

Board of Commissioners

Township of Abington

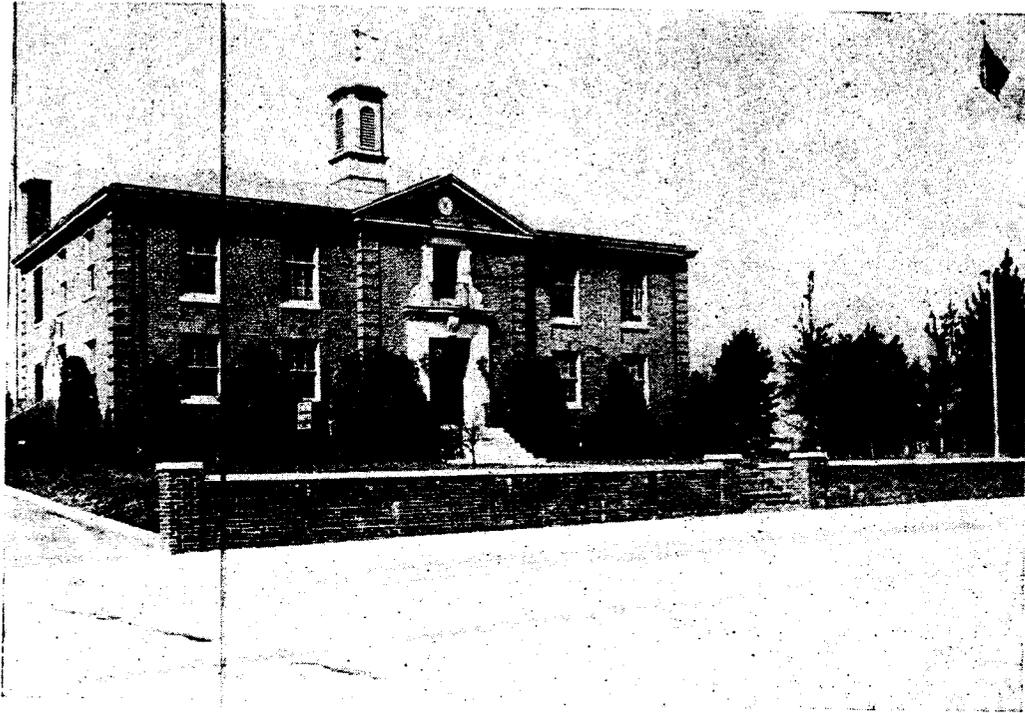


1943

Annual Report



YEAR ENDING JANUARY 3, 1944



ABINGTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

YORK ROAD AND HORACE AVENUE

ABINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA

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	HARVEY'S GARAGE 212 S. Easton Road Willow Grove, Pennsylvania
NORTH HILLS, WARD No. 6	EDGE HILL FIRE HOUSE Limekiln Pike and Cricket Avenue North Hills, Pennsylvania
NOBLE, WARD No. 7	FURMAN & FURMAN REAL ESTATE OFFICE York Road and Wharton Road Noble, Pennsylvania
ROSLYN, WARD No. 8	ROSLYN FIRE HOUSE Bradfield Road at Heston Street Roslyn, Pennsylvania
ARDSLEY, WARD No. 9	ARDSLEY COMMUNITY HOUSE Hamel Ave. near Woodrow Ave. Ardsley, Pennsylvania
ROYCHESTER, WARD No. 10	W. CLYDE GOURLEY INC. REAL ESTATE OFFICE York Road and Welsh Road Willow Grove, Pennsylvania
GLENSIDE, WARD No. 11	AMOCO GASOLINE STATION N. E. Cor. Easton & Jenkintown rds. Glenside, Pennsylvania
GLENSIDE, WARD, No. 12	FANELLI BARBER SHOP Cor. Keswick & Mt. Carmel Aves. Glenside, Pennsylvania
GLENSIDE, WARD No. 13	ST. PETER'S PARISH HOUSE Roberts Avenue Glenside, Pennsylvania

COMMISSIONERS — 1944

Abington Ward No. 1	DANIEL NEELY 25 Horace Avenue, Abington
Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2	GEORGE I. GILSON 1013 Montgomery Avenue, Fox Chase
Glenside Ward No. 3	LEWIS C. DORN 309 W. Wharton Road, Glenside
McKinley Ward No. 4	EDWIN H. GEISLER 518 Cypress Avenue, Elkins Park
Crestmont Ward No. 5	WILLIAM H. JONES 328 S. Easton Road, Willow Grove
North Hills Ward No. 6	CHARLES B. MARKS 309 Maple Avenue, North Hills
Noble Ward No. 7	GEORGE E. MAURER 13 Canterbury Road, Abington
Roslyn Ward No. 8	ALEXANDER HOGG Avondale Avenue, Roslyn
Ardley Ward No. 9	ALEXANDER C. WATT 646 Monroe Avenue, Ardley
Roychester Ward No. 10	HARRY T. MACKENZIE 301 Silver Avenue, Willow Grove
Glenside Ward No. 11	WILLIAM K. DONALDSON 417 E. Wharton Road, Glenside
Glenside Ward No. 12	WILLIAM GEBHARDTSHAUER 302 E. Oakdale Avenue, Glenside
Glenside Ward No. 13	RUSSELL D. HARRAR 35 Roberts Avenue, Glenside

OFFICERS

CHARLES B. MARKS, President

WILLIAM H. JONES, Vice-President

E. RAYMOND AMBLER, Secretary

A. RUSSELL PARKHOUSE, Treasurer

DAVID E. GROSHENS, Solicitor

PATRICK McKEE, Chief of Police

LOUIS E. BRIGHAM, Building Inspector

OLIVER L. KING, Township Engineer

GEORGE P. RAPP, Health Officer

MONROE C. ROBERTS, Plumbing Inspector

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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WILLIAM H. JONES

EDWIN H. GEISSLER

WILLIAM GEBHARDTSBAUER

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

WILLIAM H. JONES, Director

ALEXANDER HOGG

LEWIS C. DORN

ALEXANDER C. WATT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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GEORGE E. MAURER

DANIEL NEELY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

EDWIN H. GEISSLER, Director

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RUSSELL D. HARRAR

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CHARLES WILLIAMS
WM. RAYMOND VOGEL

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JOSHUA M. HOLMES, JR.
HARVEY SMITH

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BERTRAM E. OUGHTON, Secretary
ALEXANDER HOGG

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

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JOHN N. KENNEDY, Commander
LOUIS E. BRIGHAM, Daytime Commander
ROBERT L. GARDNER, Controller
LEWIS C. DORN, Property Officer
J. WYATT MORRIS, Executive Officer
PATRICK McKEE, Chief of Police
WALTER L. COX, Fire Co-ordinator
EDWARD G. ZEPP, School Co-ordinator
OLIVER L. KING, Chief Road Repair
RALPH W. WHITAKER, Chief Air Raid Warden
MRS. WILLIAM WUSTNER, Secretary
GEORGE I. GILSON

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 Safety	First Tuesday.....	7:30 o'clock P. M.
Public Health	First Wednesday.....	7:30 o'clock P. M.
Public Works	First Thursday.....	7:30 o'clock P. M.
Public Affairs	Second Monday.....	7:30 o'clock P. M.
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Fourth Tuesday.....	7:30 o'clock P. M.
Post-War Planning Commission	Fourth Thursday.....	7:30 o'clock P. M.

CALL THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

For General Township Information	}	OGONTZ 2700
For Highway Information		
For Health Information		
For Building Information		
For Zoning Information		
For Garbage Collection Service		

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.

TO THE CITIZENS OF ABINGTON TOWNSHIP:

Owing to the necessity for conserving paper, as requested by our Federal Government, the twenty-ninth Annual Report of your Board of Commissioners has been condensed to a brief summary of the more important activities of the several departments of township government for the year 1943. We feel, however, that the strong financial position of Abington Township as reflected in both the Auditors' Report for 1943 and the detailed financial statement included in the Department of Public Affairs' report, is worthy of your special consideration.

As the result of War Production Board restrictions on critical materials it has not been possible for the Commissioners to properly maintain our system of roads or to undertake those permanent improvements necessary for the further development of our township. Consequently, the funds which had been set aside for these purposes were transferred to special accounts to be expended in the post-war period when critical materials are again available.

Plans for the post-war period is one of the important activities that will be given a great deal of consideration by your Commissioners during the coming year. Very early in 1944 a Post-War Planning Commission will be appointed to study and recommend projects, which are essential for the proper growth of Abington Township, to be undertaken after the war. These projects should include a sewage treatment plant, and extensions and additions to the sanitary sewer system; construction of an incinerator for garbage and refuse disposal; alterations and extensions to township buildings; the expansion of the township's system of parks and playgrounds and recreational facilities; and improvements to the proposed Memorial Park—World War II.

We are all proud of the part that the more than 2,000 men and women of Abington Township serving in the Armed Forces of the United States are taking in the successful prosecution of this war on all fronts. Pride alone, however, will not bring victory. We must continue to support their efforts by the purchase of additional war bonds and stamps. To this end your Commissioners have invested from inactive funds due to war conditions, \$210,000. in United States Government 7/8% Certificates of Indebtedness.

In conclusion, I would express my sincere appreciation to the commissioners, officers and employees of the township for their fine spirit of cooperation in meeting the problems arising during this war emergency.

CHARLES B. MARKS, President
Board of Commissioners of Abington Township.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Directors of Public Affairs submit for your consideration a brief review of the activities of their Department, including a detailed statement of estimated receipts, disbursements and balances in conjunction with the Auditors' Report.

Township Administration Building

The Board of Commissioners provided office space in the basement several days a week for State Relief and National Re-Employment Service. Space was also provided in the basement for the headquarters of the Ration Board of Montgomery County Area No. 1. In the Court Room on the second floor headquarters are provided for the Abington Township Council of Defense and the Chief Air Raid Warden's office. The Commissioners' Room is being used by the engineering department, traveling registrars, and civilian defense meetings in addition to the regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners and Departments of the Township.

Bureau of Library

The Commissioners, by resolution of the Board, increased the annual contribution to the Glenside Free Library to \$300.

Bureau of Miscellaneous

The Commissioners, by resolution of the Board, authorized the annual contribution of \$2,000. to the Abington Township Police Pension Association fund, payable from the Miscellaneous Appropriation. The Association closed the year with a balance of \$1,401.02 in the General Fund and \$1,027.55 in the Investment Fund. The Trustees have \$52,707.69 invested in first mortgages on properties in Abington Township, and \$38,728.98 in United States Government Securities.

Sinking Funds

The bond tax levied and collected for the year 1943, amounting to \$28,368. was deposited into the sinking funds. Orders were drawn on the sinking funds for \$10,429.60 for the payment of coupon interest, and for \$45,000. for the reduction of bonds. The State Tax on outstanding bonds for the year 1943 amounted to \$539.99.

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 516 adopted June 18, 1943, general obligation bonds were issued in the amount of \$80,000., interest rate 1%, Serial maturity 1945/48, for the purpose of providing funds for making improvements and extensions to the existing sanitary sewer system in the Sewer Section 5A, Johnson-Wharton tract area, Glenside.

The total outstanding bonds, as of January 1, 1944, was \$236,000. with a sinking fund credit of \$97,875.21 or a net bonded indebtedness of \$138,124.79.

Service Flag

A Service Flag honoring the men and women of Abington Township serving with the armed forces of the United States was suspended in front of the Township Building early in 1943. A list of draftees and enlistments as furnished by the Selective Service Board, totaling 2113 persons, is on file in the Township Office.

Memorial Park—World War II

The owners of the several parcels of land comprising the island on York Road, south of Brook Road, have offered to donate this island to the township to be a memorial park dedicated to the Veterans of World War II. When the deeds of dedication have been completed the Committee on Parks will prepare plans for its development and maintenance. The law does not provide, however, for the township to expend monies for the erection of monuments and memorials. These funds, it is believed, will be derived from public subscriptions.

Investment Funds

The Board of Commissioners purchased \$80,000. United States Government 7/8% Certificates of Indebtedness, Series E-1944 due September 1, 1944. These funds were in special accounts earmarked for projects which cannot be undertaken for the duration of the war.

Certificate of Merit—O. C. D.

The Board of Commissioners presented Certificates of Meritorious Service to the more than 2500 members of civilian defense in Abington Township in recognition of the important public service they are rendering in time of national emergency, and who stand ready and trained to protect and aid their fellow citizens in the event of public danger and catastrophe. The certificate bears the CD insignia in color. Each certificate is appropriately engrossed with the name of the recipient.

Detailed Statement of Estimated Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

GENERAL FUNDS

Note:—Roman Numeral refers to item in the Twp. Auditors' Report.	Estimated in Budget for 1943	Received 1943	Estimated in Budget for 1944
RECEIPTS			
Cash in Bank beginning of year	\$ 70,468	(I) \$ 68,831.87	\$ 47,518
Taxes—1943 (85% estimated collectible) ..	\$ 254,150	(V) \$ 279,917.57	\$ 269,100
Penalties—1943	\$	(VI) \$ 586.87	\$
Taxes and Penalties—1942	\$ 10,000	(IV) \$ 11,064.55	\$ 10,000
Land Liens	\$ 15,000	(VII) \$ 15,576.85	\$ 15,000
Penalties and Interest on Land Liens	\$	(VIII) \$ 2,019.10	\$
Miscellaneous Receipts:			
Licenses, Permits, etc.			
Beverage	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,650.00	\$ 5,500
Building	3,000	1,287.00	2,000
Street (including tax on poles)	2,000	2,472.80	2,000
Health and Plumbing	3,000	2,180.25	2,000
Fines and Forfeits—Justices	500	580.00	500
Sewer Rents and Installations	6,000	9,815.40	8,000
Refunds	718.39
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	\$ 20,000	(III) \$ 22,703.84	\$ 20,000
Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 100,000	(IX) \$100,000.00	\$ 100,000
Public Subscriptions to Civilian Defense ..	\$	(II) \$ 1,341.50	\$
Total Receipts, Including Bank Balance ..	\$ 469,618	\$502,042.15	\$ 461,618

DISBURSEMENTS	Estimated in Budget for 1943	Expended 1943	Estimated in Budget for 1944
Debt Service			
Expense, Tax Anticipation Note and			
Depository Bond	\$ 900	(X) \$ 730.69	\$ 900
State Tax on Bonds	1,000	(XII) 539.99	944
Total Expense and Tax	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,270.68	\$ 1,844
Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 100,000	(XI) \$100,000.00	\$ 100,000
Transfer to Sinking Funds	\$ 27,368	(XII) \$ 27,828.01	\$ 29,104

Library			
Public Libraries	\$ 300	(X) \$ 300.00	\$ 1,000
Recreation			
Parks and Playgrounds (transfer special tax)	\$ 6,500	(XIV) \$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500
Miscellaneous			
Abington Township Police Pension Association	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000
Refund of Sewer Rentals	1,800	1,487.50	1,800
Total Miscellaneous	\$ 3,800	(X) \$ 3,487.50	\$ 3,800
Administration			
Salaries and Services	\$ 23,230	\$ 22,980.00	\$ 23,730
Office Equipment and Supplies	2,500	863.92	2,000
Printing and Advertising	1,500	671.20	1,400
Telephone Service	3,000	2,945.59	3,000
Other Expense	6,770	754.04	5,270
Total Administration	\$ 37,000	(X) \$ 28,214.75	\$ 35,400
Treasurer and Tax Collector			
Commissions	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,389.28	\$ 7,000
Other Expense	1,500	937.32	1,500
Total Treasurer and Tax Collector	\$ 8,500	(X) \$ 7,326.60	\$ 8,500
2% Commission on Land Liens deducted by County Treasurer	\$	(XV) \$ 350.85	\$
Township Buildings			
Salaries	\$ 1,716	\$ 1,716.00	\$ 1,716
Materials and Supplies	1,000	542.03	900
Fuel, Light and Water	2,700	2,046.13	2,600
Repairs to Buildings	3,000	983.07	2,500
Insurance	484	274.73	404
Total Township Buildings	\$ 8,900	(X) \$ 5,561.96	\$ 8,120
Police Protection			
Salaries	\$ 57,900	\$ 55,571.00	\$ 57,245
Uniforms	2,000	2,425.71	2,000
Office Supplies	300	206.76	300
Maintenance and Replacement Autos	5,500	8,375.93	6,602
Gasoline and Oil	4,200	4,618.64	4,500
Maintenance and Replacement Radio	1,200	960.08	1,200
Insurance, Compensation and Liability	1,400	1,084.67	1,200
Traffic Signals and Equipment	1,200	465.44	700
Other Expense	1,300	512.75	1,253
Total Police Protection	\$ 75,000	(X) \$ 74,220.98	\$ 75,000

Fire Protection			
Rental Fire Hydrants	\$ 11,000	\$ 10,208.00	\$ 11,000
Contribution 5 Fire Companies	15,000	15,000.00	15,000
Insurance	1,000	909.61	1,000
Total Fire Protection	\$ 27,000	(X) \$ 26,117.61	\$ 27,000
Street Lighting			
Street Lighting Service	\$ 31,000	(X) \$ 30,133.42	\$ 31,000
Building Regulation and Zoning			
Salaries	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600
Other Expense	1,900	639.65	1,900
Total Building Regulation and Zoning	\$ 4,500	(X) \$ 3,239.65	\$ 4,500
Civilian Defense			
Total Civilian Defense Expenses	\$ 15,000	(X) \$ 6,964.69	\$ 7,000
Health and Sanitation			
Salaries	\$ 5,700	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 5,700
Inspection and Analysis of Milk	500	8.60	400
Materials and Supplies	200	243.29	300
Other Expense	1,850	1,361.52	1,850
Total Health and Sanitation	\$ 8,250	(X) \$ 7,313.41	\$ 8,250
Garbage Collection and Disposal			
Garbage Collection and Disposal Service	\$ 5,300	(X) \$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,300
Sanitary Sewers			
Materials and Supplies	\$ 100	\$ 52.30	\$ 100
Construction of System	5,650	4,574.18	5,700
Operation and Maintenance of System	3,550	2,733.01	3,500
Total Sanitary Sewers	\$ 9,300	(X) \$ 7,359.49	\$ 9,300
Streets and Bridges Including Ashes and Rubbish			
Salaries	\$ 11,350	\$ 11,350.00	\$ 11,350
Wages	43,000	34,088.32	41,700
Office and Engineering Supplies	1,000	1,026.50	1,000
Operation, Maintenance and Replacement			
Motor Equipment	13,700	9,695.35	13,500
Maintenance & Installation Street Signs	1,300	2,243.05	2,300
Insurance: Compensation, Liability,			
Sidewalk	1,700	1,404.13	1,700
Tools and Minor Equipment	1,000	1,357.49	1,500
Road Materials for Maintenance	16,000	26,602.80	16,000
Other Expense	950	162.20	950
Total Operation and Maintenance	\$ 90,000	(X) \$ 87,929.84	\$ 90,000

Permanent Improvements, Transfer from General Fund	\$ 10,000	(XIII) \$ 30,000.00	\$ 10,000
Cash in Bank end of year	\$	(XVI) \$ 42,922.71	\$
Total Disbursements and Bank Balance	\$ 469,618	\$502,042.15	\$ 461,618

PROPERTY VALUATION AND TAX LEVY FOR 1943

	Ward	Assessment	Tax Levied
ABINGTON	No. 1	\$ 3,376,425.00	\$ 38,829.77
SAW MILL HILL	No. 2	3,881,300.00	44,635.76
GLENSIDE	No. 3	1,409,500.00	16,209.53
McKINLEY	No. 4	3,102,285.00	35,679.04
CRESTMONT	No. 5	1,088,625.00	12,520.11
NORTH HILLS	No. 6	1,719,140.00	19,770.68
NOBLE	No. 7	2,552,800.00	29,357.27
ROSLYN	No. 8	1,899,490.00	21,852.14
ARDSLEY	No. 9	967,455.00	11,128.67
ROYCHESTER	No. 10	1,729,185.00	19,886.34
GLENSIDE	No. 11	1,001,450.00	11,516.76
GLENSIDE	No. 12	1,819,850.00	20,928.47
GLENSIDE	No. 13	1,580,250.00	18,172.91
		<u>\$26,127,755.00</u>	<u>\$300,487.45</u>

	1941	1942	1943
Property Valuation	\$24,813,895	\$25,934,435	\$26,127,755
Valuation Tax Exempt Property	\$ 3,583,850	\$ 4,653,100	\$ 4,662,300

TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Fiscal Year 1st Monday	Total Property Tax	Uncollected end Fiscal Year	Uncollected Latest Avail- able Date Jan. 1, 1944
January			NONE
1940	\$286,978.38	\$38,974.39	NONE
1941	\$297,800.42	\$38,754.23	NONE
1942	\$311,447.82	\$26,176.30	NONE
1943	\$301,504.27	\$20,999.83	\$20,999.83

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 which will be liened the following May if unpaid at that time.

TAX DATA

The Township Commissioners levied an 11½ mills tax for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1944, which will be billed July 1.

General Township Purposes—9⅞ mills
Special Bond Tax—1⅞ mills
Park & Shade Tree Tax—¼ mill
Fire Purposes Tax—¼ mill

Penalty added 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.

SINKING FUNDS

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

Loan	Bank Balance Jan. 4, 1943	Received by Transfer and Bank Interest	Cash Paid Coupon Int. & Redemption of Bonds	Bank Balance Jan. 3, 1944
1923	\$ 21,972.16	\$	\$ 21,972.16	\$
1925A	11,761.54	3,853.67	720.00	14,895.21
1927	9,467.71	4,394.33	945.00	12,917.04
1928	21,985.51	6,493.96	28,477.10	2.37
1930	29,862.24	9,020.82	2,762.50	36,120.56
1931	7,254.75	5,845.75	2,100.00	11,000.50
1943	22,939.53	22,939.53
	<u>\$102,303.91</u>	<u>\$ 52,548.06</u>	<u>\$ 56,976.76</u>	<u>\$ 97,875.21</u>

BONDED DEBT

Abington Township, from 1906 to 1943 inclusive, had fifteen bond issues, totaling \$874,000., and has never defaulted in its debt obligation.

	Bonds Outstanding	Sinking Funds	Net
January 1, 1944	\$236,000.00	\$ 97,875.21	\$138,124.79
January 1, 1943	\$201,000.00	\$102,303.91	\$ 98,696.09
January 1, 1942	\$225,000.00	\$ 92,168.76	\$132,831.24
January 1, 1941	\$250,000.00	\$ 81,368.86	\$168,631.14
January 1, 1940	\$318,000.00	\$123,535.13	\$194,464.87

The legal debt limit is 7% of the assessed valuation:

- 2% under councilmanic authority
- 5% under electorate authority

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

The 1943 Tax Anticipation Note of \$100,000. was sold March 8, 1943 to the Jenkintown Bank and Trust Company, Jenkintown, Pa., at an interest rate of .50% per annum. This note was paid September 15, from the 1943 current taxes and the Township has no temporary loan obligation.

BANK DEPOSITORIES

The two depositories are—

- Abington Bank & Trust Company, Abington, Pa.
- Jenkintown Bank & Trust Company, Jenkintown, Pa.

Deposits are secured by Depository Agreement with security according to law. Bank balances, as of January 3, 1944, are—

General Funds	\$42,922.71
Park & Shade Tree Fund	\$ 7,951.76
Permanent Improvement Fund	\$40,934.79
Withheld Taxes Fund	\$ 937.70
Sinking Funds	\$97,875.21

TOWNSHIP AUDITORS' REPORT

of the

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1943

GENERAL FUNDS

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

RECEIPTS

I Bank Balances, General Funds, January 4, 1943	\$68,831.87
II Received account of Public Subscriptions to Civilian Defense	1,341.50
III Received account of Miscellaneous Receipts	22,703.84
IV Received account of 1942 Taxes and Penalties	11,064.55
V Received account of 1943 Taxes	279,917.57
VI Received account of 1943 Penalties	586.87
VII Received account of Land Liens	15,576.85
VIII Received account of Penalties and Interest on Land Liens	2,019.10
IX Received account of 1943 Temporary Loan and Premium	100,000.00
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	\$502,042.15

DISBURSEMENTS

X Vouchers issued, General Funds	\$293,900.59
XI Vouchers issued, 1943 Temporary Loan	100,000.00
XII Transfer to Sinking Funds (Special Tax)	28,368.00
XIII Transfer to Permanent Improvement Fund	30,000.00
XIV Transfer to Park and Shade Tree Fund (Special Tax)	6,500.00
XV 2% Commission on Land Liens deducted by County Treasurer	350.85
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	\$459,119.44
XVI Bank Balances, General Funds, January 3, 1944	42,922.71
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	\$502,042.15

TAXES RECEIVABLE

(by Township Treasurer)

Taxes Receivable January 4, 1943:			
		Total	Current Delinquent
XVII	Delinquent Taxes and Penalties, 1942	\$27,148.70	\$27,148.70
XVIII	Additional penalties 1942 tax to May 1943	399.29	399.29
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		\$27,547.99	\$27,547.99
	Add:		
	1943 Tax	\$300,111.62	\$300,111.62
	1943 Penalties	1,392.65	1,392.65
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XIX	Total Additions	\$301,504.27	\$301,504.27
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	Total	\$329,052.26	\$301,504.27 \$27,547.99
	Deduct:		
XX	Collection delinquent taxes and penalties 1942	\$11,064.55	\$11,064.55
XXI	Adjustment in assessment and exoneration 1942 Duplicate	152.35	152.35
XXII	Liens filed for 1942 taxes	16,331.09	16,331.09
XXIII	Collection 1943 Tax	279,917.57	279,917.57
XXIV	Collection 1943 Penalties	586.87	586.87
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	Total Deductions	\$308,052.43	\$280,504.44 \$27,547.99
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XXV	Taxes Receivable January 3, 1944	\$20,999.83	\$20,999.83*
	*Delinquent Taxes:		
	1943 Tax	\$20,194.05	
	1943 Penalty	\$805.78	

TAXES RECEIVABLE

(by County — Land Liens)

	Tax Liens Receivable Jan. 4, 1943	Tax Liens Collected	Adjusted by Auditors	Tax Liens Receivable Jan. 3, 1944
Duplicate 1942 (May)	\$16,331.09	\$4,582.65	\$1.20	\$11,747.24
1941	10,979.42	2,820.51	4.80	8,154.11
1940	10,802.83	1,938.27	4.80	8,859.76
1939	10,007.93	1,601.45	4.55	8,401.93
Prior Years	38,511.84	4,633.97	50.71	33,827.16
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Total	\$86,633.11	\$15,576.85	\$66.06	\$70,990.20

PARK AND SHADE TREE FUND

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

	BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 4, 1943		\$27,053.00

RECEIPTS	
Transfer from General Fund, Special Tax	\$6,500.00
Total Receipts and Balance	\$33,553.00

DISBURSEMENTS	
Crestmont Park	\$34.61
McKinley Park	30.89
Roychester Park	266.23
Insurance and General Maintenance expenses	235.66
Investment U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	25,033.85
Total Disbursements	\$25,601.24

BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 3, 1944	\$7,951.76

EMERGENCY HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FUND

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 4, 1943	\$10,000.00
Total Receipts and Balance	\$10,000.00
DISBURSEMENTS	
Investment U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	\$10,000.00
Total Disbursements	\$10,000.00
Cash in Bank, January 3, 1944	\$

WITHHELD TAXES FUND

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 4, 1943	\$
RECEIPTS	
Federal Withheld Taxes	\$7,667.58
Total Receipts and Balance	\$7,667.58
DISBURSEMENTS	
Federal Withheld Taxes	\$6,729.88
Total Disbursements	6,729.88
BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 3, 1944	\$ 937.70

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND
Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 4, 1943	\$47,299.45
RECEIPTS	
Improvement Liens	\$9,817.37
Interest on Improvement Liens	1,369.06
Rental of Township Property	3,420.00
1943 Bond Issue	80,840.00
Transfer from General Fund	30,000.00
Total Receipts	\$125,446.43
Total Receipts and Balance	\$172,745.88

DISBURSEMENTS

Sidewalk Improvements	\$1,003.28
Sewer Improvements	61,540.64
Depository Expense	212.27
Expense 1943 Bond Issue	640.90
Coupon Interest 1943 Bond Issue	400.00
Transfer to 1943 Sinking Fund	22,939.53
Investment U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	45,074.47
Total Disbursements	<u>\$131,811.09</u>

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 3, 1944	<u>\$40,934.79</u>
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IMPROVEMENT LIENS

	Receivable Jan. 4, 1943	Liens Filed Current Year	Liens Collected Current Year	Receivable Jan. 3, 1944
Improvement Liens	\$12,323.96	\$55,591.78	\$9,817.37	\$58,098.37

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AND SINKING FUNDS

Gross Bonded Indebtedness

	Outstanding Jan. 4, 1943	Issue of 1943	Amount Paid During Year	Out- standing Jan. 3, 1944
Councilmanic Authority	\$201,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$236,000.00
Total Gross Bonded Debt	<u>\$201,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 80,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 45,000.00</u>	<u>\$236,000.00</u>

SINKING FUNDS

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 4, 1943	\$102,303.91
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RECEIPTS

Bond Tax	\$28,368.00
Bank Interest credited	233.36
Transfer, account proceeds 1943 Bond Issue	22,939.53
Transfer, account proceeds 1923 Bond Issue	1,547.16
	<u>\$53,088.05</u>
Total Receipts and Balance	<u>\$155,391.96</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Coupon Interest	\$10,429.60
State Tax	539.99
Cash paid to bondholders	45,000.00
Transfer, account proceeds 1923 Bond Issue	1,547.16
Total Disbursements	57,516.75

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 3, 1944	\$97,875.21
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CASH ASSETS

Bank Balances, General Funds	\$42,922.71
Bank Balance, Park and Shade Tree Fund	7,951.76
Bank Balance, Permanent Improvement Fund	40,934.79
Bank Balance, Withheld Taxes Fund	937.70
Taxes Receivable, January 3, 1944	20,999.83
Tax Liens Receivable, January 3, 1944	70,990.20
Improvement Liens Receivable, January 3, 1944	58,098.37
U. S. Government $\frac{7}{8}$ % Certificates of Indebtedness	80,108.32
	<u>\$322,943.68</u>

CASH ASSETS — BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Bank Balances, Sinking Funds	\$97,875.21
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LIABILITIES — BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Bonds	\$236,000.00
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The foregoing report has been prepared from the original books, papers and records of the Township of Abington for the fiscal year beginning on the first Monday of January 1943, and ending the first Monday of January 1944, and we hereby certify the same to be a complete and correct statement of the financial transactions and condition of the Township of Abington in respect to each and every matter therein set forth.

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

Abington, Pennsylvania, February 4, 1944.
Attest:

E. RAYMOND AMBLER, Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Directors of Public Safety submit for your consideration a brief review of the activities in the Bureaus of Police, Fire Protection, Street Lighting, Building Regulation and Zoning, and Civilian Defense.

Bureau of Police

There were 303 arrests during the year 1943 of which 38 were for violation of Township ordinances, 7 for violation of the School code, and 13 for violation of the State Motor Laws. 85 lodgers were accommodated, 225 meals served to prisoners. The value of stolen goods recovered amounted to \$6,845.00.

Cases reported to Coroner	13
Dangerous condition reported in roads, trees and wires	23
Dogs killed by Officers	223
Fires reported	306
Persons reported hurt in accidents	89
Prisoners fingerprinted and photographed	22
Civilians fingerprinted	3000
Street lights reported out	751
Stolen automobiles recovered	8
Stolen Bicycles recovered	5
Attempted suicides	4

Civil Service Commission

Provision was made in Act of Assembly No. 219 for the filling of vacancies in or additions to the police force in townships of the first class for the war duration and six months thereafter without regard to the requirements of any civil service act. The appointments are to terminate six months after the end of the war or sooner if men displaced are available and request reinstatement to duty.

Patrolmen

The number of patrolmen (24) in the Abington Township Police Department during the year 1943, was reduced by three as the result of enlistments in the armed forces.

Automobile Equipment

The Office of Price Administration issued a ration certificate permitting the Commissioners to replace six police patrol cars and to add two new cars to the automobile fleet.

Mileage Conservation Program

The Commissioners, desiring to cooperate with the Federal Government's mileage conservation program whereby adequate amounts of such critical materials as gasoline and rubber may be made available to the armed forces, appointed a government mileage administrator for Abington Township with sole authority to certify to the Office of Price Administration all applications for gasoline, tires, vehicles and Certificates of War Necessity.

Traffic Regulations

The department, on several occasions during the year, painted School Zone and cross-walk signs in the vicinity of the various schools in the township.

Bureau of Fire Protection

The members of the Department of Public Safety, during the year, visited and inspected the various fire company buildings and equipment, and reported on the excellent condition in which their houses and equipment were kept.

The Weldon Fire Company constructed a fire hose tower at the rear of their building for the purpose of drying hose.

The Abington Fire Company installed a radio receiving set on their mobile fire apparatus to permit them to receive calls from the police department should another fire break out while they are in service.

The annual audit of the accounts of the five volunteer fire companies reveals to the township they have a well-managed and financially sound fire department.

The audit of the fire companies appears on page 22.

Fire Hydrants

On recommendation of the Fire Chief one new fire hydrant was installed during the past year bringing the total number of fire hydrants in the Township service to two hundred sixty-nine.

Alarms

Three hundred eighty-three fire alarms were reported by the various companies: Abington, 122; Weldon, 60; Edge Hill, 67; McKinley, 84; Roslyn, 50. Of this number, 264 alarms were for field fires.

The Roslyn Fire Company rendered ambulance service for one hundred sixty-one calls.

Bureau of Street Lighting

Due to War Production Board restrictions on critical materials the utility company was not permitted to extend its service for civilian purposes, and as a result no new street lights were installed during the year. The total number of 1000 lumen street lights in service is twelve hundred sixty-six, together with thirty 6000 lumen street lights.

FIRE COMPANIES AUDIT

The accounts of the fire companies in the Abington Township Fire Department were audited by the Township Auditors. A summary of the audit for 1943 follows:

	Abington	Weldon	Edge Hill	McKinley	Roslyn
Balance in General Fund 1/1/43	\$ 1,592.89	\$ 3,741.29	\$ 802.47	\$ 2,944.37	\$ 1,462.05
Received during the year	4,344.40	5,557.54	3,425.68	5,065.87	3,641.93
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Expenditures during year	\$ 5,937.29	\$ 9,298.83	\$ 4,228.15	\$ 8,060.24	\$ 5,103.98
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Balance in General Fund 12/31/43	\$ 1,216.36	7,056.23	2,968.42	4,180.27	2,601.81
Cash held in Special Funds	\$ 4,767.12	None	\$ 1,259.73	\$ 3,879.97	\$ 2,502.17
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Assets	\$37,435.73	\$33,827.80	\$29,096.10	\$30,786.44	\$25,893.30
Liabilities	None	\$ 4,475.00	None	None	\$ 3,000.00

Bureau of Building Regulation and Zoning

Building Activities

Three hundred and six applications were received and Building Permits issued during the year 1943 at an estimated cost as follows:

4 Dwellings	\$ 14,700.00
249 Alterations	86,937.08
2 Signs	70.00
2 Accessory Buildings	300.00
2 Factory Buildings	12,000.00
16 Garages and Service Stations	3,720.00
24 Chicken Houses, Sheds and Tool Houses	13,705.00
1 Chimney and Fireplace	103.00
3 Fuel Tanks Installed	1,100.00
2 Hose Tower and Pump House	2,775.00
1 Building Demolished	---
<hr/> 306	<hr/> \$135,410.08

The following statement sets forth the construction of dwellings, separate garages and gasoline service stations during the years 1939 to 1943 inclusive:

DWELLINGS		SEPARATE GARAGES AND SERVICE STATIONS		
1939	239 Estimated Cost	\$1,205,102	51 Estimated Cost	\$50,290
1940	339 Estimated Cost	\$1,563,600	38 Estimated Cost	\$22,059
1941	398 Estimated Cost	\$2,091,252	37 Estimated Cost	\$27,980
1942	104 Estimated Cost	\$ 443,858	26 Estimated Cost	\$17,060
1943	4 Estimated Cost	\$ 14,700	16 Estimated Cost	\$ 3,720

Zoning

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

Appeal No. 157—To permit a four-family occupancy of the three-story stone and frame single dwelling situated on the Southerly side of Upland Avenue, approximately 80 feet West of Center Street, known as 605 Upland Avenue, Noble Ward No. 7, zoned in a two-family residence district—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 158—To permit a two-family occupancy of the bungalow type dwelling situated on the Easterly side of Roberts Avenue, approximately 90 feet North of Rosemore Avenue, known as 209 Roberts Avenue, Glenside Ward No. 13, zoned in a one-family residence district—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 160—To permit a three-family occupancy of the dwelling situated on the Northerly side of Meyer Avenue, approximately 119 feet East of Garfield Avenue (being a portion of lot No. 2336, Plan of Ferguson No. 1) zoned in a two-family residence district—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 161—To permit a four-family occupancy of the dwelling situated on the Northerly side of Meetinghouse Road, approximately 305 feet East of Susquehanna Street (being a portion of lots 37, 38 and 39, Meetinghouse Tract) Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2, zoned in a one-family residence district—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 162—To permit the alteration and operation of a club house, situated on the Southerly side of Welsh Road, approximately 100 feet East of High Avenue (being lot 26, Willow Grove Heights) in the Crestmont Ward No. 5—Appeal Granted.

The Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on one petition to change the zoning classification of a district, as follows:

Appeal No. 159—To change that portion of Abington Township, comprising approximately 53 acres, on the northerly corner of Jenkintown Road and Highland Avenue, in the Glenside Ward No. 11, from "H" Residence District to "T" Residence District—Appeal Refused.

Weldon Bocci Club Appeal

The Zoning Board of Adjustment on July 22, 1941, refused the application of the Weldon Bocci Club for permission to erect and operate a club house on the easterly side of Elk Street, approximately 321 feet southwardly from Weldon Avenue, in the Glenside Ward No. 3. The Weldon Bocci Club took an appeal to the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, which on June 2, 1942, was referred back to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, who held a further hearing on October 12, 1942, at which time they confirmed their original decision that the application should be refused. The Bocci club took a second appeal to the Court, upon which there was no action during the year 1943, and the case is expected to be heard in the early part of 1944.

Civilian Defense

The 1942 Commissioner's report recorded the organization and training of Civilian Defense.

We are very thankful to record for the year 1943, we were not called upon to do the job for which we had prepared. During the year, efforts have been made to recruit personnel to replace those who have been chosen for our Armed Forces and others who have moved from our community. In this effort, realistic pageants were given throughout the township by Civilian Defense units, assisted by Public Utilities of our community and other protective and service forces of our area. Numerous meetings were held throughout the year, conducted by the Staff and Council members. The United States Government has loaned us considerable material, such as fire pumpers, gas masks, helmets, medical and surgical supplies, fire fighting equipment, stirrup pumps, etc. Auxiliary firemen have been, and are being trained, fire guard units, first aid groups, auxiliary police, wardens, auxiliary ambulance drivers, transportation units, and many other protective groups are prepared to meet the issue if such should arise. The auxiliary police has a mobile unit with trucks, an ambulance and many facilities for rendering aid and protection. The road and demolition groups are also prepared to render aid and repair damage. The office, open each week day, has complete records of all equipment and personnel. The control center at each alert has been manned and prepared to function. A great deal of credit is due those who participated in the beginning of the organization of Civilian Defense. A good foundation was laid and built upon.

Under date of January 10, 1944 the following statement has been sent us: "The Protective Council of the State Council of Defense believes that the danger of an enemy attack, with possible use of chemical warfare agents, has by no means disappeared. In fact, some better military minds are of the opinion that token raids are still a very real possibility near the Atlantic seaboard and that such raids might well employ demolition, incendiary and gas bombs in a mixed attack, since the value of any one of these instruments is enhanced tremendously by use in combination with the other two." It is necessary, in view of these facts, that the personnel be kept trained and prepared until the danger of attack is over and we are released from this protective service.

In November, the Abington Hospital advised the Council of Defense that they were in need of men to help in various activities in order to continue to render the community the services needed. Nearly one hundred C. D. men now participate in volunteer work at the hospital, working in shifts each night from 7 p. m. to 12 midnight. Volunteers serve at the hospital in many capacities. Equipment has been prepared, and assistance is given in ambulance work, not only at night but also on Saturday and Sunday during the day.

The Auxiliary Police have met one night each week for over two years and are a thoroughly trained and efficient group. Our regular police force has lost a number of their members to the Armed Forces and the Auxiliary Police of C. D. have been sworn in and volunteers from this group are now serving nightly with our regular police.

The year 1944 will no doubt require more volunteers for these projects, and the Council of Defense will be requested to take part in sponsoring other community activities.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The Directors of Public Health submit for your consideration a brief review of the activities in the Bureaus of Health and Sanitation, Garbage Collection, and Sanitary Sewers.

Bureau of Health and Sanitation

Physicians, during the year 1943, reported to the Bureau of Health, 659 communicable diseases.

The Health Officer received 58 complaints of overflowing cesspools and directed the owners to abate the nuisance. It was necessary to prosecute, before the Justice of the Peace, three persons for violations of health regulations: one for failure to abate the nuisance from an overflowing cesspool, one for discharging sewage water into the public highway, and one for dumping rubbish on private property.

The Health Officer made 165 dairy and milk plant inspections during the year to see that the requirements of State and Township regulations are being carried out. The Gardenville Dairies constructed a new milk plant at Doylestown under the supervision of the Health Officer and in accordance with plans approved by the State Department of Health. He made laboratory tests of samples of milk and cream from time to time to ascertain if they meet the proper standards. In line with this work the Health Officer took a short course in Market Milk and Milk Control at the School of Agriculture of the Pennsylvania State College and received certificate certifying he had satisfactorily fulfilled the requirements of the course.

The Office of Price Administration issued a ration certificate permitting the Commissioners to replace the Health Officer's car with a new car.

Garbage Collection

The Bureau of Health received 361 requests for garbage service during the year, which were given immediate attention by the contractor, William B. Simons, Jr., Almont.

Despite the difficulty in obtaining help, and the restriction on gasoline and tires, the contractor has endeavored to render garbage collection service sufficient to meet the needs of our people under war-time conditions.

Your Department, in order to clear up a misunderstanding resulting from publicity concerning the location of garbage receptacles in adjoining municipalities, distributed to the householders in our township, instructions that garbage receptacles shall be placed near the rear of the house in a convenient place for removal. Your compliance with these instructions has greatly facilitated garbage removal service.

Plumbing Inspection

The Plumbing Inspector reported certificates of registration were issued to 63 Master Plumbers and 23 Journeyman Plumbers, and 114 plans of plumbing work were approved and permits issued during the year 1943. One plumber, making an installation of plumbing fixtures without first having registered and secured a permit therefor, was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace and a fine imposed for this violation of the plumbing code.

Ninety leaching cesspools and sub-soil drainage systems were installed under the supervision of the Plumbing Inspector.

Eighty-five Certificates of Sanitary Drainage were issued on forms required by F. H. A. and one certificate was issued on the township form.

Bureau of Sanitary Sewers

Twenty properties were connected to the Township sanitary sewer system during the year.

The Wharton District Civic Association presented a petition signed by owners and tenants of the Johnson-Wharton tract, Glenside, requesting the Board of Commissioners to provide sanitary sewer facilities for the area in which there are some 144 homes. Pursuant to the request, Ordinance No. 515 was adopted providing for the construction of sanitary sewer improvements in certain portions of Wharton Road, Kenmore Avenue, Glenwood Avenue, Woodlawn Avenue, Edgley Avenue, Oakdale Avenue, Mt. Carmel Avenue, and in a certain right-of-way, lying in Glenside Wards 11 and 12. Contract was awarded to The Conduit and Foundation Corporation, Philadelphia. Work was started July 2 and completed December 11, 1943. There were 12,913.96 assessable feet of sewer installed at a total assessable cost of \$50,276.49.

Pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 503, adopted in 1942 at the request of 90% of the property owners abutting the easterly side of York Road between Susquehanna Street and Woodland Road, Abington, McCabe Brothers, Bala-Cynwyd, started work June 16, 1943 on the construction of the sanitary sewer extension in the easterly side of York Road between said points, and completed same January 10, 1944. This project entailed a deep cut of approximately 16 feet at one point in the sewer line, which together with the quantity of hard rock encountered, added to the cost of project. There were 1511.66 assessable feet of sewer installed at a total assessable cost of \$11,760.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Directors of the Department of Public Works submit for your consideration a brief review of the activities in the Bureau of Highways.

Real Estate Registry

890 real estate deeds were officially registered. Same were checked and corrections made to the real estate registry maps by the Draftsman in the Township Engineer's office.

Highway Permits

96 applications were received 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. The applications were approved by the Township Engineer and permits issued.

Equipment

The Office of Price Administration issued a ration certificate permitting the Commissioners to replace two Plymouth cars in the highway fleet with two new cars.

Subdivisions

Plans were approved for the following subdivision:

S. C. Waller—Meadowbrook—Ward 2

The following subdivision plan was removed from the Township plan of streets:

Lyndan Hills—Abington—Ward 1

Acceptance of Streets

The township accepted by ordinance No. 513, FAIRACRES ROAD, extending from Washington Lane to Meetinghouse Road, Ward 2, as a part of the general system of highways of the township and entered it as such on the township general plan of streets.

Surface Treatment

The Department surface-treated 128,600 square yards of streets in the various wards of the township. On the basis of an 18' wide cartway, 12 miles of streets were treated.

Dust Treatment

The Department treated with dust-laying material, various unimproved streets throughout the township, totaling three miles.

Mileage of Roads

The following is a record of the type and mileage of roads in Abington Township:

Concrete	4.48 miles
Bituminous concrete	7.01 miles
Penetration macadam	62.21 miles
Surface-treated	4.67 miles
Earth	24.31 miles
Plotted but not opened	34.94 miles
State Roads	34.16 miles
County Roads	3.63 miles

York Road Sidewalks

The Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 517 establishing and fixing the sidewalk area along Old York Road within the limits of Abington Township as ten feet in width, paralleling the sidelines of the said Old York Road, thirty feet from the center line thereof.

The Department has had a search made of titles of all properties abutting York Road and are in the process of securing deeds of dedication and releases of land from property owners preparatory to the construction of sidewalk paving.

The Department constructed a sidewalk along the westerly side of Old York Road from Horace Avenue to Guernsey Avenue, Abington Ward 1, including a brick retaining wall and steps in front of the Township Building and a masonry retaining wall in front of the Dr. H. S. Lever, Jr. property. This improvement was authorized to be done under Ordinance No. 510 at no cost to the abutting property owners in consideration for their dedication to the public of the right-of-way necessary for the location of the said sidewalk.

House Numbering

The Board of Commissioners, following the elimination of duplicate street names in 1942, to further eliminate the confusion and inconvenience resulting from the lack of, or duplication of house numbers, and to provide definite information for the Police and Fire Departments in the performance of their duties, as well as to facilitate delivery services, adopted a plan for a uniform system of house numbering in Abington Township. Under the proposed plan there would be no north-south, east-west numbers. The numbers would begin at zero at the easterly boundary line of the township and run up to approximately 3100 at the Upper Dublin Township line. Similarly, beginning at zero at the southerly boundary line the numbers would run up to approximately 2000 at the Upper Moreland Township line.

The Township Engineer was instructed to proceed with the preparation of a plan of numbers to be assigned to each lot and improved property in the township, which will be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

Street Name Signs

Seventy-five wood street name signs and posts, and thirty-two combination wood and metal signs were erected at various street intersections in the township during the year. One hundred sixty metal signs and all wood signs were cleaned and painted.

Ash and Refuse Collection

Weekly collections of refuse and ashes were made according to the Winter Schedule and bi-weekly collections according to the Summer Schedule. A total of 2,379 truck loads of refuse and ashes 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. Department of Public Works' trucks traveled 25,171 miles collecting and disposing the refuse and ashes.

Miscellaneous Work

Repaired broken storm water sewer under P. T. C. tracks in Keswick Avenue, south of Mt. Carmel Avenue, Glenside Ward 12.

Placed cinders and calcium chloride on slippery hills and intersections during the winter and plowed snow from all roads.

Erected 10,000 feet of snow fence at various locations in the township.

Parks and Playgrounds

The Commissioners cooperated with the School Board in their summer playground and recreational program by granting the use of the McKinley, Roychester and Crestmont playgrounds. The School Board provided the recreational equipment and qualified play supervisors.

The Commissioners purchased and installed a coal stove on the second floor of the Roychester Community House to augment the oil burner and to help conserve the fuel oil ration. They also approved the painting of the exterior and interior of the building.

The Department kept all ball diamonds in shape, grass cut, weeds mowed, and equipment in repair.

Installed drain from drinking fountain at Crestmont Park, using 80 feet of 4" terra cotta pipe.

Shingled storage building at the Police Pistol range.

DIRECTORY OF

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
Susquehanna Street
Abington, Pennsylvania

ABINGTON JUNIOR HIGH
SCHOOL
Highland Avenue
Abington, Pennsylvania

HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Edge Hill Road
Abington, Pennsylvania

CEDAR ROAD ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Cedar Road
Hollywood, Pennsylvania

McKINLEY ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Cadwalader Avenue
McKinley, Pennsylvania

NORTH HILLS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Central Avenue
North Hills, Pennsylvania

PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Highland Avenue
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

ROSLYN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Susquehanna Street
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

ARDSLEY ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Spear Avenue
Ardsley, Pennsylvania

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

WELDON JUNIOR HIGH
SCHOOL
Easton Road
Glenside, Pennsylvania

WELDON ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
Easton Road
Glenside, Pennsylvania

OTHER SCHOOLS IN ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

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

MEADOWBROOK SCHOOL
Hampton & Meadowbrook Roads
Meadowbrook, Pennsylvania

OGONTZ SCHOOL
Ogontz School, Pa.

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

**OLIVET 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. MARK'S REFORMED
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
100 Cypress Avenue
Jenkintown, 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