM K. DONALDSON, Director
WILLIAM H. JONES
EDWIN H. GEISSLER
HOWARD W. TRUMP

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

EDWIN H. GEISSLER, Director
WATSON T. CHESTERMAN
BENJAMIN H. DAVIS
HARRY T. MACKENZIE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

WILLIAM H. JONES, Director
ALEXANDER HOGG
LEWIS J. MEYER
LEWIS C. DORN

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

HOWARD W. TRUMP, Director
WILLIAM GEBHARDTSBAUER
LUKE GREENHALGH

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

SAMUEL H. GILBERT, Chairman
JOSHUA M. HOLMES, JR.
HARVEY SMITH

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

WILLIAM H. JONES, Vice-President
CHARLES B. MARKS, President
WILLIAM K. DONALDSON, Treasurer
E. RAYMOND AMBLER, Secretary
FRED F. SCHAEFER, Sewer Clerk
DAVID E. GROSHENS, Solicitor

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

The regular meetings of the Departments are as follows:

Public SafetyFirst Tuesday.....7:30 o'clock P. M.
Public HealthFirst Wednesday.....7:30 o'clock P. M.
Public WorksFirst Thursday.....7:30 o'clock P. M.
Public AffairsSecond Wednesday.....7:30 o'clock P. M.
Zoning Board of AdjustmentFourth Tuesday.....7:30 o'clock P. M.
Abington Twp. Authority Fourth Thursday.....7:30 o'clock P. M.

CALL THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

For General Township Information
For Highway Information
For Health Information
For Building Information
For Zoning Information
For Garbage Collection Service

OGONTZ 2700

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**

FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE

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

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.

DIRECTORY OF POLLING PLACES

ABINGTON, WARD No. 1	ABINGTON FIRE HOUSE York Road and Horace Avenue Abington, Pennsylvania
SAW MILL HILL WARD, No. 2	CEDAR ROAD SCHOOL Cedar Road Hollywood, Pennsylvania
GLENSIDE, WARD No. 3	WELDON FIRE HOUSE Easton Road Glenside, Pennsylvania
McKINLEY, WARD No. 4	McKINLEY FIRE HOUSE Cadwalader Avenue McKinley, Pennsylvania
CRESTMONT, WARD No. 5	PRIFOLD'S STORE Easton and Welsh Roads Willow Grove, Pennsylvania
NORTH GLENSIDE, WARD No. 6	NORTH GLENSIDE FIRE HOUSE Limekiln Pike and Cricket Ave. North Glenside, Pennsylvania
NOBLE, WARD No. 7	FURMAN & FURMAN REAL ESTATE OFFICE York Road and Wharton Road Noble, Pennsylvania
ROSLYN, WARD No. 8	ROSLYN FIRE HOUSE Eradfield Road at Heston Street Roslyn, Pennsylvania
ARDSLEY, WARD No. 9	ARDSLEY COMMUNITY HOUSE Hamel Ave. near Woodrow Ave. Ardsey, Pennsylvania
ROYCHESTER, WARD No. 10	W. CLYDE GOURLEY INC. REAL ESTATE OFFICE York Road and Welsh Road Roychester, Pennsylvania
GLENSIDE, WARD No. 11	GLENSIDE TENNIS CLUB North Easton Road Glenside, Pennsylvania
GLENSIDE, WARD No. 12	FANELLI BARBER SHOP Corner Keswick and Mt. Carmel Avenues Glenside, Pennsylvania
GLENSIDE, WARD No. 13	ST. PETERS PARISH HOUSE Roberts Avenue Glenside, Pennsylvania

DIRECTORY OF
ABINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
Susquehanna Street
Abington, Pennsylvania

NORTH HILLS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Central Avenue
North Hills, Pennsylvania

ABINGTON JUNIOR HIGH
SCHOOL
Highland Avenue
Abington, Pennsylvania

ROSLYN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Susquehanna Street
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Edge Hill Road
Abington, Pennsylvania

ARDSLEY ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Spear Avenue
Ardsley, Pennsylvania

CEDAR ROAD ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Cedar Road
Hollywood, Pennsylvania

OVERLOOK ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Welsh & Edge Hill Roads
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

McKINLEY ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Cadwalader Avenue
McKinley, Pennsylvania

WELDON JUNIOR HIGH
SCHOOL
Easton Road
Glenside, Pennsylvania

PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Highland Avenue
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

WELDON ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Easton Road
Glenside, Pennsylvania

OTHER SCHOOLS IN ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

ABINGTON FRIENDS SCHOOL
Jenkintown Rd. & Greenwood Ave.
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

OGONTZ SCHOOL
Ogontz School, Pa.

MEADOWBROOK SCHOOL
Hampton & Meadowbrook Roads
Meadowbrook, Pennsylvania

ST. LUKES PAROCHIAL
SCHOOL
Lynnwood Ave. & Easton Road
Glenside, Pennsylvania

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

ABINGTON FRIENDS MEETING
Meetinghouse Rd. & Greenwood
Ave., Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
York Road & Susquehanna Street
Abington, Pennsylvania

ARDSLEY COMMUNITY
CHAPEL
Harrison Ave. & Jenkintown Road
Ardsley, Pennsylvania

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF
CRESTMONT
Rubicam and Fairview Avenues
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

CARMEL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
Mt. Carmel Ave., & Edge Hill Rd.
North Hills, Pennsylvania

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST
SCIENTIST
Abington and Parkdale Avenues
Glenside, Pennsylvania

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH
Easton and Bradfield Road
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE M. E. CHURCH
Easton Road & Lynnwood Avenue
Glenside Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE REFORMED
CHURCH
Abington Ave. and Wharton Road
Glenside, Pennsylvania

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Parkview & Lycoming Avenues
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

METHODIST CHURCH OF
CRESTMONT
Rubicam & Washington Avenues
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

M. Y. SMITH PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
Cypress & Cadwalader Avenues
Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

ORTHODOX FRIENDS MEETING
Jenkintown Road
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
Easton Road & Tyson Avenue
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

ROYCHESTER PARK M. E.
CHURCH
Edge Hill Road & Ferndale Ave.
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

ST. ANNE'S P. E. CHURCH
Welsh & York Roads
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

ST. LUKE'S R. C. CHURCH
Easton Road & Lynnwood Avenue
Glenside, Pennsylvania

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Easton Road & Mt. Carmel Ave.
Glenside, Pennsylvania

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH
Easton Road
Glenside, Pennsylvania

WHARTON AVENUE BAPTIST
CHURCH
Wharton and Weldon Avenues
Glenside, Pennsylvania

HIGHLIGHTS—1940

Sold \$100,000 Tax Anticipation
Note at interest rate of .39%.

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Retired bonds amounting to
\$68,000.

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Per capita net debt now reduced
to \$2.11.

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Approved plans and specifications
for alterations and additions to
Township Building.

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Supplied garbage collection service
for the year at an average expense
of \$.37½ per house.

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Health Officer inspected 193 eating
places in the township and issued
566 Health Certificates to food
handlers.

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Extended the sanitary sewer in
Canterbury Road, in the westerly
side of York Road and in Wheat-
sheaf Lane.

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Five cars replaced in the Police
Bureau.

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Installed 45 additional street lights.

Installed 15 new fire hydrants.

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633 Building Permits issued, 339
for dwellings estimated at \$1,536,-
300.

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Registered 1032 Real Estate Deeds.

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Travelled 27,216 miles collecting
and disposing of refuse and ashes.

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Supplied ash and refuse collection
service at an average weekly ex-
pense of \$.47 per home.

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Surface treated 11.7 miles of town-
ship streets.

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Completed five year program sur-
face treating 50 miles township
streets.

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Approved plans for the sub-
division of five tracts of land.

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Erected 47 new street name signs.

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Two cars replaced in the Highway
Bureau.

TO THE CITIZENS OF ABINGTON TOWNSHIP:

I have the honor of presenting, on behalf of the Commissioners of Abington Township, the twenty-sixth Annual Report covering the activities in each branch of our government for the year 1940, and desire to comment briefly on our road surfacing program and reduction of bonded indebtedness.

The Department of Public Works, in 1936, planned a five-year surface-treatment program for our streets which were badly in need of repair. Approximately fifty miles of township streets have been preserved by this surface-treatment program, which was completed in 1940. Several miles of roads were also constructed and rebuilt under the supervision of Township Engineer Oliver L. King. This work was accomplished without retarding the progress of the regular highway maintenance work. Your Commissioners, during the past five years, were able to also meet the demands for increased services in the township government and in 1939 reduced the township tax rate by one mill.

The bonded debt of the township has been decreasing with each passing year. We redeemed bonds in 1940 totaling \$68,000 which reduced our outstanding bonds to \$250,000. The balances in the Sinking Funds and other assets applicable to the liquidation of the outstanding bonds, leaves the net debt but \$43,637.41. The per capita net debt of \$26.28 in 1931 is now reduced to \$2.11. These facts, and the fact that we operate on a pay-as-you-go basis, evidence the sound financial condition of our township.

The members of the Board of Commissioners, in presenting this Report, join me in expressing our warm appreciation of the loyal and efficient services of the officers and employees during the year 1940.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board,

CHARLES B. MARKS, President

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, 1940 to the
First Monday of January, 1941

GENERAL FUND

DEBITS

To Bank Balance January 2, 1940		\$ 14,682.80
Received on account delinquent Taxes & Penalty	\$ 1,139.77	
Received on account 1939 Taxes & Penalties	16,168.62	
Received on account 1940 Taxes	247,402.87	
Received on account 1940 Penalties	601.12	
Received from Miscellaneous Receipts		
Liquor License Fee	\$5,425.00	
Refunds	183.92	
Building Permits and Certificates	7,988.00	
Amusement Permits	200.00	
Fines	555.00	
Plumbing Permits & Certificates	4,029.00	
Registration of Plumbers	1,375.00	
Sewer Connections	145.00	
Sewer Rentals	3,829.59	
Highway Permits, Pole Licenses and Certificates	4,446.20	
		\$28,176.71
Received from Temporary Loan 1940	100,00.00	
Received on account Land Liens		
1930	\$ 897.84	
1931	3,371.76	
1932	3,625.85	
1933	3,350.05	
1934	4,378.65	
1935	1,535.26	
1936	2,197.42	
1937	3,497.71	
1938	7,647.67	
1939	6,096.23	
Old Land Liens Penalty & Interest	3,797.94	
		\$40,396.38
		\$433,885.47
		\$448,568.27

CREDITS

By VOUCHERS issued:	
for Treasurer's Compensation	\$6,936.26
for Treasurer's Expense	1,027.25
for Repayment Temporary Loan 1940 ..	100,000.00
	\$107,963.51
for Debt Service	47,746.88
for General Government	38,062.73
for Municipal Buildings	5,890.39
for Police	61,596.12
for Fire Protection	22,846.68
for Building Inspection and Zoning ..	2,928.26
for Street Lighting	29,022.26
for Health and Sanitation	8,931.27
for Sanitary Sewers	4,359.46
for Highway Purposes	73,699.61
for Ash and Refuse Removal	14,709.60
for Transfer 1940 Park & Shade Tree Tax	5,875.00
	\$423,631.77
By 2% Commission on Land Liens deducted by County Treasurer	807.93
	\$424,439.70
By Bank Balances January 6, 1941	24,128.57
	\$448,568.27

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UNCOLLECTED TAXES DUE

By Robert C. Ross, Treasurer:	
By Delinquent Taxes and Penalties	\$ 1,139.77
To Delinquent Taxes Paid	1,139.77
	\$42,817.26
By 1939 Taxes and Penalties	42,817.26
By 1939 additional Penalties	839.83
	\$43,657.09
To 1939 Taxes and Penalties collected	\$16,163.62
To 1939 Liens filed	27,425.16
	\$43,593.78
By 1939 Taxes and Penalties due	\$ 63.31
Account 1940 Tax Duplicate	\$286,978.38
Extra Assessment	176.80
	\$287,155.18
To Allowances due by County Letter	681.30
	\$286,473.88
NET TAX DUPLICATE	\$286,473.88
To Net Collection	247,402.87
	\$39,071.01

Amount 1940 Tax Due	\$39,071.01
Amount 1940 Penalties	\$ 2,175.89
Credit 1940 Penalties paid	601.12
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Amount 1940 Penalties due	\$ 1,574.77
By 1940 Taxes and Penalties due	\$ 40,645.78
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	\$ 40,709.09

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PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

DEBITS

Balance on Hand January 2, 1940	\$69,148.90
Received Bank Interest credited	843.40
Received on account Improvement Liens	11,765.35
Received, Transfer from General Fund	22,000.00
Received, Transfer Balance 1925 Sinking Fund	7,929.95
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	\$111,687.60

CREDITS

Expenditures:	
1939 County-Aid	\$ 7,776.43
Canterbury Road Sanitary Sewers	6,830.10
York Road Sanitary Sewers	2,877.35
Wheatsheaf Lane Sanitary Sewers	1,896.97
Jenkintown Road Sidewalk Improvement	477.24
Street Improvements, Wards 10 and 11	10,973.17
Account Township's New Garage	14,382.05
Administration Building	1,264.05
Depository Bond Expense	142.38
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	\$46,619.74
Balance on hand January 6, 1941	\$ 65,067.86

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PARK AND SHADE TREE FUND

DEBITS

Balance on hand January 2, 1940	\$23,729.87
Received Bank Interest credited	455.64
Received, Transfer from General Fund 1940 Tax	5,875.00
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	\$ 30,060.51

CREDITS

Expenditures:	
Baederwood Park	\$ 172.06
Crestmont Park	122.10
Roychester Park	2,505.49
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	\$ 2,799.65
Balance on hand January 6, 1941	\$ 27,260.86

REPORT TOWNSHIP BONDS OUTSTANDING

Outstanding Bonds January 2, 1940	\$318,000.00
Bonds retired during year 1940—	
Loan 1912	\$12,000.00
Loan 1913	2,000.00
Loan 1925	13,000.00
Loan 1925A	16,000.00
Loan 1930	25,000.00
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	\$ 68,000.00
Outstanding Bonds January 6, 1941	\$250,000.00

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REPORT ON SINKING FUND

Balance in Sinking Funds January 2, 1940	\$123,535.13
1940 Tax collected	47,116.00
Bank Interest Credited	1,472.63
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	\$172,123.81
Expenditures:	
Retirement of Bonds	\$68,000.00
State Taxes, 1939	960.00
Coupon Interest Paid	13,865.00
Transfer to Permanent Improvement Fund (Balance in 1925 Sinking Fund)	7,929.95
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	\$ 90,754.95
Balance in Sinking Funds January 6, 1941	\$ 81,368.86

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REPORT ON IMPROVEMENT LIENS OUTSTANDING

York Road Sanitary Sewer	\$ 1,646.98
Street Improvements—Wards 10 and 11	10,554.98
Canterbury Road Sanitary Sewer	5,312.30
Fox Chase Manor Street Improvements	289.78
Hillthorpe Avenue Street Improvements	3,347.19
Edge Hill Road Sidewalk Improvements	873.80
Sylvania Avenue Improvements	337.28
House Sewer Connections	592.22
Sewer Assessments	1,006.35
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Outstanding January 6, 1941	\$ 23,960.88

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DOCKETS

Justice of the Peace HARRY DOOLEY	
Balance due January 2, 1940	\$ 80.00
Fines Imposed, 1940	\$ 10.00
Fines Remitted, 1940	10.00
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Balance due January 6, 1941	\$ 80.00
Justice of the Peace HOWARD NICE	
Fines Imposed, 1940	\$ 475.00
Fines Remitted, 1940	475.00
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LIABILITIES

Balance of Loan 1912	\$22,000.00	
Balance of Loan 1913	2,000.00	
Balance of Loan 1923	20,000.00	
Balance of Loan 1925A	16,000.00	
Balance of Loan 1927	34,000.00	
Balance of Loan 1928	37,000.00	
Balance of Loan 1930	65,000.00	
Balance of Loan 1931	54,000.00	
Treasurer's Compensation	6,950.21	\$250,000.00
Paid on account, 1940	\$6,289.06	
Treasurer's Compensation adj. 1939	647.20 6,936.26	
Balance due Treasurer		13.95
		\$250,013.95

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CASH ASSETS

Sinking Fund, Loan of 1912	\$ 2,133.33	
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1913	79.46	
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1923	18,899.20	
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1925A	5,315.00	
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1927	16,223.26	
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1928	13,754.31	
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1930	13,877.20	
Sinking Fund, Loan of 1931	11,087.10	
Bank Balance, General Fund		\$ 81,368.86
Bank Balance, Permanent Improvement Fund		24,128.57
Bank Balance, Park and Shade Tree Fund		65,067.86
Bank Balance, Park and Shade Tree Fund		27,260.86
Due by Treasurer		40,709.09
Due by 1932 Land Liens	\$ 4,644.84	
Due by 1933 Land Liens	6,755.71	
Due by 1934 Land Liens	7,234.62	
Due by 1935 Land Liens	10,933.29	
Due by 1936 Land Liens	11,370.51	
Due by 1937 Land Liens	13,298.28	
Due by 1938 Land Liens	18,115.05	
Due by 1939 Land Liens	21,345.62	
		\$ 93,697.92
Due by Improvement Liens		23,960.88
Due by Justice of the Peace Dooley		30.00
		\$356,274.04

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, 1940, and ending on the first Monday of January, 1941, 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 as above stated.

D. E. KRUEGER
CHARLES WILLIAMS
WM. RAYMOND VOGEL

Township Auditors.

Abington, Pennsylvania, February 21, 1941.

Attest:

E. RAYMOND AMBLER,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Bureau of General Government

Appropriation \$ 46,709.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Salaries and Services	\$16,430.00
Expenses Tax Collection	7,963.51
Office Equipment and Supplies	2,021.13
Printing and Postage	1,183.70
Telephone Service	2,494.10
Transferred for Addition to Township Building	15,000.00
Other Expense	927.93
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	\$ 46,020.37

Balance appropriation unexpended \$ 688.63

Your Directors of Public Affairs submit, for your consideration, the following statements, comparisons and detailed reports in conjunction with the Auditors' Report.

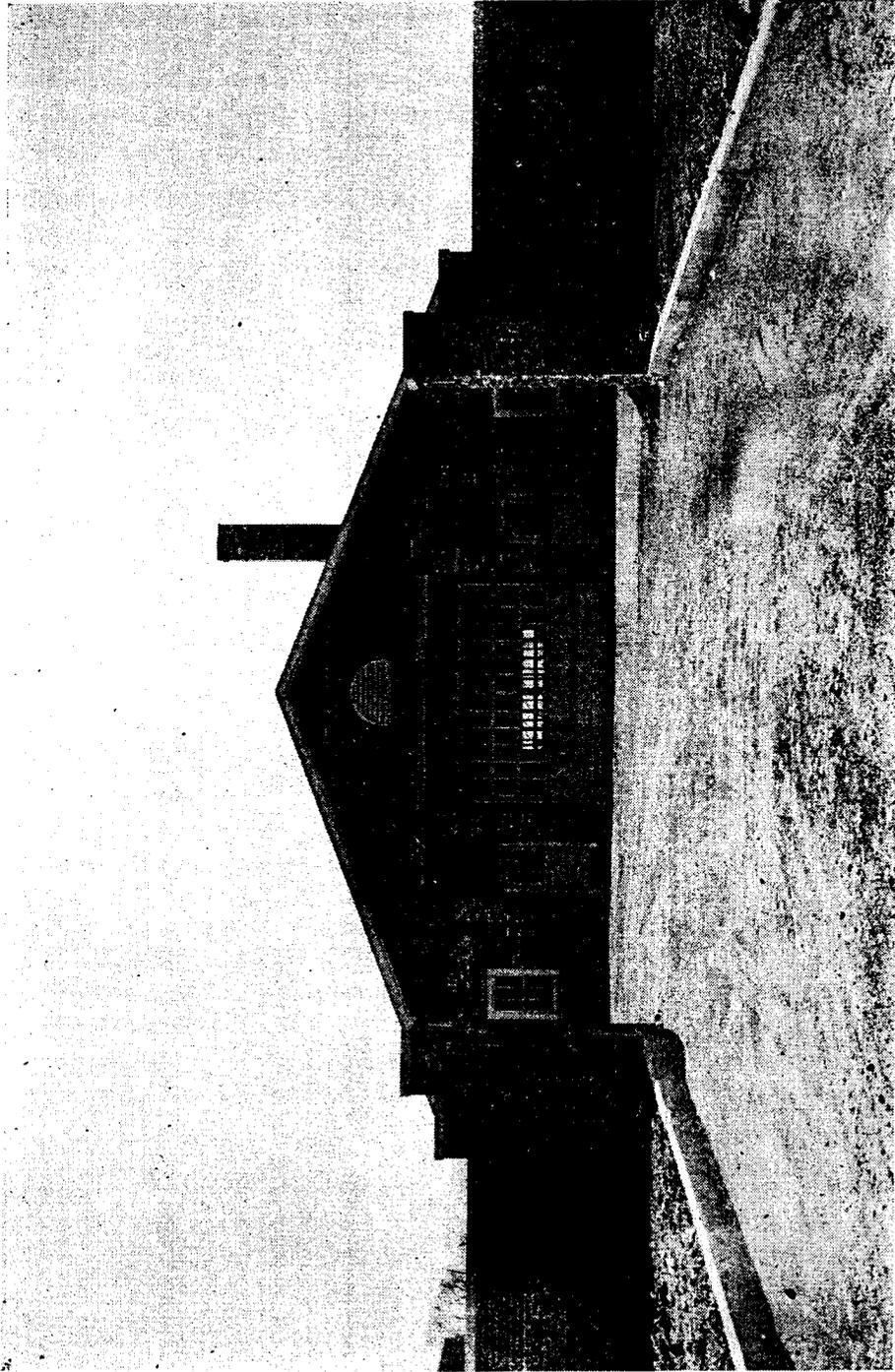
During the year we have provided office space in the basement for the National Re-employment Service, and State Relief. Also provided space in the Commissioners' Room for the traveling Registrars.

Budgetry Control

The resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners December 14, 1939, providing for a more centralized supervision and control of expenditures of public moneys by the various Departments, officers and employees, proved to be a successful step forward in Township administration in 1940, and effected considerable savings in the purchases of township supplies and equipment. By coordinating these purchases under a central purchasing office and asking for quotations on the various supplies and equipment, keener competitive bidding was induced in the trade with the resultant savings to the township.

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURES 1940

BUREAUS	AMOUNT APPROPRIATE	EXPENDED TO DATE	BALANCE UNEXPENDED
DEBT SERVICE	\$148,816.00	\$147,746.88	\$ 1,069.12
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	46,209.00	46,026.24	182.76
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	5,800.00	5,890.39	90.39 (overdrawn)
POLICE	62,000.00	61,596.12	403.88
FIRE PROTECTION	23,800.00	22,846.68	953.32
BUILDING AND ZONING	4,000.00	2,928.26	1,071.74
STREET LIGHTING	29,500.00	29,022.26	477.74
HEALTH AND SANITATION	9,700.00	8,931.27	768.73
SANITARY SEWERS	6,300.00	4,359.46	1,940.54
HIGHWAYS	84,000.00	73,699.61	10,300.39
ASH AND RUBBISH COLLECTION	11,000.00	14,709.60	3,709.60 (overdrawn)
PARK AND SHADE TREE—1940 TAX	5,875.00	5,875.00	
	<u>\$437,000.00</u>	<u>\$423,631.77</u>	<u>\$ 17,168.22</u>
		Overdrawn	3,799.99
			<u>\$ 13,368.23</u>



Abington Township Department of Public Works Garage

Township Garage Buildings

A new 60' x 90' brick garage building for the Department of Public Works was completed in May, 1940, by P. Russell Fesmire & Son, Huntingdon Valley, at a cost of \$17,416.80. The new building houses the Department's ten pieces of major motor equipment and contains a stock room for the storage of tools and other equipment. Car washing and greasing facilities are also provided. Plan and specification were prepared by Charles F. Rabenold, Registered Architect.

Prior to the erection of the new garage they shared the space in the Police garage, which was not large enough to house all the equipment. The Department of Public Safety now use the entire Police garage, which is equipped with a complete maintenance shop, electric hoist and car wash, to house their ten police cars and two motorcycles.

Township Administration Building

The rapid expansion of our township in recent years and the increased services required, has caused a crowded condition in the present township building. Your commissioners feel additional office and working space should be provided, and engaged Charles F. Rabenold, Registered Architect, to prepare plans and specifications of alterations and addition to the township building. The plans and specifications were approved by the Board August 5, 1940.

Your commissioners, for several years past, anticipating the future needs of our township, accumulated from excess receipts and unappropriated balances, a fund of \$50,000 toward this improvement and it will therefore not be necessary to float a bond issue.

GENERAL FUNDS

DEBITS

Bank Balances, General Funds, January 2, 1940	\$14,682.80	
Received from Secretary on account of		
Miscellaneous Receipts	28,176.71	
Received from Treasurer on account Taxes Prior		
Years	1,139.77	
Received from Treasurer on account 1939 Taxes	16,168.62	
Received from Treasurer on account 1940 Taxes	248,003.99	
Received from County on account of Land Liens	40,396.38	
Received account of 1940 Temporary Loan	100,000.00	
		<u>\$448,568.27</u>

CREDITS

Vouchers issued, General Funds	\$248,640.77	
Vouchers issued, 1940 Temporary Loan	100,000.00	
Transfer to Sinking Funds (special tax)	47,116.00	
Transfer to Permanent Improvement Fund	22,000.00	
Transfer to Park & Shade Tree Account,		
(special tax)	5,875.00	
2% Commission on Land Liens deducted by		
County Treasurer	807.93	
		<u>\$424,439.70</u>
Bank Balances, General Fund, end of year		24,128.57
		<u>\$448,568.27</u>

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP'S SOURCES OF INCOME
AND THE SERVICES FOR WHICH IT WAS
EXPENDED DURING THE YEARS 1939 and 1940**

\$348,568.27—1940 TOTAL GENERAL FUND 1939—\$364,800.70

1940 — R E V E N U E — 1939

	248,003.99	Real Estate Taxes	\$239,005.17	
	17,308.39	Prior Years	19,977.32	
	40,396.38	Land Liens	39,197.31	
	\$305,708.76		\$298,179.80	
87.7%		Reserve Fund Balance Jan. 1	41,799.42	81.7%
4.2%	14,682.80	Liquor Licenses	5,600.00	11.4%
1.6%	5,425.00	Permits	14,155.20	4. %
4.8%	16,663.20	Sewer Rentals and Installations	3,827.41	1.1%
1.1%	3,974.59	Miscellaneous	1,238.87	.3%
.6%	2,113.92			
	100. %		100. %	

1940 — E X P E N D I T U R E S — 1939

Protection to Life and Property				
	\$ 59,586.44	Police Protection	\$ 60,318.37	
	22,846.68	Fire Protection	20,558.48	
	2,928.26	Bldg. Inspection and Zoning	2,828.99	
	29,022.26	Street Lighting	28,181.05	
	\$114,383.64		\$111,886.89	
32.8%		Health and Sanitary Sewers	15,208.43	30.7%
3.5%	12,231.24	Library and Miscellaneous		4.2%
1.0%	3,259.49	Debt Service	52,680.50	14.5%
13.7%	47,746.88	General Gov. and Tax Collection	29,561.70	8.1%
9.1%	31,828.30	Maintenance Township Buildings	4,726.57	1.3%
1.7%	5,890.39	Highway and Engineering	86,628.81	23.7%
23.3%	81,224.76	Transfer to Perm. Imp. acct.	43,800.00	12. %
6.3%	22,000.00	Transfer to Park & Shade Tree	5,625.00	1.5%
1.7%	5,875.00	Reserve Fund Balance Jan. 1	14,682.80	4. %
6.9%	24,128.57			
	100. %		100. %	

PROPERTY VALUATION

	1938	1939	1940
Assessed Valuation of real estate	\$22,930,011.	\$23,318,295.	\$23,872,823.
Valuation tax exempt real estate	3,364,500.	3,555,500.	3,583,850.

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP BOND STATEMENT

January 1, 1941

L O A N	ELECTORATE AUTHORITY	AMOUNT OF		RATE	D U E	O U T S T A N D I N G	A M T . I N S I N K I N G F U N D S
		ISSUE	1940-1942				
June 1, 1912	Road Improvements	\$164,000.	4 %	Optional	1940-1942	22,000.	2,133.33
COUNCILMANTIC AUTHORITY							
Dec. 1, 1913	Road Improvements	25,000.	5 %	Optional	1940-1943	2,000.	79.46
June 1, 1923	Road Improvements	50,000.	4¼ %	Due	1943	20,000.	18,899.20
Dec. 1, 1925A	Township Building	45,000.	4½ %	Due	1945	16,000.	5,315.00
June 1, 1927	Road Improvements	50,000.	4½ %	Due	1942	13,000.	16,223.26
Nov. 1, 1928	Road Improvements	55,000.	4½ %	Due	1947	21,000.	13,754.31
July 1, 1930	Road Improvements	100,000.	4¼ %	Due	1943	15,000.	13,877.20
Dec. 1, 1931	Road Improvements	60,000.	5 %	Due	1948	22,000.	11,087.10
				Due	1945	30,000.	18,000.
				Due	1950	35,000.	24,000.
				Due	1941	12,000.	
				Due	1946	18,000.	
				Due	1951	24,000.	

TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Fiscal Year 1st Monday January	Total Property Tax	Uncollected end Fiscal Year	Uncollected Latest avail- able date Jan. 1, 1941
1937	\$293,048.57	\$52,934.81	
1938	298,664.61	53,862.50	
1939	279,313.54	38,402.80	\$ 63.31
1940	285,978.38	39,071.01	39,071.01

Tax Liens are filed with County, first Monday of May following the year of levy and balances of uncollected taxes at end of year include the items for that year which will be liened the following May if unpaid at that time.

TAX DATA

The Township Commissioners evied a 12 mills tax for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1941, which will be billed July 1.

Penalty added after September 1. No discount.

Uncollected taxes are included in the next year's budget.

Liens are filed with County Commissioners on First Monday in May following the year of the levy.

BANK DEPOSITS

Total Balance General Funds	\$ 24,128.57
Total Balance Permanent Improvement Fund	65,067.86
Total Balance Park and Shade Tree Fund	27,260.86
Total Balance Sinking Funds	81,368.86

The two depositories are—

Jenkintown Bank & Trust Company, Jenkintown, Pa.

Abington Bank & Trust Company, Abington, Pa.

Deposits are secured by Depository Agreement with security according to law.

Bureau of Debt Service

Appropriation	\$148,816.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Repayment and Expense Temporary Loan	\$100,630.88
Sinking Fund—State Tax, etc.	47,116.00
	\$147,746.88
Balance appropriation unexpended	\$ 1,069.12

Tax Anticipation Note

The 1940 Tax Anticipation Note of \$100,000 was sold February 1 to W. H. Newbold's Son and Company, 1517 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa., at an interest cost of .39%. This note was paid October 1 out of the 1940 current taxes and the Township has no temporary loan obligation.

BONDED DEBT

Abington Township, from 1906 to 1931 inclusive, had fourteen bond issues, totaling \$794,000, and have never defaulted in its debt obligations.

	Outstanding Bonds	Sinking Funds	Net
January 1, 1941	\$250,000.00	\$ 81,368.86	\$168,631.14
January 1, 1940	318,000.00	123,535.13	194,464.87
January 1, 1939	340,000.00	110,812.83	229,187.17
January 1, 1938	367,000.00	102,962.87	264,037.13
January 1, 1937	413,000.00	112,271.21	300,728.79

The legal debt limit is 7% of the assessed valuation:
 2% under councilmanic authority
 5% under electorate authority

The report of the Township Bond and Sinking Fund Accounts for 1940 are set forth in the Auditors' Report on page 00.

Bureau of Library

Appropriation	\$	200.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Contribution Glenside Public Library	\$	200.00
	\$	200.00

For the past several years the Commissioners have contributed annually \$200.00 to the Glenside Public Library.

Bureau of Miscellaneous

Appropriation	\$	3,200.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Refund Sewer Rentals	\$	1,059.49
Contribution Police Pension		2,000.00
	\$	3,059.49
Balance appropriation unexpended	\$	140.51

In conformance with the State requirements for budgeting we have set up a Miscellaneous Bureau from which was paid our annual contribution to the Police Pension Association and the sewer rental refunds. These refunds are paid under agreements to Jenkintown Borough and Cheltenham Township where sewage flows into their system unmetered.

Bureau of Municipal Buildings

Appropriation	\$	5,800.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Salary	\$	1,560.00
Materials and Supplies		528.99
Fuel, Light and Water		1,810.04
Repairs to Buildings		1,147.84
Insurance, Buildings		843.52
	\$	5,890.39
Appropriation Overdrawn	\$	90.39

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Bureau of Police

Appropriation	\$ 60,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Salaries	\$45,130.00
Uniforms	1,251.98
Office Supplies	459.97
Maintenance and Replacement Autos	4,443.73
Maintenance and Replacement Radio	1,079.99
Insurance (Compensation & Liability)	1,490.48
Traffic Signal and Equipment	1,142.50
Gasoline and Oils	3,765.89
Other	821.90
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	\$ 59,586.44
Balance appropriation unexpended	\$ 413.56

Radio

The Commissioners, in 1939, to keep apace of the times in crime control installed two-way radio system with mobile transmitters in all patrol cars. In 1940 the adjoining municipalities of Jenkintown Borough, Upper Dublin and Upper Moreland Townships have tied in with the system, thereby making this area practically a single unit for the purpose of combating crime.

Automobile Equipment

Five new automobiles were purchased during the year replacing five used cars. In an effort to reduce the cost of maintenance the Department of Public Safety recommend that their automobile equipment be replaced every year.

Traffic Control

Speed limit zones to conform with the requirements of the State Vehicle Code were established as follows:

- EDGE HILL ROAD—Jenkintown Road to Mt. Carmel Avenue
- JENKINTOWN ROAD—Edge Hill Road to Maple Avenue
- SUSQUEHANNA STREET—York Road to Edge Hill Road
- SUSQUEHANNA STREET—Bradfield Road to Seventh Avenue
- HUNTINGDON PIKE—Rockledge Borough Line to Cedar Road.

Thru highways with stop intersections were approved by the State as follows:

- Mt. Carmel Avenue, Thru Highway with stop intersections between Limekiln Pike and North Hills Avenue.
- Limekiln Pike, Thru Highway with stop intersections between Mt. Carmel Avenue and North Hills Avenue.
- Jenkintown Road, Thru Highway with stop intersections between Edge Hill Road and North Hills Avenue.
- Washington Lane, Thru Highway with stop intersections between Meadowbrook and Rydal Roads.

Arrests made are classified in comparison with year 1939 as follows:

	1939	1940
Adultery		1
Adultery and Bastardy	1	1
Aggravated Assault and Battery		1
Arson		1
Assault and Battery	25	33
Assault and Battery by automobile	72	92
Assault and Battery to commit rape	3	1
Assault and Battery by gun	1	
Assault and Battery by Trolley Car	1	1
Begging	3	1
Bench Warrant		1
Boarding House Act		1
Breach of the Peace		4
Breaking, Entry and Larceny	3	1
Burglary	2	5
Buying Scrap Iron from Minors		1
Carrying concealed weapons		1
Corner Lounging		1
Cruelty to Animals	1	1
Cutting and destroying shrubbery	4	4
Defrauding a Garage Owner		1
Defrauding a House Keeper		1
Demented	5	2
Desertion and Non-support		2
Disorderly Conduct	38	21
Drunk	68	62
Embezzlement		1
False Pretense	1	1
Failure to pay Hotel Bill	3	
Failure to Pay wages	1	
Felonious Entry and Larceny	4	1
Felonious Entry with entent to commit larceny	1	
Fraudulent conversion	4	1
Holdup and attempted robbery	1	2
Incorrigible		1
Indecent Assault Section 519		1
Involuntary Manslaughter	2	1
Issuing Worthless Checks		1
Keeping Vicious Dog		1
Larceny	13	22
Larceny of Automobiles	6	5
Larceny of Bicycles		1
Larceny by Bailee	1	4
Larceny of Gasoline	2	
Larceny of wheels and tires		1
Larceny from person	3	
Making Threats	1	8
Malicious mischief	33	19
Murder		1
Non-support	10	
Obtaining money under False pretense		2
Opening mail of others		1
Operating Automobiles under Influence of liquor	7	9
Permitting intoxicated person to operate automobile		1
Receiving stolen goods	1	1

Reckless use of Fire Arms		1
Runaways	10	5
Setting up and maintaining an illegal lottery		1
Suspicion of Larceny	3	
Suspicion		8
Suspicion of Illegal Lottery	3	
Suspicious Persons	12	
Trespassing	10	12
Vagrancy	4	3
Violation Electric Storage Battery Act		1
Violation Hard Fuel Act (Coal)		2
Violation Health Ordinance 325	3	2
Violation Malt Beverage Act	2	
Violation Pennsylvania Motor Laws	47	23
Violation School Code	7	14
Violation Township Ordinance 396	34	32
Violation Township Building Code	1	1
Violation Township Plumbing Ordinance		1
Violation Witkin Fire Arm Act		1
Violation Workmen's Compensation Laws	1	
Worthless checks	5	

The result of the Bureau of Police operations compare with the year 1939 as follows:

	1939	1940
Attempted Suicides	15	10
Dangerous condition reported in roads, trees and wires	15	
Dogs killed by officers	142	194
Fires Reported	313	205
Holes in Roads reported		3
Lodgers accomodated	460	432
Meals served to prisoners	498	450
Persons hurt in accidents reported to this Department	510	433
Prisoners finger printed and photographed	61	57
Report to Coroner, persons killed	23	17
Street lights reported out	1521	945
Stolen Automobiles Recovered	14	15
Suicides	4	2
Trees reported down		7
Value of Stolen goods recovered	\$8831.	\$6078.

Bureau of Street Lighting

Appropriation	\$ 29,500.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Street Light Service	\$29,022.26
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	\$ 29,022.26
Balance appropriation unexpended	\$ 477.74

The Board authorized the installation of forty-five (45) additional street lights during the year.

Bureau of Fire Protection

Appropriation	\$ 23,800.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Rental Fire Hydrants	\$ 9,652.35
Contribution 5 Fire Companies	12,500.00
Insurance	694.33
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	\$ 22,846.68
Balance appropriation unexpended	\$ 953.32

During the year the Department of Public Safety visited and inspected the various fire company buildings and equipment. They commended the officers and members of the companies, on the excellent condition in which their houses and equipment were kept.

The installation of fifteen (15) new fire hydrants was authorized by the Board.

The audit of the accounts of the five volunteer fire companies of Abington Township reveal a well managed and financially sound fire department.

Although each company is an incorporated body independent of the Township so far as property and equipment is concerned, they are required by ordinance to function under the supervision of the municipality. The Chiefs of the five companies, together with the Department of Public Safety, comprise the Abington Township Fire Board, which formulates rules and regulations governing the activities of the volunteer fire companies.

Each year the Commissioners levy a special fire tax and make an annual contribution of equal amount to each company to aid in maintaining their fire houses and fire equipment to the standards set up by the Fire Board. Through the cooperation of the Commissioners and the Fire Board, and the fire companies with their improved equipment and efficient service rendered, the Fire Underwriters Association, in 1937, placed Abington Township in a Class "B" rating fire zone, thereby giving the property owners of the township the benefit of a lower fire insurance rate.

The modern fire apparatus and equipment owned by the five companies has been secured from funds augmented by personal contributions from the residents of the communities served by the respective fire companies and reflects their interest in their local fire company.

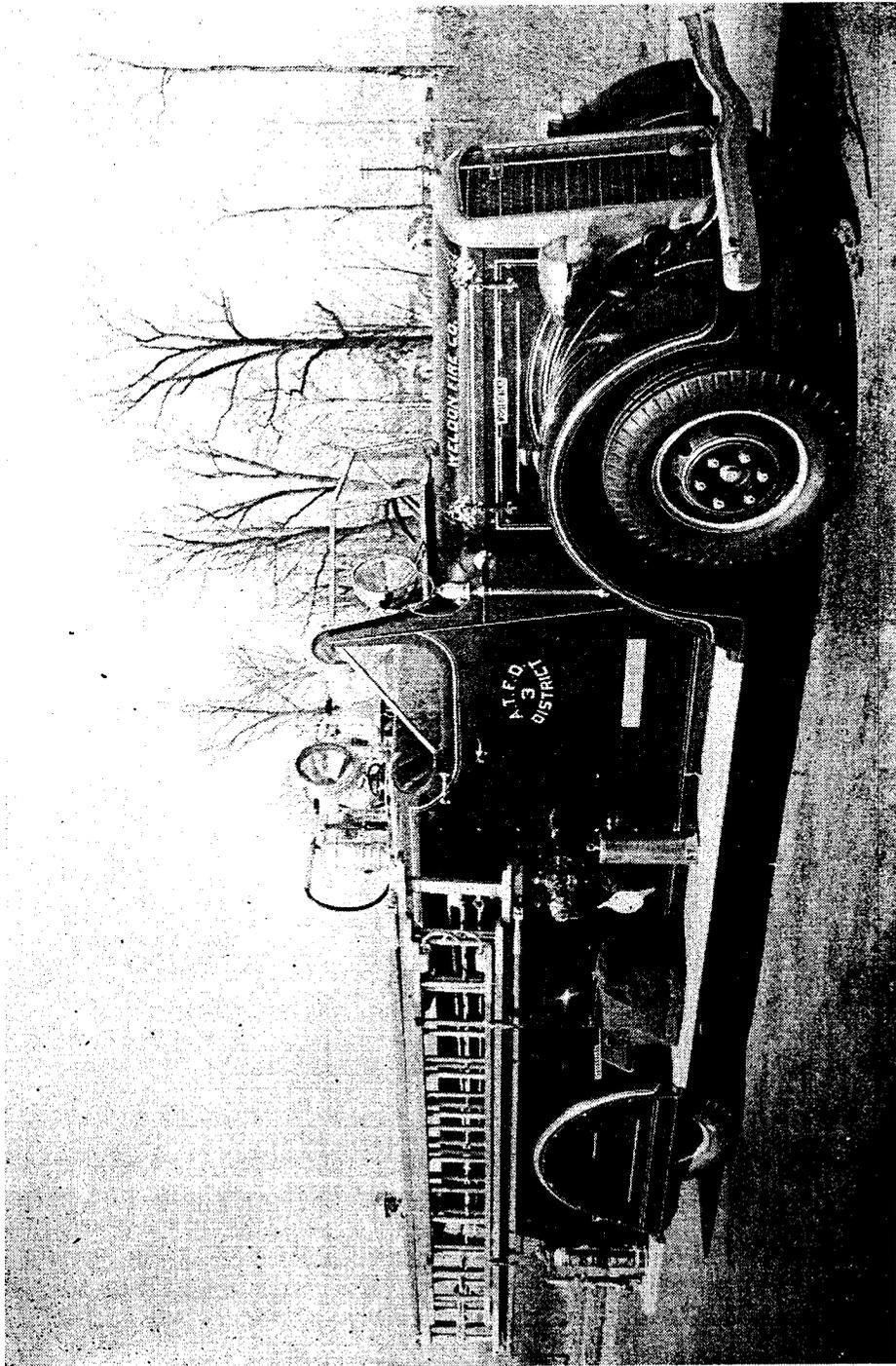
Alarms

The police received 295 calls for fire service and caused the alarms to be sent to the fire companies in whose fire district the fire was located.

Sixty-one (61) of these alarms were for buildings and automobiles. Twenty-three (23) for woods and dumps. Two hundred and eleven (211) were field fires and false alarms.

Field fires were mostly caused through negligence and it is a great expense to the fire company and the fire company members answering these irresponsible calls. The Commissioners and Fire Board each year solicit the sincere cooperation of every citizen in minimizing the grass and field fires and we again appeal to you to exercise special precaution in eliminating the cause for these irresponsible calls.

The Roslyn Fire Company rendered ambulance service for eighty-three calls.



Weldon Fire Company's New Piece of Equipment

The Companies of the Abington Township Fire Department report having attended Fires, December 1, 1939 to December 1, 1940, classified as follows:

	Abington	Weldon	Edge Hill	McKinley	Roslyn
Automobiles	3	1	1	1	1
Barnes	3	1		2	
Chicken House			1		
Church		1	1		
Dumps		3			
Dwellings	17	10	15	4	14
Emergency Calls and False Alarms	5		2	3	1
Factory		1			
Field Fire and Rubbish	51	22	21	64	31
Garage	1			1	
Gas Station	1				
Lumber Yard	2				1
Poles and Pumps	1				2
Schools	1		1		1
Stores		2			
Trucks		2			2
Woods and Underbrush	15	1	3	9	2

FIRE COMPANIES AUDIT

The accounts of the fire company members of the Abington Township Fire Department, were audited by the Township Auditors. A summary of the audit for 1940 follows.

	Abington	Weldon	Edge Hill	McKinley	Roslyn
Balance in General Fund 1/1/40	\$ 2,429.78	\$ 2,908.28	\$ 914.02	\$ 1,142.97	\$ 1,127.38
Receipts during year	4,713.89	5,925.96	2,811.81	3,168.02	3,315.55
	<u>7,143.67</u>	<u>8,834.25</u>	<u>3,725.83</u>	<u>4,310.99</u>	<u>4,442.93</u>
Expenditures during year	6,766.62	6,051.28	3,158.11	2,693.81	3,345.71
Balance in General Fund 12/31/40	377.05	2,782.97	567.72	1,617.18	1,097.22
Cash held in Special Accounts	4,358.05				780.13
A s s e t s	37,051.47	30,898.97	22,233.72	20,765.89	20,827.35
Liabilities		11,363.00			3,000.00

Bureau of Building and Zoning

Appropriation		\$ 4,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Salaries	\$ 2,040.00	
Maintenance of Auto	500.00	
Other expense	388.26	
	\$ 2,928.26	
Balance appropriation unexpended		\$ 1,071.74

Six hundred and thirty-three (633) applications were received for Building Permits issued during the year 1940 at an estimated cost as follows:

339 Dwellings		\$1,536,600.00
224 Alterations, Additions and Repairs		196,788.50
16 Signs		1,473.00
45 Accessory Buildings		52,544.00
1 Gymnasium		195,000.00
2 Office Buildings and bus terminal		61,000.00
1 Factory Building		25,000.00
1 Permit Void		
4 Demolished buildings		
633		\$2,068,405.50

The following statement sets forth the construction of dwellings and separate garages and service stations during the years 1936 to 1940 inclusive.

DWELLINGS			SEPARATE GARAGES AND SERVICE STATIONS		
1936	56	Estimated cost	\$ 485,970.	62	estimated cost \$ 27,600.
1937	88	estimated cost	1,086,616.	43	estimated cost 58,054.
1938	153	estimated cost	1,082,857.	54	estimated cost 18,650.
1938	1	Multiple dwelling	776,000.		
1939	239	estimated cost	1,205,102.	51	estimated cost 50,290.
1940	339	estimated cost	1,563,600.	38	estimated cost 22,059.

Zoning

The Zoning Board of Adjustment held public hearings during the year on 13 petitions for special exceptions or variances from the terms of the Abington Township Zoning Ordinance of 1936, as follows:

Appeal No. 120—Gasoline filling and service station, southwesterly corner of Jenkintown Road and Edge Hill Road—Appeal granted.

Appeal No. 121—Gasoline filling and service station, northwesterly corner York Road and Decatur Avenue—Appeal granted.

Appeal No. 122—addition to present store and gasoline filling station, southwesterly corner Easton Road and Jenkintown Road—Appeal granted.

Appeal No. 123—Addition to present building, northeasterly side of Robin Hood Road—Appeal granted.

Appeal No. 125—Addition to dwelling, northerly corner of Easton Road and Independence Avenue—Appeal refused.

Appeal No. 126—Erection of a dwelling, easterly side of Old Fox Chase and Huntingdon Turnpike at Valley Falls Station—Appeal granted.

Appeal No. 127—Erection of nurses homes, southeasterly corner of Horace Avenue and Highland Avenue—Appeal granted.

Appeal No. 128—Erection of six single-family dwellings, northerly corner of Charles and Third Street, Easterly corner of Charles and Third Streets, southerly corner of Charles and Third Streets, westerly corner of Charles and Third Streets, southerly corner of Charles and Second Streets, Westerly corner of Charles and Second Streets—Appeal granted.

Appeal No. 129—Erection of a dwelling with attached garage, northerly corner of Tyson Avenue and Weldon Avenue—Appeal granted.

Appeal No. 130—Gasoline filling and service station, northerly corner of Limekiln Pike and Fairview Avenue—Appeal refused.

Appeal No. 131—Erection of a dwelling with attached garage, southery corner of Spruce Avenue and Maple Avenue—Appeal granted.

Appeal No. 132—Erection of a dwelling with attached garage, easterly corner of Abington and Parkdale Avenue—Appeal refused.

Appeal No. 133—Gasoline filling and service station, southeasterly corner of York Road and Woodland Road—Appeal granted.

The Board of Commissioners held public hearing on one petition (Appeal No. 124) to change the zoning classification of both sides of Roberts Avenue, between Mt. Carmel Avenue and Lynnwood Avenue, from "T" Residence District to "L" Residence District. "T" Residence District provides for one-family occupancy and "L" Residence District provides for three-family occupancy or more. Petitioner desired to convert his home for three-family occupancy. After hearing testimony of the neighboring property owners, the Board refused the petition.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Bureau of Health and Sanitation

Appropriation	\$ 9,700.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Salaries	\$ 4,740.00
Analysis and Inspection of Milk	753.65
Materials and Supplies	349.22
Collection of Garbage	2,250.00
Other	838.40
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	\$ 8,931.27
Balance	\$ 768.73

Health Officer

Physicians, during the year 1940, reported the following communicable diseases to the Bureau of Health:

CHICKEN POX	94	INFANTILE PARALYSIS	2
DIPHTHERIA	4	PNEUMONIA	1
DYSENTERY	4	SCARLET FEVER	13
MEASLES	54	TYPHOID FEVER	17
MUMPS	7	WHOOPING COUGH	40
MENINGITIS	1		

The Health Officer received forty-six (46) complaints of overflowing cesspool nuisance and directed the owners to abate the same.

The Health Officer inspected one hundred ninety-three (193) public eating places, drinking places and soda fountains within our Township and issued five hundred and sixty-six (566) Health Certificates to the employers and employees. This report was filed with the State Department of Restaurant Hygiene.

One summon was issued for a violation of the Health Ordinance, hearing was held before the Justice of Peace and fine imposed.

Plumbing Inspection

The Plumbing Inspector reported four hundred and thirty-three (433) plans of plumbing work were approved and permits issued during the year 1940. Certificates of Registration were issued during the year to ninety (90) Master Plumbers and twenty-two (22) Journeyman Plumbers.

Two (2) cesspools, four (4) septic tanks, two (2) tile fields, fifty-one (51) leaching cesspools and seven (7) sub-soil drainage systems were installed under the supervision of the Plumbing Inspector.

One hundred and nineteen (119) Certificate of Sanitary Drainage and Plumbing Fixtures were issued by the Plumbing Inspector.

The Plumbing Inspector investigated seven (7) violations and nuisance complaints and supervised their correction.

Garbage Collection

The Bureau of Health received two hundred and twenty-one (221) requests for garbage service during the year, which were given immediate attention by the contractor, Frank Birchler, Jarrettown, Pa.

The cost of garbage collection service was \$2,250, which amounts to 37½ cents per home per year.

Milk Inspection

The milk inspection of our township was supervised by the Old York Road Milk Control Board. The township's share in the expense of inspection was \$344.43 and for the analysis of milk and cream \$409.22. The \$344.43 was the net expense of inspection, \$150.00 refund from the Milk Control Board being credited to this expense.

The Department of Public Health, after studying the services being received through the Old York Road Milk Control Board in comparison with the advantages and efficiency of the township carrying on its own inspection of milk, recommended to the Board of Commissioners that they withdraw from the Milk Control Board. The Commissioners accordingly, on November 14, 1940, unanimously withdrew from the Old York Road Milk Control Board effective January 1, 1941.

The Department of Public Health are arranging for this service to be continued under their own supervision and assure the people of our township the protection of a safe milk supply.

Bureau of Sanitary Sewers

Appropriation	\$ 5,100.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Operation and maintenance.....	\$ 2,724.73
Construction of Sewers.....	575.24
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	3,299.97
Balance appropriation unexpended.....	\$ 1,800.03

Ten (10) applications for connections to the Township sewer system were filed with the Plumbing Inspector. The laterals were laid by the employees of the Department of Public Works.

The construction of a sanitary sewer in Canterbury Road, Noble Ward No. 7, in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 439, was completed March 8, 1940, by the Chestnut Hill Contracting Company, Chestnut Hill, Pa. The total cost of construction being \$7,250.10.

The construction of a sanitary sewer in the westerly side of Old York Road, from a manhole 280 feet north of Susquehanna Street to a manhole approximately 100 feet south of Horance Avenue, Abington Ward No. 1, in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 456, was completed November 19, 1940, by the Chestnut Hill Contracting Company, the total cost of construction being \$2,877.35.

Contract for constructing a sanitary sewer in Wheatsheaf Lane, from Susquehanna Street to Horace Avenue, Abington Ward No. 1, in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 456, was awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, McCabe Brothers, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa., who commenced the work of construction November 1, 1940.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Bureau of Highways

Appropriation	\$ 83,600.00
Summary of Expenditures:	
Salaries	\$ 7,980.00
Engineer Services and Supplies	856.35
Operation, Maintenance and replacement motor equipment	4,322.07
Maintenance and installation street signs.....	602.75
Insurance (Compensation, Equipment and Lia- bility)	2,049.13
Tools and Equipment	1,435.32
Other	1,249.02
Maintenance Highways	48,020.52
Construction and rebuilding of roads.....	7,000.00
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	73,515.16
Balance appropriation unexpended.....	\$ 10,084.84

Sub-Divisions

Plans were approved for the following sub-divisions:

1. Abington Park Manor—Ward 1
2. Glenmore Farms (Additional)—Ward 3
3. Roslyn Valley—Ward 8
4. Overlook Hills (Portion revised)—Ward 10
5. Plan of lots of old Bordo-Newport Property—Ward 8

New Streets

The Township accepted, by Ordinance, the following streets:

Ordinance No. 449—HARDING AVENUE—Parkview Avenue to Moreland Road—Ward 10.

Ordinance No. 449—CORINTHIAN AVENUE—Harding Avenue to Silver Avenue—Ward 10.

Ordinance No. 449—CHARLES STREET—Front Street to Second Street—Ward 11.

Ordinance No. 449—SECOND STREET—Charles Street to Pleasant Avenue—Ward 11.

Ordinance No. 454—THORPE ROAD—Wellington Road to Jenkin- town Road—Ward 4.

Ordinance No. 458—MAPLE AVENUE—Silver Avenue to Harding Avenue—Ward 10.

Ordinance No. 458—SILVER AVENUE—Maple Avenue to Corinthian Avenue—Ward 10.

Ordinance No. 460—WESTBURY ROAD—Meetinghouse Road to ap- proximately 530 feet Eastwardly—Ward 4.

Ordinance No. 460—MAPLE AVENUE—Silver Avenue to Lycoming Avenue—Ward 10.

Deed of Dedication—ARGYLE ROAD—portion within Abington Township—Ward 6.

Vacating of Streets

The Board of Township Commissioners during the year 1940 enacted ordinances vacating sections of streets as follows:

Ordinance No. 445, vacating a section of Fox Chase Road at Forrest Avenue.

Ordinance No. 455, vacating sections of Silver Avenue, Parkview Avenue, Roberta Avenue, Guernsey Avenue and Cumberland Road.

Ordinance No. 457, vacating sections of Chestnut Avenue and Belmont Avenue.

Ordinance No. 459, vacating the easterly half of Cloverly Avenue lying within the limits of Abington Township and extending from the northerly side of Runnymede Avenue to the southerly side of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company right-of-way.

No exceptions being filed in the Court of Quarter Sessions within the required time, the Township Engineer was instructed to cause that the sections of the above mentioned streets to be stricken from the plan of highways of Abington Township and hereafter no Township monies shall be expended or materials used in the maintenance of said roads or avenues and all Township jurisdiction shall cease and determine.

Highway Permits

Three hundred and twenty-two (322) applications were received during the year for permission to open, break or excavate street, sidewalk and curb, erect new poles, and for establishing grades and lines for installation of sidewalk, curb and gutter paving, under the provisions of Ordinance No. 357. Same were approved and permits issued accordingly.

Highway Construction Permits

Permits were issued to construct the following streets:

Castlewood Road, Easton Road to Fairfield Road—Ward 3
Fairfield Road—Charles Street to Castlewood Road—Ward 3
Huron Avenue—Roanoke Avenue to Cypress Avenue—Ward 4
Roanoke Avenue—Huron Avenue to Forrest Avenue—Ward 4
Norwood Avenue—Easton Road to Norwood Avenue—Ward 8
East Avenue—Easton Road to Norwood Avenue—Ward 8
Kenderton Avenue—Easton Road to East Avenue—Ward 8
Maple Avenue—Silver Avenue to Harding Avenue—Ward 10
Silver Avenue—Maple Avenue to 160' West—Ward 10
Charles Street—Second Street to Third Street—Ward 11
Third Street—Charles Street to Pleasant Avenue—Ward 11

A reinforced concrete pipe storm sewer in East Avenue, East of Easton Road, Ward 8.

New Construction

The following streets were improved with combined curb, gutter and asphalt macadam paving and the cost assessed to the owners of abutting properties.

Ordinance No. 449—Harding Avenue, Parkview Avenue to Moreland Road—Ward 10.

Ordinance No. 449—Corinthian Avenue—Harding Avenue to existing paving, Ward 10.

Ordinance No. 449—Charles Street—Front Street to Second Street—Ward 11.

Ordinance No. 449—Second Street—Charles Street to Pleasant Avenue—Ward 11.

Curb, Gutter and Sidewalks

Concrete curb and gutter was placed by the Philadelphia Transportation Company on both sides of Davisville Road, South of Moreland Road, Ward 5.

Concrete curb and gutter was placed by abutting property owner at No. 309 Jericho Road, Ward 1.

Concrete curb and sidewalk was placed by abutting property owner at Northwest corner of Township Line and Cadwalader Avenue, Ward 4.

Concrete curb and sidewalk was placed by abutting property owners on West side of Jenkintown Road from Forrest Avenue to 100' South of Huron Avenue, Ward 4.

Concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk was placed by abutting property owner at Northwest corner of Barry and Church Street, Ward 4.

Concrete sidewalk was placed by property owner along Runningbrook Road abutting Jericho Manor.

Montgomery County Aid

The Montgomery County Highway Department constructed the following streets:

Park Avenue—Rubicam Avenue to Welsh Road—Ward 5.

Reservoir Avenue—Lamott Avenue to Rubicam Avenue—Ward 5.

Central Avenue—Spruce Avenue to Jenkintown Road—Ward 6-9.

The County forces completed construction of concrete curb and sidewalk along the westerly side of Easton Road from Welsh Road to Moreland Road, Ward 5.

The above work financed on the following basis:

Montgomery 60%

Abington Township 40%

Reconstructed Streets

The following streets were given a two coat asphalt penetration wearing surface upon an existing base.

WARD	NAME	LOCATION
5	SUMMIT AVENUE	Rubicam Avenue to Welsh Road
6	HAWTHORNE AVENUE	Edge Hill Road to Locust Road
6	LOCUST ROAD	Hazel Avenue to Dead End
6	MONROE AVENUE	Hazel Avenue to Walnut Avenue
7	RYDAL ROAD	Clement Avenue to Upland Avenue

Surface Treatment

The Department surface treated the following streets:

WARD	STREET	LOCATION	SQUARE YARDS
1	BROOK ROAD,	York Road to Huntingdon Road	780
1	HUNTINGDON ROAD,	Woodland to Horace and Susquehanna Street to Brook Road	4060
1	HORACE AVENUE,	York Road to Huntingdon Road	3320
1	MEADOWBROOK ROAD,	Huntingdon Road to Washington Lane	7180
1	RYDAL ROAD,	Susquehanna Street to Meadowbrook Road	8730
1	CLOVERLY LANE,	Woodland Road to Valley Road	7530
1	CLOVERLY LANE WEST,	Susquehanna Street to Cloverly Lane	2180
1	CHERRY LANE,	Rydal Road to Cloverly Lane West	1480
2	DIXON LANE,	Susquehanna Street to Leopard Road	2980
2	BARROWDALE ROAD,	Dixon Lane to Washington Lane	3540
2	PANTHER ROAD,	Leopard Road to Washington Lane	2390
2	LEOPARD ROAD,	Meetinghouse Road to Barrowdale Road	4860
3	TAGUE AVENUE,	Easton Road to Kelly Lane	1580
3	CENTER STREET,	Weldon Avenue to Jenkintown Road	660
3	SYLVANIA AVENUE,	Jenkintown Road to Ardsley Avenue	470
3	WELDON AVENUE,	West Wharton Road to Easton Road	2500
3-9	ROSLYN AVENUE,	Ardsley Avenue to Edgecomb Avenue	800
3-13	GENEVA AVENUE,	Tyson Avenue to Easton Road	5840
4	SHELMIRE STREET,	Cedar Road to Church Road	6700
5	LAMOTT AVENUE — OAK AVENUE — PHIPPS AVENUE,	Highland Avenue to Dead End	4200
5	PARKVIEW AVENUE,	Easton Road to Fairview Avenue	670
5	FAIRVIEW AVENUE,	Welsh Road to Maple Avenue	1200
5	DAVISVILLE ROAD,	Easton Road to Moreland Road	3400
7	RODMAN AVENUE,	Cloverly Avenue to York Road	2450
7	RUNNYMEDE AVENUE,	Rodman Avenue to Cloverly Avenue	1400
7	UPLAND AVENUE,	Rydal Road to Noble Road	2050
7	SPRING AVENUE,	Rydal Road to Noble Road	1870

8	ARNOLD AVENUE, Pershing Avenue to Patane Avenue	1720
8	PATANE AVENUE, Easton Road to Arnold Avenue	980
8	PERSHING AVENUE, Easton Road to Arnold Avenue	960
10	MAPLE AVENUE, Grove Avenue to York Road	1400
11	ABINGTON AVENUE, Parkdale Avenue to Pleasant Avenue	5900
11	PLEASANT AVENUE, Easton Road to East of Crescent Avenue	5600
11	FRONT STREET, North of Charles Street to South of Wisteria Avenue	2800
12	WOODLYN AVENUE, Mt. Carmel Avenue to Menlo Avenue, Lynnwood Avenue to Oakdale Avenue	2100
12	LYNNWOOD AVENUE, Keswick Avenue to Easton Road	1960
12	KENMORE AVENUE, Abington Avenue to Dead End	3500
13	CLIVEDEN AVENUE, Geneva Avenue to Rosemore Avenue	3110
13	ROSLYN AVENUE, Geneva Avenue to Mt. Carmel Avenue	5200
13	LYNNWOOD AVENUE, Easton Road to Mt. Carmel Avenue	3800

Total Square Yards 123,850

Based on an 18 feet wide cartway this total yardage amounts to 11.7 miles of surface treatment.

Dust Treatment

The Department treated with dust laying material, various unimproved streets throughout the Township totalling nine (9) miles.

Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous work performed by the Department.

Placed a 15-inch diameter reinforced concrete pipe across Woodland Road, West of Arnold Avenue—Ward 8.

Placed a guard fence on the southwesterly side of Ardsley Avenue abutting the Roberts quarry.

Cooperated with the Department of Public Health by installing three (3) new Sanitary Sewer house laterals in Ward 7.

Equipment

The following equipment was purchased during the year 1940.

One calculating machine.

Two Plymouth cars.

350' curb-gutter steel forms.

One Highway tractor mower with snow plow.

1000' Snow fence.

Public Works Department General Work

The Department forces performed routine work in connection with the maintenance of roads, sewers and parks. This work embracing the following.

Patching holes in streets and repairing street openings made by Utility Companies and Plumbers.

Cleaning streets and gutters, storm water sewers, inlets, drainage ditches, and water courses.

Maintenance and inspection of the Sanitary Sewers, flume and meter pit.

Scraping and maintaining unimproved streets.

Cutting grass, weeds and underbrush and trimming trees for proper clearance for pedestrians and vehicles.

Snow fence erection and removal.

Snow plowing and snow removal.

Cindering icy intersections and hills.

Painting and repairing guard rails along highways.

Painting street name signs and sign posts.

Police Pistol Range maintenance and repair.

Street Name Signs

Forty-seven (47) street name signs were purchased and erected at various street intersections in the Township.

Real Estate Registry Bureau

One thousand and thirty-two (1032) Real Estate Deeds were officially registered by the Township Engineer.

Bureau of Refuse and Ash Collection

Appropriation\$ 11,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Collection Refuse and Ashes.....\$14,709.60

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Appropriation overdrawn\$ 3,709.60

During the year 1940, weekly collections were made according to the Winter Schedule and bi-weekly collections according to the Summer Schedule.

A total of two thousand five hundred and forty-nine (2549) truck loads of Refuse were collected. The ashes were sorted and placed on unimproved streets in various wards of the Township. The refuse was deposited on Township Property at Ardsley. The mileage travelled collecting and disposing the refuse and ashes was 27,216 miles.

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

The maintenance of the park and playground property and equipment was done by the Department of Public Works force. The grass and weeds were cut, ball diamonds kept in shape and a backstop and two players' benches were erected in Roychester Park.

Toilets were erected in both Baederwood and Crestmont Parks.

The Board of Commissioners established regulations governing the use of parks as set forth in Ordinance No. 431. All parks are patrolled by the Police Department.

The Commissioners, realizing the need of providing quarters and recreational facilities for the various organizations of children, young people and adults in the Roychester community, as well as for the general public of the township, in April 1940 empowered the Department of Public Works to file an application with the Federal Work Projects Administration for the reconstruction and repair of the building in Roychester Park for use as a community house and appropriated \$2300 from the Park and Shade Tree Fund as the township's share of this expense. The improvement, when completed, will permit the housing of these organizations and be available for other recreational purposes.

W.P.A. forces began work in July but the project was closed down in November when their funds became exhausted and it became necessary to file a supplemental application for additional funds to complete the work. It is hoped the project will be completed in time for the summer recreational activities in 1941.

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