Board of Commissioners

Township of Abington

1944

Annual Report

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 1, 1945

Ordinance No. 534

AN ORDINANCE

To prescribe the powers and duties of the Fire Marshal of Abington Township, to make regulations concerning the cause and management of fires and the prevention thereof by providing for the inspection, regulation and abatement of fire hazards.

The Board of Commissioners of Abington Township DO ORDAIN

Section 1. The Fire Marshal of Abington Township shall enforce that portion of all Laws and Ordinances in connection with the following:

1. The prevention of fires;

2. The storage and use of explosives and inflammables;

3. The installation and maintenance of automatic and other fire alarm systems, and fire extinguishing equipment;

4. The maintenance and regulation of fire escapes, the means and adequacy of exits in case of fire, from factories, schools, hotels, lodging houses, asylums, hospitals, churches, halls, theatres, and all other places in which numbers of persons work, live or congregate. from time to time, for any purpose;

5. The investigation of the cause, origin, and circumstances of fires.

He shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as are set forth in other sections of this ordinance, and as may be conferred and imposed from time to time by law.

Section 2. The Fire Marshal may, at all reasonable hours, enter any building or premises within his jurisdiction for the purpose of making any inspection, or investigation which he may deem necessary to be made in the performance of his duties.

Section 3. The Fire Marshal shall inspect, as often as may be necessary, all specially hazardous manufacturing processes, storages or installations of gases, chemicals, oils, explosives and flammable materials, all interior fire alarms and automatic sprinkler systems, and other similar appliances, and shall make such orders as may be necessary for the enforcement of the laws and ordinances governing the same and for safeguarding of life and property from fire.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Fire Marshal to inspect, as often as may be necessary, all buildings and premises, except the interiors of occupied private dwellings, for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any conditions liable to cause fire, or any violations of the provisions or intent of any ordinance of the township affecting fire hazards.

Whenever he shall find in any building or upon any premises combustible or explosive matter or dangerous accumulations of rubbish or unnecessary accumulation of waste paper, boxes, shavings, or highly flammable materials, and which is so situated as to endanger property; or shall find obstructions to or one fire escapes, stairs, passageways, doors or windows, liable to interfere with the operations of the Fire Department or egress of occupants in case of fire, he shall order the same to be removed or remedied.

Section 5. The Fire Marshal, upon the complaint of any persons or whenever he shall deem it necessary, shall inspect any building and premise within his jurisdiction. Whenever he shall find any building or other structure which, for want of repairs, lack of sufficient fire escapes, automatic or other fire alarm apparatus or fire extinguishing equipment, or by reason of age or dilapidated condition, or from any other cause, is especially liable to fire, and which is so situated as to endanger other property or the occupants thereof, and whenever such officer shall find in any building combustible or explosive matter or flammable conditions dangerous to the safety of such building or the occupants thereof, he shall order such dangerous conditions or materials to be removed or remedied.

Section 6. The service of such orders as mentioned in Sections 3, 4 and 5 shall be made upon the owner or occupant of the premises to whom it is directed, by either delivering a true copy of same to such occupant personally or by delivering the same to and leaving it with any person in charge of the premises, or in case no such person is found upon the premises, by affixing a copy thereof in a conspicuous place on the door to the entrance of the said premises. When-

ever it may be necessary to serve such an order upon the owner of premises, such order may be served either by delivering to and leaving with the said person a true copy of the said order, or, if such owner is absent from the jurisdiction of the officer making the order, service may be made by registered mail to the owner's last known postoffice address.

Any such order shall forthwith be complied with by the owner or occupant of such premises or building.

Section 7. The Fire Marshal shall investigate the cause, origin and circumstances of every fire occurring in the township by which property has been destroyed or damaged, and, so far as possible, shall determine whether the fire is the result of carelessness or design. Such investigation shall be begun immediately upon the occurrence of such a fire, co-operating with the Fire Chief in whose district the fire occurs, and if it appears to the officers making such an investigation that such fire is of suspicious origin, they shall notify the proper authorities designated by Law to pursue the investigation of such matters, and shall further co-operate with the authorities in the collection of evidence and in the prosecution of the case.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the Fire Marshal to require teachers of public and private schools and educational institutions to have one fire drill each month, and to keep all doors and exits unlocked during school hours.

Section 9. The Fire Marshal shall keep a record of all fires and of all the facts concerning the same, including statistics as to the extent of such fires and the damage caused thereby, and, if readily available, whether such losses were covered by insurance, and if so, in what amount.

Section 10. No person, firm or corporation shall deposit ashes, smouldering coal or embers, greasy or oily substances or other material liable to create spontaneous ignition within ten feet of any wooden or plastered wall, partition, fence, floor, sidewalk, lumber, hay, shavings, rubbish or other combustible materials, except in metallic or other non-combustible receptacles. Such receptacles must be placed on a non-combustible floor or stand, or on the ground outside the building, and in every case must be kept at least two feet away from any combustible wall or partition.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to burn trash, lumber, leaves, straw or any other combustible material in any street, area-way or vacant lot.

Section 11. No person, firm or corporation shall permit to remain upon any roof or in any court, yard, vacant lot or open space, any accumulation of waste paper, hay, grass, straw, weeds, litter or combustible or flammable waste or rubbish of any kind. All weeds, grass, vines or other growth, when same endangers property, or is liable to be fired, shall be cut down and removed by the owner or occupant of the premises.

Section 12. No person, firm or corporation making, using, storing or having charge or control of any shavings, excelsior, rubbish, sacks, bags, litter, hay, straw or combustible trash, waste or fragments shall fail, neglect or refuse at the close of each day to cause all material which is not compactly baled and stacked in an orderly manner to be removed from the premises or stored in suitable vaults or in metal or metal lined covered receptacles or bins.

Section 13. The storage of empty packing cases, boxes, barrels or other similar combustible containers is forbidden except in the open. Provided, however, that storage within a manufacturing or other establishment of sufficient packing cases, boxes, barrels or other similar containers to property carry on its operations shall be permitted, but such storage shall be orderly and not located so as to endanger exits from the building. Storage in the open of packing cases, boxes, barrels or other similar combustible containers shall not be more than twenty feet in height, and shall be at least fifty feet from the nearest building. All such storage shall be in a compact and orderly manner.

Section 14. Any and all persons, firms or corporations which shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance or fail to comply therewith, or which shall violate or fail to comply with any order or regulation made thereunder, shall severally for each and every violation and non-compliance respectively, forfeit and pay a penalty not to exceed the sum of twenty-five dollars. The imposition of one penalty for any violation of this ordinance shall not excuse the violation, or permit it to continue; and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time; and when not otherwise specified, each ten days that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense. The application of the above penalty, however, shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions. Such fine and penalty shall be collected as like fines and penalties are now by law collected.

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Approved by the Board and enacted into an ordinance this 8th day of February, A. D. 1945.

CHARLES B. MARKS, President.

Attest: E. RAYMOND AMBLER, Secretary.

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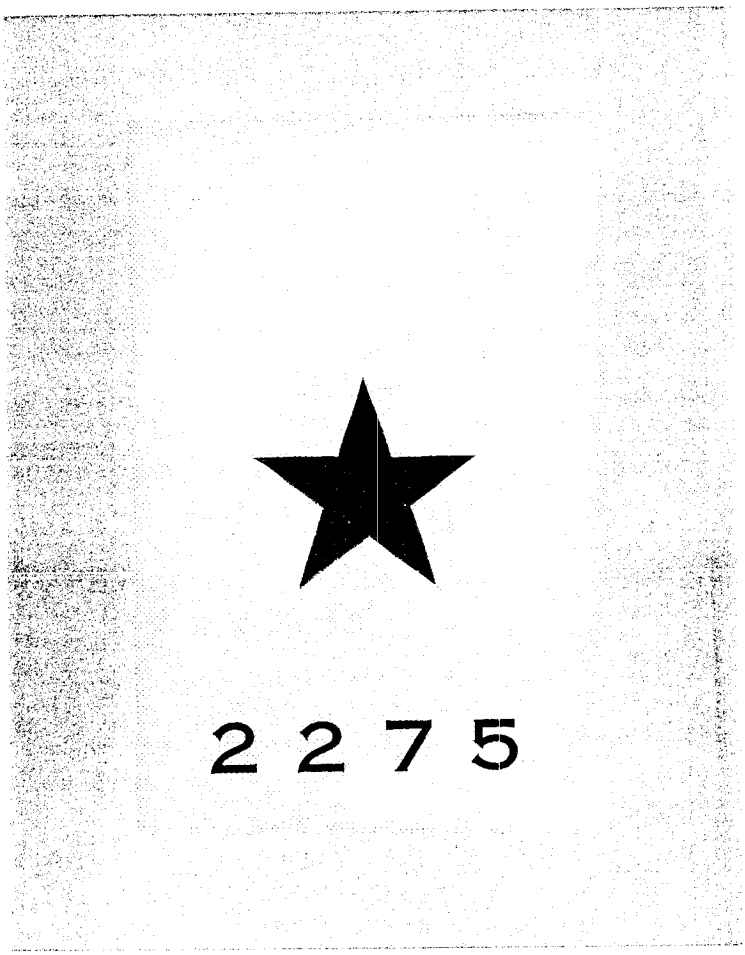
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

OF THE UNITED STATES



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
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.

COMMISSIONERS — 1945

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. GEISSLER
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
409 Maple Avenue, North Hills

Noble Ward No. 7
GEORGE E. MAURER
13 Canterbury Road, Abington

Roslyn Ward No. 8
ALEXANDER HOGG
Avondale Avenue, Roslyn

Ardsley Ward No. 9
ALEXANDER C. WATT
646 Monroe Avenue, Ardsley

Roychester Ward No. 10
HARRY T. MACKENZIE
301 Silver Avenue, Willow Grove

Glenside Ward No. 11
CHARLES F. HETTENBACH
716 Garden Road, Glenside

Glenside Ward No. 12
WILLIAM GEBHARDTSBAUER
302 E. Oakdale Avenue, Glenside

Glenside Ward No. 13
RUSSELL D. HARRAR
35 Roberts Avenue, Glenside

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
2843 Limekiln Pike
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 and Jenkintown Rds.
Glenside, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE, WARD No. 12
FANELLI BARBER SHOP
Cor. Keswick and Mt. Carmel Aves.
Glenside, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE, WARD No. 13
ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN PARISH HOUSE
Roberts Avenue
Glenside, Pennsylvania

OFFICERS

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WILLIAM H. JONES, Vice-President

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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

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WILLIAM H. JONES

EDWIN H. GEISSLER

WILLIAM GEBHARDTSBAUER

DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY

WILLIAM H. JONES, DIRECTOR

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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 H. WHITAKER, Chief Air Raid Warden

MRS. WILLIAM WUSTNER, Secretary

GEORGE I. GILSON

STATE DISASTER PLAN

JOHN N. KENNEDY, Disaster Co-ordinator, Abington Township

TO THE CITIZENS OF ABINGTON TOWNSHIP:

The Commissioners of Abington Township dedicate this Report to the more than 2,200 men and women of Abington Township who are serving in the Armed Forces of our Country. We are proud of each one of them. They are going their part on the battle front. We must do our part on the home front. To the families of those who have made the supreme sacrifice, your Board of Commissioners extends its deepest sympathy. The island on York Road south of Brook Road, has been dedicated by the township as World War II Memorial Park and it is our hope that during the coming year plans will be consummated for its development.

The year 1944 has seen the realization of an endeavor begun some years ago—that of freeing our township of debt. This has been accomplished by careful budgeting and strict adherence to the pay-as-you-go plan. Our outstanding bonds at the close of the year amounted to $236,000 with a Sinking Fund credit of $155,744.50 leaving a net debt of $80,225.50. Other assets applicable to the payment of this indebtedness amounts to $98,198.91.

Abington Township is one of the leading municipalities in Pennsylvania, both as to financial standing and as a place in which to live. We are proud of these facts. However, we must not stand still. We must improve and expand our services to the people. A sanitary sewer system for the entire township, a modern garbage and refuse incinerator, improved roads and sidewalks along all main highways, expanded recreational facilities, and additions to the township buildings, are improvements essential to the proper development of Abington Township. Necessary plans for these capital improvements are being prepared for immediate construction and installation in the post-war period.

The Commissioners extend a hearty welcome to the residents who have moved into the township since our last Report and urge that they join the other citizens of the township in reviewing this Report. It not only provides a brief summary of the activities of the various Departments of the Township government during the past year, but also contains general information of interest and assistance to all the residents of Abington Township.

In conclusion, I would express my sincere thanks to the officials and employees of the township for their fine spirit of cooperation in carrying on the essential services during the war emergency.

CHARLES B. MARKS, President

Board of Commissioners of Abington Township.

MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, WILLIAM K. DONALDSON, Township Commissioner from Ward 11 of Abington Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, departed this life on the twelfth day of July, Nineteen Hundred and forty-four; and

WHEREAS, WILLIAM K. DONALDSON served as Township Commissioner from Ward 11 without interruption from the fourth day of January, A. D. 1932, until the date of his untimely death; and

WHEREAS, WILLIAM K. DONALDSON held the office of Director of the Department of Public Affairs of Abington Township continuously from January, 1935; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Commissioners of Abington Township desires to appropriately inscribe a memorial to the public career of William K. Donaldson upon the permanent records of Abington Township.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Commissioners of Abington Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in regular meeting assembled, that the untimely death of William K. Donaldson has occasioned a distinct loss to the Township Government, as well as a deep personal loss to his fellow commissioners, and to the officers and employees of Abington Township; that his sound and mature judgement in municipal government and, particularly, in public finance, has proven invaluable over the past decade in the administration of Township Affairs, and that his keen, tireless and friendly participation in the official activities of the Board of Commissioners will be deeply missed.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread in full upon the official minutes of the Township, and an embossed copy given to the bereaved family of WILLIAM K. DONALDSON.

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

It has been necessary to relocate several of the offices in order to relieve the overcrowding of office space on the first floor. Headquarters of Civilian Defense are now located in the recreation room where office space is also provided for the Navy Shore Patrol. The Assessors and Draftsman now occupy the Court Room on the second floor. The Commissioners' Room has been renovated and is used by the traveling registrars for registration of voters and for civilian defense meetings in addition to the regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners and the Departments of the Township.

Bureau of Library

The Board of Commissioners approved a contribution of $500 to the Abington Library Society and $500 to the Glenside Free Library Association for the year 1944.

Bureau of Miscellaneous

The Board of Commissioners authorized the annual contribution of $2,000 to the Abington Township Police Pension Association Investment Fund. The Association closed the year with a balance of $2,374.91 in the General Fund and $726.74 in the Investment Fund. The Trustees have $43,567.05 invested in first mortgages on properties in Abington Township, and $57,000.00 in United States Government Securities, the greater portion of which is in War Bonds.

Sinking Funds

The bond tax levied and collected for the year 1944, amounting to $30,048.00 was deposited into the sinking funds. Orders were drawn on the sinking funds for $7,867.50 for the payment of coupon interest. There were no bonds maturing in 1944. The State Tax on outstanding bonds amounted to $606.00.

The total outstanding bonds, as of January 1, 1945, was $236,000 with a sinking fund credit of $155,744.50 or a net bonded indebtedness of $80,255.50. Additional deductible credits applicable to the payment of indebtedness total $98,948.42.

Service Flag

A Service Flag honoring the men and women of Abington Township in the armed service of the United States is suspended in front of the Township Building. A list of draftees and enlistments as furnished by the Local Selective Board, totaling 2,275 persons, is on file in the Township Office.

Investment of Funds

The Board of Commissioners, during the year, purchased a total of $190,000 United States Government ⅞% Certificates of Indebtedness, due in 1945. These funds were in special accounts ear-marked for projects which cannot be undertaken until after the war.

Transfer of Funds

At the close of the year the sum of $27,400 of the unexpended balances of the various appropriations was transfered to the Permanent Improvement Fund to be used for capital improvements.

World War II Memorial Park

The Board of Commissioners accepted by ordinance the several parcels of land comprising the island on York Road south of Brook Road, deeded to the township as a gift of the former owners. This land has been dedicated as a public park to the honor and memory of men and women of Abington Township who served their country in the armed forces during the present World War.

It is believed that early in 1945 a committee will be appointed to study plans for the development of this park and ways of raising funds to carry out the improvements, as the law does not provide for the township to expend monies for memorials.

Proposed Penbryn Park

The Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 525 taking and appropriating by the power of eminent domain approximately 18 acres of land on the plan of Penbryn as and for a public park and playground. The site of the proposed park, comprising some 300 lots, lies between the North East Pennsylvania Railroad and the rear line of the properties on Edge Hill Road, Jenkintown Road and Mt. Carmel Avenue, and adjoins the communities of Glenside, North Hills and Ardsley.

Entrance to Guernsey Avenue

Negotiations were undertaken to acquire a fifty-foot lot on the northerly side of Guernsey Avenue west of York Road to provide an additional entrance to the township buildings and property at York Road and Horace Avenue.

Budgetry Control

Resolution of January 4, 1937, creating departments and defining regulations therefor, was amended in order to more clearly define the duties and functions of the various departments; and the resolution of December 14, 1939, relating to the supervision and control of expenditures for supplies, materials, services and equipment, was amended to include the system of approving and paying bills.

Post-War Planning Commission

Early in the year 1944 the Board of Commissioners established and created the Abington Township Post-War Planning Commission to cooperate with the State Post-War Planning Commission in the preparation of general and specific plans for post-war public improvements.

They have recommended that plans be prepared for the construction of a sewage treatment plant, and extensions and additions to the sanitary sewer system; the construction of an Incinerator for garbage and refuse disposal; alterations and extensions to township buildings; highway improvements, including sidewalks along main highways; expansion of the township's system of parks and playgrounds and recreational facilities: improvements to the World War II Memorial Park—it being the opinion of the Post-War Planning Commission that these projects are essential for the proper growth of Abington Township and will at the same time provide employment in the post-war period.

Detailed Statement of Estimated Receipts, Disbursements and Balance

GENERAL FUNDS

Note: Roman Numeral refers to item in Township Auditors' Report. RECEIPTS	Estimated in Budget for 1944		Received 1944	Estimated in Budget for 1945
Cash in Bank beginning of year	$ 47,518	(I)	$ 42,922.71	$ 51,138
Taxes—1944 (90% estimated collectible)	$ 269,100	(IV)	$282,235.20	$269,100
Penalties—1944	$.....	(V)	$ 460.37	$ .....
Taxes and Penalties—1943	$ 10,000	(III)	$ 8,134.18	$ 9,000
Land Liens	$ 15,000	(VI)	$ 12,720.01	$ 16,000
Penalties and Interest on Land Liens	$.....	(VII)	$ 2,236.99	$.....
Miscellaneous Receipts:				
Licenses, Permits, etc.				
Beverage	$ 5,500		$ 5,350.00	$ 5,500
Building	2,000		1,156.00	2,000
Street (Including tax on poles)	2,000		2,215.55	2,000
Health and Plumbing	2,000		1,977.25	2,000
Fines and Forfeits—Justices	500		486.00	500
Sewer Rents and Installations	8,000		13,609.06	10,000
Refunds	.....		754.45	.....
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	$ 20,000	(II)	$ 25,548.31	$ 22,000
Tax Anticipation Note	$ 100,000	(VIII)	$100,000.00	$ 100,000
Total Receipts, Including Bank Balance	$ 461,618		$474,257.77	$ 467,238

DISBURSEMENTS	Estimated in Budget for 1944		Expended 1944	Estimated in Budget for 1945
Debt Service				
Expense, Tax Anticipation Note and Depository Bond	$ 900	(IX)	$ 562.87	$ 700
State Tax on Bonds	$ 944	(XI)	$ 606.00	$ 944
Total Expense and Tax	$ 1,844		$ 1,168.87	$ 1,644
Tax Anticiation Note	$100,000	(X)	$100,000.00	$ 100,000
Transfer to Sinking Funds	$ 29,104		$ 29,442.00	$ 25,924
Library				
Public Libraries	$ 1,000	(IX)	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000
Recreation				
Parks and Playgrounds (Transfer special tax)	$ 6,500	(XIII)	$ 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	(IX)	$ 3,487.50	$ 3,800
Administration				
Salaries and Services	$ 23,830		$ 23,387.25	$ 25,000
Office Equipment and Supplies	2,000		1,683.38	1,680
Printing and Advertising	1,400		877.23	1,100
Telephone Service	3,000		2,777.03	3,000
Other Expense	5,170		427.53	4,620
Total Administration	$ 35,400	(IX)	$ 29,152.42	$ 35,400
Transfer to Permanent Improvement Fund	$.....	(XII)	$ 5,500.00	$.....
Treasurer and Tax Collector				
Commissions	$ 7,000		$ 6,752.79	$ 7,000
Other expenses	1,500		791.11	1,500
Total Treasurer and Tax Collector	$ 8,500	(IX)	$ 7,543.90	$ 8,500
2% Commission on Land Liens deducted by County Treasurer	$.....	(XIV)	$ 299.13	$.....

Township Buildings

Salaries	$ 1,716		$ 1,787.50	$ 1,900
Materials and supplies	900		535.04	900
Fuel, light and water	2,600		2,004.74	2,600
Repairs to buildings	2,500		648.94	2,500
Insurance	404		67.48	220
Total Township Buildings	$ 8,120	(IX)	$ 5,043.70	$ 8,120

Police Protection

Salaries	$ 57,345		$ 54,132.71	$ 62,023
Uniforms	2,000		1,468.43	2,000
Office Supplies	300		143.55	200
Maintenance and Replacement Autos	6,602		5,694.52	6,500
Gasoline and Oil	4,500		4,607.74	4,500
Maintenance and Replacement Radio	1,200		805.42	1,000
Insurance, Compensation and Liability	1,200		920.39	1,200
Traffic Signals and Equipment	700		933.23	800
Other Expense	1,153		420.37	777
Total Police Protection	$ 75,000	(IX)	$ 69,126.36	$ 79,000
Transfer to Permanent Improvement Fund	$.....	(XII)	$ 2,000.00	$.....

Fire Protection

Rental Fire Hydrants	$ 11,000		$ 10,368.09	$ 11,000
Contribution 5 Fire Companies	15,000		15,000.00	15,000
Insurance	1,000		956.25	1,000
Total Fire Protection	$ 27,000	(IX)	$ 26,324.34	$ 27,000

Street Lighting

Street Lighting Service	$ 31,000	(IX)	$ 30,165.00	$ 31,000

Building Regulation and Zoning

Salaries	$ 2,600		$ 2,600.00	$ 2,860
Other Expense	1,900		873.88	1,640
Total Building Regulation and Zoning	$ 4,500	(IX)	$ 3,473.88	$ 4,500
Transfer to Permanent Improvement Fund	$.....	(XII)	$ 500.00	$.....

Civilian Defense

Total Civilian Defense Expenses	$ 7,000	(IX)	$ 3,838.29	$ 3,000
Transfer to Permanent Improvement Fund	$.....	(XIII)	$ 2,500.00	$.....

Health and Sanitation

Salaries	$ 5,700		$ 5,700.00	$ 6,300
Inspection and Analysis of Milk	500		8.60	400
Materials and Supplies	300		221.57	300
Other Expense	1,850		983.40	1,400
Total Health and Sanitation	$ 8,250	(IX)	$ 6,911.97	$ 8,250
Transfer to Permanent Improvement Fund	$.....	(XII)	$ 1,200.00	$.....

Garbage Collection and Disposal

Garbage Collection and Disposal Service	$ 5,300	(IX)	$ 5,300.00	$ 5,300

Sanitary Sewers

Materials and Supplies	$ 100		$ 138.79	$ 150
Maintenance of System	5,700		4,736.02	8,700
Other Expenses	3,500		913.84	2,450
Total Sanitary Sewers	$ 9,300	(IX)	$ 5,788.65	$ 11,300
Transfer to Permanent Improvement Fund	$.....	(XII)	$ 3,300.00	$.....

Streets and Bridges Including Ashes and Rubbish

Salaries	$ 11,350		$ 13,254.54	$ 14,700
Wages	41,700		30,839.25	45,200
Office and Engineering Supplies	1,000		1,418.37	1,500
Operation, Maintenance and Replacement Motor Equipment	13,500		10,263.38	9,500
Maintenance & Installation Street Signs	2,300		2,489.45	1,300
Insurance Compensation, Liability, Sidewalk	1,700		1,277.29	1,600
Tools and Minor Equipment	1,500		1,080.47	750
Road Materials for Maintenance	16,000		19,487.91	8,000
Other Expenses	950		440.02	750
Total Operation and Maintenance	$ 90,000	(IX)	$ 80,550.68	$ 83,300
Permanent Improvements, Transfer from General Fund	$ 10,000	(XII)	$ 12,400.00	$ 16,700
Cash in Bank End of Year	$.....	(XV)	$ 31,741.08	$.....
Total Disbursements and Bank Balance	$ 461,618		$474,157.77	$ 467,238

PROPERTY VALUATION AND TAX LEVY FOR 1944

	Ward	Assessment	Tax Levied
ABINGTON	No. 1	$3,345,050.00	$38,468.98
SAW MILL HILL	No. 2	3,883,800.00	44,664.86
GLENSIDE	No. 3	1,409,200.00	16,205.57
McKINLEY	No. 4	3,077,795.00	35,398.60
CRESTMONT	No. 5	1,088,225.00	12,517.43
NORTH HILLS	No. 6	1,736,290.00	19,967.92
NOBLE	No. 7	2,543,500.00	29,250.32
ROSLYN	No. 8	1,908,600.00	21,960.58
ARDSLEY	No. 9	974,505.00	11,209.68
ROYCHESTER	No. 10	1,728,635.00	19,879.93
GLENSIDE	No. 11	999,750.00	11,497.21
GLENSIDE	No. 12	1,827,150.00	21,012.40
GLENSIDE	No. 13	1,578,850.00	18,156.81
		$26,101,350.00	$300,190.29

	1942	1943	1944
Property Valuation	$25,934,435	$26,127,755	$26,101,350
Valuation Tax Exempt Property	$ 4,653,100	$ 4,662,300	$ 4,691,550

TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Fiscal Year 1stMonday January	Total Property Tax	Uncollected end Fiscal Year	Uncollected Latest Available Date Jan. 1, 1945
1941	$297,800.42	$38,754.23	NONE
1942	$311,447.82	$26,176.30	NONE
1943	$301,504.27	$20,999.83	NONE
1944	$300,190.29	$17,776.54	$17,776.54

Tax Liens are led 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 is unpaid at that time.

TAX DATA

The Township Commissioners levied an 11½ mills tax for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1945, which will be billed July 1.

General Township Purposes—10 mills
Special Bond Tax—1 mill
Park & Shade Tree Tax—¼ mills
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. 3, 1944	Received by Transfer and Bank Interest	Cash Paid Coupon Interest and Redemption of Bonds	Bank Balance Jan. 1, 1945
1925A	$14,895.21	$ 3,904.00	$ 723.12	$ 18,076.09
1927	12,917.04	4,416.00	948.12	16,384.92
1928	2.37	4,900.32	540.00	4,362.69
1930	36,120.56	9,026.60	2,771.86	42,375.30
1931	11,000.50	5,870.81	2,103.12	14,768.19
1943	22,939.53	37,650.26	812.48	59,777.31
	$97,875.21	$65,767.99	$7,898.70	$155,744.50

BONDED DEBT

Abington Township, from 1906 to 1944 inclusive, had fifteen bond issues, totaling $874,000, and has never defaulted in its debt obligation.

	Bonds Outstanding	Sinking Funds	Net
January 1, 1945	$236,000.00	$155,744.50	$ 80,255.50
January 1, 1944	$236,000.00	$197,875.21	$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

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

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

The 1944 Tax Anticipation Note of $100,000 was sold February 24, 1944, to the A. Webster Dougherty and Company, 1412 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., at an interest rate of .45% per annum. This note was paid September 15 from the 1944 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 and Investments, as of January 1, 1945, are—

		U. S. Government 7/8% Certificates of Indebtedness
General Funds	$31,741.08	.....
Park & Shade Tree Fund	$19,357.84	$ 20,000
Permanent Improvement Fund	$54,362.81	$ 60,000
Emergency Highway Maintenance Fund	$ 80.53	$ 10,000
Sinking Funds	$55,744.50	$100,000

TOWNSHIP AUDITORS' REPORT
of the
TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1944
GENERAL FUNDS
Cash Receipts, Disburseenmts and Balances

RECEIPTS

I	Bank Balances, General Funds, January 3, 1944	$42,922.71	
II	Received account of Miscellaneous Receipts	25,548.31	
III	Received account of 1943 Taxes and Penalties	8,134.18	
IV	Received account of 1944 Taxes	282,235.20	
V	Received account of 1944 Penalties	460.37	
VI	Received account of Land Liens	12,720.01	
VII	Received account of Penalties and Interest on Land Liens	2,236.99	
VIII	Received account of 1944 Temporary Loans	100,000.00	
			$474,257.77

DISBURSEMENTS

IX	Vouchers issued, General Funds	$278,269.56	
X	Vouchers issued, 1944 Temporary Loan	100,000.00	
XI	Transfer to Sinking Funds (Special Tax)	30,048.00	
XII	Transfer to Permanent Improvement Fund	27,400.00	
XIII	Transfer to Park and Shade Tree Fund (Special Tax)	6,500.00	
XIV	2% Commission on Land Liens deducted by County Treasurer	299.13	
			$442,516.69
XV	Bank Balances, General Funds, January 1, 1945		31,741.08
			$474,257.77

TAXES RECEIVABLE

(by Township Treasurer)

		Total	Current	Delinquent
	Taxes Receivable January 3, 1944:			
	Delinquent Taxes and Penalties, 1943	$20,999.83	.....	$20,999.83
XVII	Additional Penalties 1943 to May 1944	283.15	.....	283.15
		$21,282.98	.....	$21,282.98
XVIII	Add			
	1944 Tax	$300,011.74	$300,011.74	.....
	1944 Penalties	1,189.13	1,189.13	.....
XVIII	Total Additions	$301,200.87	$301,200.87	.....
	Total	$322,483.85	$301,200.87	$21,282.98
	Deduct:			
XIX	Collection delinquent taxes and penalties, 1943	$8,134.18	.....	$8,134.18
XX	Adjustment in assessment and exoneration 1943 Duplicate	257.31	.....	257.31
XXI	Liens filed for 1943 taxes	12,891.49	.....	12,891.49
XXII	Collection 1944 Tax	282,235.20	282,235.20	.....
XXIII	Collection 1944 Penalties	460.37	460.37	.....
	Total Deductions	$303,978.55	$282,695.57	$21,282.98
XXIV	Taxes Receivable January 1, 1945	$18,505.30	$18,505.30*	
	*Delinquent Taxes:			
	1944 Tax	$17,776.54		
	1944 Penalty	728.76		

TAXES RECEIVABLE

(by County — Land Liens)

Duplicate	Tax Liens Receivable Jan. 3, 1944	Tax Liens Collected	Adjusted by Auditors	Tax Liens Receivable Jan. 1, 1945
1943 (May)	$12,891.49	$2,581.52	$1.88	$10,308.09
1942	11,747.24	2,429.22	.....	9,318.02
1941	8,154.11	1,516.65	.....	6,637.46
1940	8,859.76	1,093.46	.....	7,766.30
Prior Years	42,229.09	5,099.16	55.31	37,074.62
Total	$83,881.69	$12,720.01	$57.19	$71,104.49

PARK AND SHADE TREE FUND

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE

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

RECEIPTS

Transfer from General Fund, Special Tax	$6,500.00	
Interest on Investments	210.32	
Redemption U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	25,000.00	
Total Receipts	$31,710.32	
Total Receipts and Balance		$39,662.08

DISBURSEMENTS

Insurance and General Maintenance expenses	$217.98	
Depository Expense	79.06	
Investment U. S. Certificates and Indebtedness	20,007.20	
Total Disbursements		$20,304.24

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 1, 1945		$19,357.84

EMERGENCY HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FUND

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 3, 1944		.....

RECEIPTS

Interest on Investments	$84.13	
Redemption U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	10,000.00	
Total Receipts	$10,084.13	
Total Receipts and Balance		$10,084.13

DISBURSEMENTS

Investment U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	$10,003.60	
Total Disbrusements		$10,003.60
Cash in Bank, January 1, 1945		$ 80.53

WITHHELD TAXES FUND

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 3, 1944	$ 937.70	

RECEIPTS

Federal Withheld Taxes	$10,860.83	
Total Receipts	$10,860.83	
Total Receipts and Balance		$11,798.53

DISBURSEMENTS

Federal Withheld Taxes	$10,898.63	
Total Disbursements		$10,898.63

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 1, 1945	$ 899.90

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 3, 1944	$40,934.79	

RECEIPTS

Improvement Liens	$7,139.85	
Interest on Improvement Liens	417.54	
Rental of Township Property	1,710.00	
Transfer from General Fund	27,400.00	
Interest on Investments	378.58	
Redemption U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	45,000.00	
Total Receipts	$82,045.97	
Total Receipts and Balance		$122,980.76

DISBURSEMENTS

Sewer Improvements	$8,441.64	
Depository Expense	156.15	
Investment U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	60,020.16	
Total Disbursements		$68,617.95

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 1, 1945	$54,362.81

IMPROVEMENT LIENS

	Receivable Jan. 3, 1944	Liens Filed Current Year	Adjusted by Auditors	Liens Collected Current Year	Receivable Jan. 1, 1945
Improvement Liens	$58,083.37	$11,760.72	$1,473.98	$43,116.29	$25,268.82

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AND SINKING FUNDS

Gross Bonded Indebtedness

	Outstanding Jan. 3, 1944	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1945
Councilmanic Authority	$236,000.00	$236,000.00
Total Gross Bonded Debt	$236,000.00	$236,000.00

SINKING FUNDS

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE		
Cash in Bank, January 3, 1944	$97,875.21	
RECEIPTS		
Bond Tax	$30,048.00	
Bank Interest Credited	205.41	
Sewer Assessments	36,120.58	
Total Receipts	$66,373.99	
Total Receipts and Balance		$164,249.20
DISBURSEMENTS		
Coupon Interest	$7,867.50	
State Tax	606.00	
Investment U. S. Certificates Indebtedness	100,031.20	
Total Disbursements		$108,504.70
BALANCE		
Cash in Bank, January 1, 1945		$55,744.50

CASH ASSETS

Bank Balances, General Funds	$31,741.08
Bank Balance, Park and Shade Tree Fund	19,357.84
Bank Balance, Permanent Improvement Fund	54,362.81
Bank Balance, Emergency Highway Maintenance Fund	80.53
Taxes Receivable, January 1, 1945	18,505.30
Tax Liens Receivable, January 1, 1945	71,104.49
Improvement Liens Receivable, January 1, 1945	25,268.82
U. S. Government 7/8% Certificates of Indebtedness	90,000.00
	$310,420.87

CASH ASSETS — BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Bank Balances, Sinking Funds	$55,744.50
U. S. Government 7/8% Certificates of Indebtedness	100,000.00
	$155,744.50

LIABILITIES — BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Bonds	$236,000.00
	$236,000.00

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 1944, and ending on the first Monday of January 1945, 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 2, 1945.
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 175 arrests during the year 1944 of which 34 were for violation of Township ordinances, 9 for violation of the School code, and 13 for violation of the State Motor Laws. Seventy-seven lodgers were accommodated, 219 meals served to prisoners. The value of stolen goods recovered amounted to $11,612.00.

Cases reported to Coroner	11
Dangerous condition reported in roads, trees and wires	18
Dogs killed by officers	152
Fires reported	224
Prisoners fingerprinted and photographed	38
Street lights reported out	551
Stolen automobiles recovered	10
Attempted suicides	5

Automobile Equipment

The Office of Price Administration issued ration certificates permitting the Commissioners to replace three police patrol cars in the automobile fleet.

Proposed Police Headquarters

Plans are being prepared for alterations to be made to the former Strouse & Jarrett property, which was purchased by the Township in 1942, to provide for the proper accommodation and housing of the personnel and equipment of the Department of Public Safety.

It is expected this project will not be undertaken until the post-war period.

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

The audit of the fire companies appears on page .

Fire Hydrants

On recommendation of the Fire Chiefs, five new fire hydrants were installed during the past year bringing the total number of fire hydrants in the township service to two hundred seventy-four.

Alarms

Three hundred one fire alarms were reported by the various companies: Abington, 71; Weldon, 63; Edge Hill, 51; McKinley, 31; Roslyn, 85. Of this number, 115 alarms were for field fires.

The Roslyn Fire Company rendered ambulance service for two hundred nineteen 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.

Proposed Fire Marshal Ordinance

The Commissions have under consideration a proposed ordinance to prescribe the powers and duties of the Fire Marshal of Abington Township, to make regulations concerning the cause and management of fires and the prevention thereof by providing for the inspection, regulation and abatement of fire hazards.

After passage of the ordinance, which it is believed will be early in 1945, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to burn trash, lumber, leaves, straw or any other combustible material in any street, area-way or vacant lot. The ordinance would also require, among other things, that all weeds, grass, vines or other growth, when same endangers property, or is liable to be fired, shall be cut down and removed by the owner or occupant of the premises.

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 1944 follows:

	Abington	Weldon	Edge Hill	McKinley	Roslyn
Balance in General Fund 1/1/44	$ 1,216.36	$ 2,242.60	$ 1,259.73	$ 3,879.97	$ 2,502.17
Received during the year	4,710.42	5,582.49	3,554.57	6,176.38	5,494.12
	$ 5,926.78	$ 7,825.09	$ 4,814.30	$10,056.35	$ 7,996.29
Expenditures during year	4,398.50	6,006.39	4,033.98	4,825.59	5,579.37
Balance in General Fund 12/31/44	$ 1,528.28	$ 1,818.70	$ 780.32	$ 5,230.76	$ 2,416.92
Cash held in Special Funds	$ 3,952.77	$ None	$ 8,381.83	$ 3,828.54	$ 7,641.47
Assets	$38,220.55	$32,858.70	$31,212.15	$33,496.30	$25,358.39
Liabilities	None	$ 1,000.00	None	None	None

Bureau of Building Regulation and Zoning

Building Activities

Two hundred and ninety-five applications were received and Building Permits issued during the year 1944 at an estimated cost as follows:

2	Dwellings	$ 1,200.00
252	Alterations	85,697.00
3	Signs	215.00
1	Accessory Building	195.00
1	Printing Shop	5,500.00
17	Garages and Service Stations	11,130.00
11	Chicken Houses, Sheds and Tool Houses	1,716.00
2	Play Houses	3,600.00
1	Oil Burner	700.00
3	Green Houses	340.00
2	Buildings Demolished	.....
295		$110,293.00

The following statement sets forth the construction of dwellings, separate garages and gasoline service stations during the years 1940 to 1944 inclusive:

	DWELLINGS			SEPARATE GARAGES AND SERVICE STATIONS		
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
1944	2	Estimated Cost	$ 1,200	17	Estimated Cost	$11,130

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. 163—To permit the construction of an attached garage on premises situated on the easterly side of Welsh Road, approximately 142 feet northwardly from Cleveland Avenue (being lot 536, Overlook Hills) Roy-Chester Ward No. 10, zoned in the "T" Residence District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 164—To permit a two-family occupancy of the dwelling situated on the northerly side of Oakdale Avenue, approximately 366 feet easterwardly from Keswick Avenue (being lots 17, 18, and 19, Section K, Plan of Roslyn Terrace) Glenside Ward No. 12, zoned in the "T" Residence District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 165—To permit the alteration and construction of an addition to the existing garage changing its use to a dental office, on the premises situated on the easterly corner of Wharton Road and Keswick Avenue, Glenside, Ward No. 11, zoned in the "T" Residence District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 166—To permit the construction of an addition to dwelling on premises situated on the northeasterly corner of Edge Hill Road and Rockwell Avenue, (being lot 684, Crestmont) Roy-Chester Ward No. 10, zoned in the "T" Residence District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 168—To permit the erection and operation of an automobile sales room and repair shop on the premises situated on the westerly side of Limekiln Pike, approximately 135 feet outwardly from Cricket Avenue, in the North Hills Ward No. 6, zoned in the "F" Commercial District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 169—To permit a six family occupancy of the dwelling situated on the southerly corner of Roberts Avenue and Lynnwood Avenue (being lots 8 and 39, Glenside Highlands) Glenside Ward No. 13, zoned in the "T" Residence District—Appeal Refused.

Appeal No. 171—To permit the erection and operation of a modern gasoline filling and service station on the premises situated on the southwesterly corner of York Road and Gurnsey Avenue, Abington Ward No. 1, zoned in the "F" Commercial District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 172—To permit the alteration and construction of an addition to the existing garage and automobile repair shop, to provide for additional office, parts room, and service station, on the premises situated on the northerly corner of Township Line Road and Tulpehocken Avenue, McKinley Ward No. 4, zoned in the "F" Commercial District—Appeal Granted.

The Board of Commissioners held public hearings on two petitions to change the zoning classifications of districts as follows:

Appeal No. 167—To change that portion of Abington Township, comprising the properties abutting the northerly side of Mt. Carmel Avenue, extending from Central Avenue to Tennis Avenue, in the North Hills Ward No. 6, from "L" Residence District to "F" Commercial District—No Action.

Appeal No. 170—To change that portion of Abington Township comprising approximately 55 acres adjacent to Willow Grove Park, extending from Moreland Road to Old Welsh Road, known as Kimbel Farm in the Crestmont Ward No. 5 from "T" Residence District to "G" Industrial District—Appeal Granted.

Weldon Bocci Club Appeal

The Zoning Board of Adjustment, on October 12, 1942, held a further hearing, as directed by the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, on appeal of 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, at which time they confirmed their original decision that the application should be refused. The Bocci Club took a second appeal and on May 24, 1944 the Court dismissed the appeal at the costs of the appellant. The Court is of the opinion that the Board of Adjustment did not abuse its discretion in refusing the application.

Lewis G. Fell Appeal

The Zoning Board of Adjustment, on June 27, 1944, refused the application of Lewis G. Fell to permit a six-family occupancy of his dwelling situated on the southerly corner of Roberts Avenue and Lynnwood Avenue, in the Glenside Ward No. 13, zoned in the "T" Residence District. Mr. Fell took an appeal to the Court, upon which there was no action in 1944.

Civilian Defense

The Civilian Defense organization has undergone a gradual change during the past year from that of preparation for defense against air raids, to actual service to the community and the nation. The Air Raid Precaution regulations, promulgated by the Army, are still in force, and our personnel stands ready to act. The workers of the Civilian Defense Corps have given their services in many different ways not connected with defense.

The Auxiliary Policemen, from February to December, worked with the regular Township Police on the patrol cars between 8 P.M. and 4 A.M. each night. Approximately thirty-five men participated, alternating their shifts.

Valuable service has been rendered Abington Memorial Hospital. Nearly one hundred men help with various activities, working from 7 P.M. to 12 midnight, weekdays, and during the day on Saturday and Sunday. They serve in ambulance work, in the receiving ward, and throughout the hospital. Volunteers are still being recruited for this work.

The Civilian Defense office assisted the Solid Fuels Administration in receiving requests for coal during the acute coal shortage. The requests were investigated and coal sent where it was most needed. In some cases, where there was illness, coal deliveries were made by the Civilian Defense personnel.

The Civilian Defense organization was in charge of the registration of those serving in the Armed Forces, which enabled them to vote in the Fall election. All records were handled through the office.

Much credit for paper drives goes to various groups of Boy Scouts, and other organizations throughout the Township.

The Civilian Defense organization regrets sincerely the death of Dr. Walter Hughson, Chief of Medical Services, and Mr. P. Allan Grindrod, Assistant Auxiliary Police Chief. These two staff members were ardent workers and their loss is keenly felt in Civilian Defense.

The Executive Director of the State Council of Defense requested the Board of Commissioners to appoint a co-ordinator for the State Disaster Plan whereby the training and facilities of Civilian Defense may be used in times of disaster, flood, fire, or other emergency. Mr. John N. Kennedy was appointed Disaster Co-ordinator for Abington Township.

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 1944, reported to the Bureau of Health, 193 communicable diseases. Eighteen cases of Poliomeylitis were admitted to the Abington Memorial Hospital, only two of which were from Abington Township. One case resulted in death.

The Health Officer received 44 complaints of overflowing cesspools and directed the owners to abate the nuisance. It was necessary to prosecute, before the Justice of the Peace, one prson for discharging sewage water into the public highway.

The Health Officer made 170 dairy and milk plant inspections during the year to see that the requirements of State and Township regulations for producing and the handling of milk are carried out, and in several instances directed that changes be made to meet the regulations. He made laboratory tests of samples of milk and cream from time to time to ascertain if they meet the proper standards.

Contaminated Springs

The State Department of Health advised in August that analyses of samples of water taken from the Stoddard Spring on Rydal Road, Rydal, and the spring on Kelly Lane, Weldon, showed these supplies to be seriously contaminated, and directed the Health Officer to immediately post placards warning the public against the use of this water for domestic consumption. An analysis of a further sample of water taken from the Stoddard Spring in November indicated water was safe for domestic consumption and the warning sign was removed from that spring.

Regulation of Pigs

The Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 528 establishing rigid regulations for the keeping or raising of pigs in Abington Township, the effect of which is to prohibit the keeping or raising of pigs except in the farm areas of the township.

Plumbing Inspection

The Plumbing Inspector reported certificates of registration were issued to 75 Master Plumbers and 25 Journeyman Plumbers, and 110 plans of plumbing work were approved and permits issued during the year 1944. Two plumbers and one property owner were arraigned before the Justice of the Peace and fines imposed for violations of the Plumbing Code.

One hundred and eighteen leaching cesspools and sub-soil drainage systems and one private sewage disposal system were installed under the supervision of the Plumbing Inspector.

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

Garbage Collection

The Bureau of Health received more than 250 requests for garbage service during the year 1944. The Commissioners, in an effort to provide more efficient service in 1945, under war-time conditions, divided the township into five garbage collection districts and have awarded one-year contracts to the three lowest responsible bidders for the collection of garbage from the districts as follows:

E. Paul Patton, Newportville—District #1

Frank Birchler, Jarrettown—District #2 and #4

Dominick Kay, Morrisville—District #3 and #5

The attention of the residents is again called to the regulation requiring that garbage receptacles shall be placed near the rear of the house in a convenient place for removal. Your compliance with this regulation will greatly facilitate garbage removal service.

Bureau of Sanitary Sewers

One hundred forty-three properties in the sewer section 5A, Glenside, (Johnson-Wharton tract), and nine properties along the easterly side of York Road, between Susquehanna Street and Woodland Road, Abington, were connected to the Township sanitary sewer system during the year. One property at the northwesterly corner of York Road and Cloverly Avenue, was connected to the Jenkintown Borough sanitary sewer in Cloverly Avenue.

The Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 535 authorizing the Department of Public Health to make special assessments for the cost of construction of sanitary sewers along irregular-shaped pieces of land where an assessment on the foot-front rule is inequitable pursuant to certain formulae prepared by the Sewer Engineer for the determination of such assessments.

The Commissioners, in line with the recommendation of the Post-War Planning Commission, authorized their sewer engineer, Albright & Friel, Inc., to bring the comprehensive sanitary sewer plan for Abington Township up to date and ready for advertising and letting of contracts for the construction of a sewage treatment plant and extensions and additions to the sanitary sewer system, in the post-war period.

Albright & Friel, Inc. are preparing the data necessary to amend the Sewer Agreement with Cheltenham Township as it relates to the additional points of connection with their sanitary sewer system to permit the sewage from the Tacony Creek watershed areas in Abington Township to be discharged into their system.

Garbage and Refuse Incinerator

The Department of Health has given considerable study to the modern method of disposing of garbage and refuse by incineration, and have recommended that the Board of Commissioners authorize Albright & Friel, Inc., engineers, to make a preliminary study and report on the construction of an incinerator plant.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

Real Estate Registry

1196 real estate deeds were officially registered. The Draftsman in the Township Engineer's office checked the description of the deeds with the real estate registry maps and made thereon any changes necessary.

Highway Permits

93 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.

Resurfacing

The Department resurfaced 15,000 square yards of streets in the various wards of the Township. On the basis of an 18′ wide cartway 1.4 miles of streets were resurfaced.

Surface Treatment

The Department surface-treated 17,200 square yards of streets in the various wards of the Township. On the basis of an 18′ wide cartway 1.6 miles of streets were surface-treated.

Dust Treatment

The Department treated with dust-laying material, various unimproved streets throughout the township, totaling 4.2 miles.

Vacation Canterbury Road

The township vacated by Ordinance No. 527, CANTERBURY ROAD, extending from the side line of the original York Road to the side line of York Road as relocated, and incorporated it as a part of World War II Memorial Park.

Relocation Lenox Road

The township, upon request of the owner of the property abutting both sides of Lenox Road (50 feet wide) extending from Fisher Road to property line of Estate of Percy C. Madeira, in the McKinley Ward No. 4, vacated by Ordinance No. 526 said portion of Lenox Road, and accepted deed of dedication for Lenox Road (40 feet wide) as relocated thirty feet northeast of its former location. Costs of the proceedings were borne by the property owner.

York Road Sidewalks

The State Department of Highways will construct the water table and curb, which will complete the York Road improvement between Wharton Road, Noble and Keith Road, Abington, where the property owners have dedicated the land necessary for sidewalk purposes.

The County-Aid application filed by the Township and County Commissioners for the construction of sidewalk improvements and appurtenances has been approved by the State Department of Highways. The State has prepared plans and specifications and will advertise early in 1945 for bids for the construction of the work.

House and Building Numbers

The Township Engineer has been preparing data necessary to assign official numbers to each lot and improved property in the township, in conformance with the master plan for a uniform numbering system in Abington Township adopted in 1943. It is believed that these numbers will be assigned as the information is completed for each ward in the township.

Under the provisions of an ordinance proposed to be enacted early in 1945 the owner or occupant of every house or building in Abington Township will be required, within 30 days after receipt of notice of their official house or building number, to post same conspicuously on the street side of the house or building, or on the entrance gate post, or beside the driveway, in such a manner that it will be clearly visible and legible from the street. Failure to comply with the provisions of the ordinance will subject said person to a fine not to exceed $10. and costs of prosecution.

The benefits of a uniform numbering system are obvious in that it eliminates confusion and inconvenience resulting from the lack of, or duplication of house numbers, and provides definite information for the Police and Fire Departments in the performance of their duties, as well as facilitates delivery services.

Street Name Signs

Thirty-seven wooden street name signs and posts, and nine metal street name signs, were erected at various street intersections in the township during the year. Two hundred thirteen metal signs were cleaned and painted.

Ash and Refuse Collection

Weekly collections of refuse and ashes were made according to the Winter Schedule and monthly collections according to the Summer Schedule. A total of 2,287 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 and other lowlands in various parts of the township. Department of Public Works' trucks traveled 22,546 miles collecting and disposing the refuse and ashes.

Miscellaneous Work

The high bank at the northerly corner of Church Road and Township Line Road, McKinley Ward No. 4, was graded to provide better vision for pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The land owner gave permission for this work to be done.

Property line stakes were placed at the Crestmont Day Nursery on Fairview Avenue, Crestmont Ward No. 5.

Cinders and calcium chloride were placed on slippery hills and intersections during the winter and snow plowed from all roads.

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

Reading and inspections were made weekly of the sanitary sewer meters locatd in Stewart Avenue, Ward 11, and in the Standard Pressed Steel Company premises at Mt. Carmel Avenue and Highland Avenue, Ward 12. Calculated the quantities of sewage measured by each meter during 1944. They are as follows: Stewart Avenue—64,502,000 gallons or a daily (24 hour day) average of 177,203 gallons. Standard Pressed Steel Company premises—25,967,000 gallons or a daily (24 hour day) average of 71,300 gallons.

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

DIRECTORY OF

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ABINGTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Susquehanna Street and Huntingdon Road
Abington, Pennsylvania

ABINGTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Highland Avenue opposite Canterbury Road
Abington, Pennsylvania

HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Edge Hill and Keith Roads
Abington, Pennsylvania

CEDAR ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Cedar Road, North of Gibson Avenue
Hollywood, Pennsylvania

McKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Cadwalader Avenue, West of Jenkintown Road
McKinley, Pennsylvania

NORTH HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Pine and Tennis Avenues
North Hills, Pennsylvania

PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
High and Rubicam Avenues
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

ROSLYN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Susquehanna Street and Johnston Avenue
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

ARDSLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Spear and Cricket Avenues
Ardsley, Pennsylvania

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

GLENSIDE-WELDON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Easton Road and Parkdale Avenues
Glenside, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE-WELDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Easton Road and Parkdale Avenue
Glenside, Pennsylvania

OTHER SCHOOLS IN ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

ABINGTON FRIENDS SCHOOL
Jenkintown Road and Greenwood Avenue
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

MEADOWBROOK SCHOOL
Hampton and Meadowbrook Roads
Meadowbrook, Pennsylvania

OGONTZ SCHOOL
Woodland Road and School Lane
Rydal, Pennsylvania

ST. LUKE'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL
Lynnwood Avenue and Easton Road
Glenside, Pennsylvania

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

ABINGTON FRIENDS MEETING
Meetinghouse Road and Greenwood Ave., Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ABINGTON
York Road and Susquehanna Street
Abington, Pennsylvania

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

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

CARMEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Mt. Carmel Ave. and Edge Hill Road
North Hills, Pennsylvania

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

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH
Easton and Bradfield Roads
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE M. E. CHURCH
Easton Road and Lynnwood Avenue
Glenside, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH
Abington Avenue and Wharton Road
Glenside, Pennsylvania

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

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

OLIVET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Cypress and Cadwalader Avenues
Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

ORTHODOX FRIENDS MEETING
Jenkintown Road, North of Forest Ave.
Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Easton Road and Tyson Avenue
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

ROYCHESTER PARK M. E. CHURCH
EdgeHill Road and Ferndale Avenue
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

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

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

ST. MARK'S REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH
100 Cypress Avenue
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Easton Road, and Mt. Carmel Avenue,
Glenside, Pennsylvania

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Easton Road, North of Tague Avenue
Glenside, Pennsylvania

WHARTON AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
Wharton Road and Weldon Avenue
Glenside, Pennsylvania