

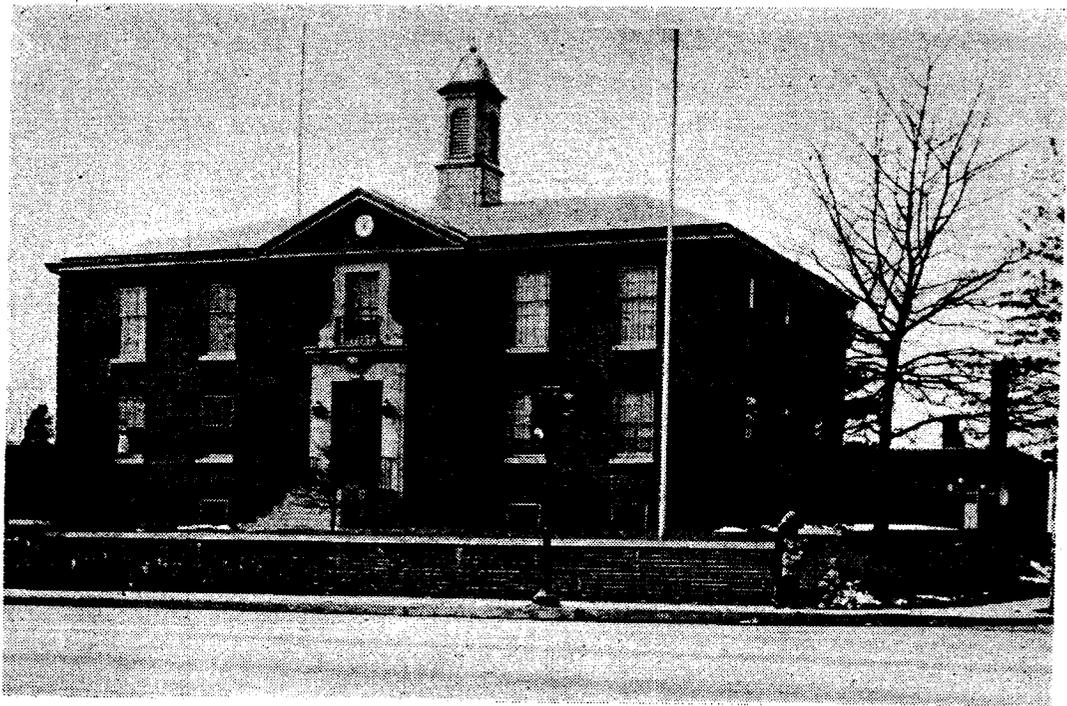
Board of Commissioners
Township of Abington



1948
Annual Report



YEAR ENDING JANUARY 3, 1949



**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON**

**York Road and Horace Avenue
Abington, Pennsylvania**

MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, ALEXANDER C. WATT, Township Commissioner from the Ardsley Ward No. 9, of the Township of Abington, County of Montgomery in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, departed this life on the 20th day of May, A. D., 1948; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Commissioners of the Township of Abington desire to record an expression of their deep sense of personal loss occasioned by the untimely passing of Alexander C. Watt, and to memorialize his many fine traits of character as a friend and public official.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Commissioners of the Township of Abington in regular meeting assembled that an appropriate entry be made in the permanent records of the Township of Abington enumerating the services and personal qualities of Alexander C. Watt.

ALEXANDER C. WATT was appointed Township Commissioner from the Ardsley Ward No. 9 by Decree of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Montgomery, entered May 8, 1941, to fill the vacancy arising by reason of the death of the late Lewis J. Meyer, and upon the date of the entry of said Decree, Mr. Watt assumed the duties of said office. At the following municipal election, the electors expressed their confidence in Mr. Watt by electing him as their representative on the Board of Township Commissioners, and, thereafter, at each succeeding election, he was returned to office.

Alexander C. Watt served the Township Government in the following capacities: as a member of the Department of Public Health from May 8, 1941 to September 10, 1942; as a member of the Department of Public Safety from September 10, 1942, and as Director of said Department from September 11, 1947; as a member of the Department of Public Affairs from September 11, 1947 until the day of his untimely death. Mr. Watt was currently a member of the Abington Township Civil Service Commission, and a Director of the Abington Township Police Pension Association, having been elected to the former position on September 11, 1947, and to the latter position on January 30, 1948. During World War II, Mr. Watt served as Government Mileage Administrator for the Township of Abington in cooperation with the Federal Government's wartime mileage conservation program.

To his many and varied public duties, Alexander C. Watt brought a fine sense of responsibility. His keen interest in municipal problems was implemented with never-failing good humor, tact, common sense and an earnest desire for solutions in the public interest. With his associates and subordinates, alike, he was always warm-hearted and considerate. Genuine friendliness and kindness were a part of him. His charm of manner and soundness of judgment are sorely missed by all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriate copy of this Resolution be prepared and conveyed to the widow of Alexander C. Watt in this hour of our mutual bereavement.

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 Department 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	Third Tuesday	7:30 o'clock P.M.



CALL THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

For General Township Information	}	OGONTZ 2700
For Highway Information		
For Health Information		
For Sewer 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.

COMMISSIONERS — 1949

Abington Ward No. 1
EDWIN U. SMILEY
110 Susquehanna Street, Abington

Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2
GEORGE I. GILSON
1013 Montgomery Avenue
Fox Chase Manor, Phila. 11

Glenside Ward No. 3
WILLIAM S. SNYDER
405 Linden Avenue, Glenside

McKinley Ward No. 4
EDWIN H. GEISSLER
518 Cypress Avenue, McKinley,
Philadelphia 17

Crestmont Ward No. 5
A. EDWARD HABICHT
1748 Prospect Avenue, Willow Grove

North Hills Ward No. 6
EUGENE S. RILEY
365 Elm Avenue, North Hills

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

Roslyn Ward No. 8
ALEXANDER HOGG
2489 Avondale Avenue, Roslyn

Ardsley Ward No. 9
FRANK E. KREIDER
651 Maple Avenue, Ardsley

Roychester Ward No. 10
WILLIAM T. JORDAN
2027 Maplewood Avenue, Willow Grove

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

Glenside Ward No. 12
CALVIN W. FOWLER
358 Woodlawn 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
1807 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
ROBINSON'S RESIDENCE
York Road and Rodman Avenue
Noble, Pennsylvania

ROSLYN, WARD No. 8
ROSLYN FIRE HOUSE
1128 Bradfield Road
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
MOBILGAS STATION
N. E. Cor. Easton & Jenkintown Roads
Glenside, Pennsylvania

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

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

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

RUSSELL D. HARRAR, President
ALEXANDER HOGG, Vice-President
E. RAYMOND AMBLER, Secretary
A. RUSSELL PARKHOUSE, Treasurer
DAVID E. GROSHENS, Solicitor
PATRICK McKEE, Chief of Police
LOUIS E. BRIGHAM, Bldg. Inspector

JOHN MANZINGER, Fire Marshal
ALBRIGHT & FRIEL, INC.,
Consulting Engineers
OLIVER L. KING, Township Engineer
ROBERT M. BOLENIUS,
Chief Operator
GEORGE P. RAPP, Health Officer
MONROE C. ROBERTS,
Plumbing Inspector

DEPT. OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ALEXANDER HOGG, Director
EDWIN H. GEISSLER

GEORGE E. MAURER
EUGENE S. RILEY

DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY

EUGENE S. RILEY, Director
GEORGE I. GILSON

EDWIN U. SMILEY
FRANK E. KREIDER

DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH

GEORGE E. MAURER, Director
CHARLES F. HETTENBACH

WILLIAM S. SNYDER

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

EDWIN H. GEISSLER, Director
CALVIN W. FOWLER

A. EDWARD HABICHT
WILLIAM T. JORDAN

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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REGINALD M. BUDD

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GEORGE L. MAXWELL

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

THERMAN P. BRITT, Chairman

GEORGE I. GILSON
WILLIAM N. FARRAN, JR.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON:

It has been the custom of your Board of Commissioners, since 1914, to make available to the citizens of the township through the medium of the Annual Report, a summary of the activities of the township government for the preceding fiscal year. It is interesting to know that in addition to a copy of the report being delivered to each household in the township it is in much demand by schools and libraries as a reference book. At the same time it provides a permanent township record.

The various activities and services of your township government are administered by four departments, namely, Public Affairs, Public Safety, Public Health and Public Works.

The Department of Public Affairs, or finance committee, is the "watchdog of the treasury." They pass on all expenditures before final approval by the Board of Commissioners. In 1948 expenditures for all purposes including special funds, totaled \$1,401,346.44. By keeping a careful check on current requirements of the several special accounts and sinking funds \$703,000. was invested in 1- $\frac{1}{8}$ % and 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ % U. S. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness pending the activity of the respective accounts. This department is charged with the maintenance and upkeep of all township buildings and property.

The protection and safety of life and property of our citizens is provided by the Department of Public Safety and includes round-the-clock police protection service and the enforcement of traffic, building and zoning regulations. The finest fire protection service is afforded by the five volunteer fire companies in our township. The appointment of a Fire Marshal is another forward step in the campaign to eliminate the causes of fire. That a building boom is in full swing in Abington Township is attested by the fact that a record-breaking 361 permits were issued for new dwellings in 1948 costing close to four million dollars. The Government Consulting Service of the Institute of Local and State Government, University of Pennsylvania, was engaged and, a zoning commission appointed to cooperate in the preparation of amendments to the zoning ordinance and map. It is expected their recommendations will be submitted to the Board of Commissioners early in 1949.

The important task of maintaining the high standards of health and sanitation in the township falls upon the Department of Public Health and includes regulation of communicable diseases and their suppression, enforcement of health and plumbing laws and ordinances, garbage collection and disposal, and sanitary sewers. Periodic inspections are made of public eating and drinking places, and dairy and milk plants supplying milk to residents of Abington Township. The township's modern sewage treatment plant was put in temporary operation in May of 1948 and is staffed by a chief operator, assistant and four attendants. More than half a million dollars worth of sewer lines have been constructed, and four new contracts were awarded totaling nearly three-quarter million dollars for extensions to the sanitary sewer system in various portions of the township.

The big job of maintaining the more than 100 miles of township roads in good condition, the construction of roads and appurtenances, approval of land subdivision plans, development and maintenance of land and equipment acquired for park and playground purposes, and the collection of ash and refuse is to name but a few of the responsibilities of the Department of Public Works. During the past year the Department surface-treated 6.7 miles of streets and reconstructed 1350 feet of highway. Department trucks traveled 24,890 miles in the collection of ashes and refuse. The World War II Memorial Park was cleared off, and a parking area for automobiles constructed in Baederwood Park.

The year 1948 saw the loss of another faithful member of the Board of Commissioners in the death of Alexander C. Watt who represented the Ardsley Ward No. 9 for seven years.

The continued cooperation of the members of the Board, officers and employees of the township during the past year has been most gratifying.

RUSSELL D. HARRAR, President
Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington

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 Auditor's Report.

Bureau of Library

The Board of Commissioners approved a contribution of \$750 to the Abington Library Society and \$750 to the Glenside Free Library Association for the year 1948.

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 \$4,030.82 in the General Fund and \$10,363.69 in the Investment Fund. The Trustees have \$31,981.08 invested in first mortgages of properties in Abington Township, and \$112,000.00 in United States Government Securities.

Sinking Funds

The bond tax levied and collected for the year 1948 amounting to \$94,500.00 was deposited into the sinking funds. Orders were drawn on the sinking funds for \$19,937.50 for the payment of coupon interest.

Bonds maturing in the amount of \$141,000.00 were paid. The total outstanding bonds as of January 3, 1949 was \$1,991,000.00 with a sinking fund credit of \$183,443.73 or a net bonded indebtedness of \$1,807,556.27.

Investment of Funds

The accumulated or reserve funds in the special accounts and sinking funds amounting to \$703,000.00 were invested in United States Government Certificates of Indebtedness pending the activity of the accounts.

Florey Brick Works

The Board of Commissioners purchased the former Florey Brick Works property for use as a Public Works Plant and had the obsolete buildings dismantled and removed with the exception of two brick garages, two frame dwellings and one frame office building. This plant provides an area centrally located in the township for the storage of road materials and equipment making them more readily located for dispatch to any section of the township.

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS,
DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCE**

GENERAL FUNDS

Note: Roman Numeral refers to item in Township Auditor's Report	Estimated in Budget for 1948	Received 1948	Estimated in Budget for 1949
RECEIPTS			
Cash in Bank beginning of year	\$ 16,500	(I) \$ 16,503.85	\$ 9,927.66
Taxes—1948 (95% estimated collectible)	359,100	(IV) 361,461.86	399,000.00
Penalties 1948	\$	(V) \$ 241.60	\$
Prior Years from tax collector—1947	\$ 5,000	(III) \$ 7,944.17	\$ 5,000.00
Land Liens	\$ 15,000	(VI) \$ 15,536.81	\$ 15,000.00
Penalties and Interest on Land Liens	\$	(VII) \$ 2,287.94	\$
Miscellaneous Receipts:			
Licenses, Permits, etc.			
Beverage	\$ 5,500	\$ 7,050.00	\$ 7,000.00
Building	6,500	8,833.00	7,000.00
Street (Including Tax on Poles)	6,500	14,524.40	9,000.00
Health and Plumbing	5,000	6,820.75	6,000.00
Other—Amusement .....	.....	238.00	200.00
Fines and Forfeits—Justices	1,000	1,205.00	1,000.00
Refunds	1,027	1,435.78	1,000.00
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	\$ 25,527	(II) \$ 40,106.93	\$ 31,200.00
Tax Anticipation Note	200,000	.....	.....
Amusement Tax (Ordinance No. 598)	42,000	(VIII) 35,583.40	46,674.34
Total Receipts, Including Bank Balance	\$ 663,127	\$479,666.56	\$ 506,802.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
	Estimated in Budget for 1948	Expended 1948	Estimated in Budget for 1949
Debt Service			
Temporary Loans & Depository Expenses	\$ 1,000	(IX) \$ 1,708.26	\$ 2,500
Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 200,000	\$	\$
Transfer to Sinking Funds	\$ 94,500	(X) \$ 94,500.00	\$ 97,500
Library			
Public Libraries	\$ 1,500	(IX) \$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500
Recreation			
Parks & Playgrounds (Transfer special tax)	\$ 13,500	(XI) \$ 13,500.00	\$ 15,000
Miscellaneous			
Abington Township Police Pension Association	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000
Insurance	5,500	5,668.67	7,000
Total Miscellaneous	\$ 7,500	(IX) \$ 7,668.67	\$ 9,000

Administration

Salaries	\$ 27,857	\$ 27,732.50	\$ 28,738
Office Equipment and Supplies	2,100	2,490.39	2,600
Advertising and printing	1,000	928.15	1,200
Telephone and telegraph	3,200	3,203.43	3,558
Other Expenses	3,150	1,739.09	3,300
	<u>\$ 37,307</u>	(IX) <u>\$ 36,093.56</u>	<u>\$ 39,396</u>

Treasurer and Tax Collector

Commissions	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,137.67	\$ 9,500
Other Expenses	1,500	724.15	1,000
Total Treasurer and Tax Collector	<u>\$ 10,500</u>	(IX) <u>\$ 9,861.82</u>	<u>\$ 10,500</u>
2% Commission on Land Liens deducted by County Treasurer	\$	(XIII) \$ 356.50	
2% Discount deducted from 1948 Tax	\$	(XIV) \$ 6,385.65	

Township Buildings

Salaries	\$ 2,295	\$ 2,295.00	\$ 2,400
Materials and Supplies	900	939.26	1,000
Fuel, Light and Water	2,800	2,936.05	3,100
Repairs to Buildings	1,500	1,031.94	1,500
Total Township Buildings	<u>\$ 7,495</u>	(IX) <u>\$ 7,202.25</u>	<u>\$ 8,000</u>

Police Protection

Salaries	\$ 89,612	\$ 86,349.40	\$ 93,900
Office Supplies	400	126.03	400
Uniforms	3,300	3,402.09	3,400
Other Materials and Supplies	600	503.00	600
Equipment			
Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	3,000	5,048.73	4,600
Gas and Oil	7,000	7,642.47	7,500
Traffic Signal System	2,000	3,173.56	4,000
Radio	600	456.41	600
Purchase of Auto Equipment	3,000	1,800.00	3,000
Advertising	200	160.55	200
Other Police Expenses	300	423.58	400
Total Police Protection	<u>\$ 110,012</u>	(IX) <u>\$ 109,085.82</u>	<u>\$ 118,600</u>

Fire Protection

Salaries	\$	\$ 150.00	\$ 600
Rental Fire Hydrants	12,320	10,870.46	12,000
Contribution 5 Fire Companies	17,500	17,500.00	17,500
Other Expenses		66.00	100
Total Fire Protection	<u>\$ 29,820</u>	(IX) <u>\$ 28,586.46</u>	<u>\$ 30,200</u>

Building Regulation and Zoning

Salaries	\$ 3,800		\$ 3,800.00	\$ 4,000
Other Expenses	2,000		2,867.80	3,600
Total Building Regulation and Zoning	\$ 5,800	(IX)	\$ 6,667.80	\$ 7,600

Health and Sanitation

Salaries	\$ 7,785		\$ 8,835.00	\$ 10,900
Materials and Supplies	350		445.76	500
Purchase Auto Equipment	1,500		1,304.24	2,000
Total Health and Sanitation	\$ 9,635	(IX)	\$ 13,540.25	\$ 13,400

Garbage Collection and Disposal

Garbage Collection and Disposal	\$ 18,000	(IX)	\$ 18,568.75	\$ 18,000
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Ash and Rubbish Collection

Ash and Rubbish Collection	\$ 23,500	(IX)	\$ 23,157.81	\$ 23,500
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Streets and Bridges

Salaries	\$ 15,312.25		\$ 14,681.24	\$ 16,936
Wages	17,000.00		15,215.00	17,000
Office Supplies	1,200.00		811.05	1,200
Road Materials	990.75		1,306.24	1,070
Office Equipment	500.00		197.86	500
Maintenance and Repairs	6,000.00		6,226.85	6,000
Gas and Oil	4,000.00		4,902.61	5,000
Rent of Equipment	400.00		280.25	400
Purchase and replacement of tools and minor equipment	1,200.00		1,554.76	1,400
Advertising and printing	600.00		651.78	600
Other Expense	200.00		366.66	400
Street Signs and Markings	100.00		82.32	100
Total Operation and Maintenance	\$ 47,503.00	(IX)	\$ 46,276.62	\$ 50,606
Purchase of Major Equipment	\$	(IX)	\$ 3,623.80	\$ 5,000
Construction and rebuilding of roads	13,000	(XII)	10,000.00	10,000
	\$ 13,000		\$ 13,623.80	\$ 15,000
Street Lighting	\$ 32,555	(IX)	\$ 31,454.88	\$ 32,500
Cash in Bank End of Year	\$	(XV)	\$ 9,927.66	\$
Total Disbursements and Bank Balance	\$ 663,127		\$479,666.56	\$ 506,802

PROPERTY VALUATION AND TAX LEVY FOR 1948

	Ward	Assessment	Tax Levied
ABINGTON	No. 1	\$ 3,513,925.00	\$ 49,194.95
SAW MILL HILL	No. 2	3,957,115.00	55,399.61
GLENSIDE	No. 3	1,421,800.00	19,905.20
McKINLEY	No. 4	3,133,600.00	43,870.40
CRESTMONT	No. 5	1,062,400.00	14,873.60
NORTH HILLS	No. 6	1,759,110.00	24,627.65
NOBLE	No. 7	2,582,650.00	36,157.10
ROSLYN	No. 8	2,193,165.00	30,704.31
ARDSLEY	No. 9	973,350.00	13,626.90
ROYCHESTER	No. 10	1,851,925.00	25,926.95
GLENSIDE	No. 11	1,273,300.00	17,826.20
GLENSIDE	No. 12	1,913,100.00	26,783.40
GLENSIDE	No. 13	1,653,800.00	23,153.20
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		\$27,289,240.00	\$382,049.47

	1946	1947	1948
Property Valuation	\$25,958,125	\$26,086,775	\$27,289,240
Valuation Tax Exempt Property	4,711,100	4,843,400	4,896,200

TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Fiscal Year 1st Monday January	Total Property Tax	Uncollected End Fiscal Year	Uncollected Latest Avail- able Date Jan. 3, 1949
1945	\$299,028.36	\$16,511.35	NONE
1946	\$297,646.85	\$18,115.90	NONE
1947	\$373,614.85	\$21,517.76	NONE
1948	\$382,049.47	\$21,616.99	\$21,616.99

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 a 14 mill tax for the fiscal year beginning January 3, 1949, which will be billed July 1.

- General Township Purposes—10 mills
- Special Bond Tax—3¼ mills
- Park and Shade Tree Tax—½ mill
- Fire Tax—¼ mill

2% discount if paid prior to September 1. 5% penalty added on November 1.

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

	Received by	Cash Paid		Bank Balance
	Assessments,	Coupon Interest		Jan. 3, 1949
	Transfer &	& Redemption	By	
	Bank Interest	of Bonds	Transfer	
	Jan. 5, 1948			Jan. 3, 1949
1928	\$ 12,865.07	\$ 137.30	\$ 12,540.00	\$
1930	27,841.87	4,137.25	1,487.50	30,491.62
1931	13,156.82	6,566.84	12,000.00	18,523.66
1943	14,530.61	6,176.84	20,000.00	707.45 (1948)
1946	6,321.06	66,290.25	51,610.00	21,001.31
1946A	16,043.42	16,519.43	20,600.00	11,962.85
1946B	138,411.65	52,000.00	86,411.65
1947	15,845.19	1,500.00	14,345.19
1948	707.45	707.45
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	\$ 90,758.85	\$254,792.20	\$160,937.50	\$1,169.82
				\$183,443.73

BONDED DEBT

The Township of Abington, from 1906 to 1948 inclusive, had twenty bond issues, totaling \$3,024,000, and has never defaulted in its debt obligation.

	Bonds Outstanding	Sinking Funds	Net
January 1, 1949	\$1,991,000.	\$183,443.73	\$1,807,556.27
January 1, 1948	\$1,782,000.	\$ 90,758.85	\$1,691,241.15
January 1, 1947	\$1,782,000.	\$108,271.69	\$1,673,728.31
January 1, 1946	\$ 170,000.	\$114,963.77	\$ 55,036.23
January 1, 1945	\$ 236,000.	\$155,744.50	\$ 80,255.50

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

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

The 1948 Tax Anticipation Note of \$200,000 dated January 29, 1948 was sold to Jenkintown Bank and Trust Company, Jenkintown, Pa., at an interest rate of .875 per annum. This note was paid September 29 from the 1948 current taxes and the Township has no temporary loan obligation.

BANK DEPOSITORIES

The two depositories are—

Abington Bank and Trust Company, Abington, Pa.
Jenkintown Bank and Trust Company, Jenkintown, Pa.

Deposits are secured by Depository Agreement with security according to law. Bank Balances and Investments as of January 3, 1949, are—

		U. S. Govt. Certificates of Indebtedness
General Funds	\$ 9,927.66	.....
Park and Shade Tree Fund	18,865.87	20,000
Permanent Improvement Fund	24,781.25	53,000
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	18,801.52	.....
Sewer Fund	91,190.05	600,000
Sinking Funds	153,443.73	30,000

TOWNSHIP AUDITORS' REPORT

of the

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1948

GENERAL FUNDS

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

I	Bank Balances, General Funds, January 5, 1948	\$ 16,503.85
RECEIPTS		
II	Received account of Miscellaneous Receipts	\$ 40,106.93
III	Received account of 1947 Taxes and Penalties	7,944.17
IV	Received account of 1948 Taxes	361,461.86
V	Received account of 1948 Penalties	241.60
VI	Received account of Land Liens	15,536.81
VII	Received account of Penalties and Interest on Land Liens	2,287.94
VIII	Received a/c Amusement Tax	35,583.40
		\$463,162.71
		\$479,666.56

DISBURSEMENTS

IX	Vouchers issued, General Funds	\$344,996.75
X	Transfer to Sinking Funds (Special Tax)	94,500.00
XI	Transfer to Park and Shade Tree Fund (Special Tax)	13,500.00
XII	Transfer to Permanent Improvement Fund a/c York Road Sidewalk Improvement	10,000.00
XIII	2% Commission on Land Liens deducted by County Treasurer	356.50
XIV	2% Discount deducted from 1948 Taxes	6,385.65
		469,738.90
XV	Bank Balances, General Funds, January 3, 1949	9,927.66
		\$479,666.56

TAXES RECEIVABLE

(By Township Treasurer)

Taxes Receivable January 5, 1948

		Total	Current	Delinquent
XVI	Delinquent Taxes and Penalties, 1947	\$ 22,599.14	\$	\$ 22,599.14
	Add:			
	1948 Tax (adjusted)	382,049.47	382,049.47	.....
	1948 Penalties	1,270.98	1,270.98	.....
XVII	Total Additions	383,320.45	383,320.45	.....
	Total	\$405,919.59	\$383,320.45	\$ 22,599.14
	Deduct:			
XVIII	Collection delinquent taxes and penalties, 1947	\$ 7,944.17	\$	\$ 7,944.17
XIX	Adjustment in assessment and exoneration 1947 Duplicate	3,879.70	.....	3,879.70
XX	Liens filed for 1947 Taxes	10,775.27	.....	10,775.27
XXI	Collection 1948 Taxes	361,461.86	361,461.86	.....
XXII	Collection 1948 Penalties	241.60	241.60	.....
	Total Deductions	\$384,302.60	\$361,703.46	\$ 22,599.14
XXIII	Taxes Receivable, January 3, 1949	\$ 21,616.99	\$ 21,616.99*	
	*Delinquent Taxes:			
	1948 Tax	\$ 20,587.61		
	1948 Penalty	\$ 1,029.38		

TAXES RECEIVABLE

(By County — Land Liens)

	Tax Liens Receivable Jan. 5, 1948	Tax Liens Collected	Tax Liens Receivable Jan. 3, 1949
Duplicate			
1947 (May)	\$ 10,775.27	\$ 5,268.63	\$ 5,506.64
1946	8,253.88	2,696.42	5,557.46
1945	6,239.85	1,280.91	4,958.94
1944	5,219.77	993.25	4,226.52
Prior Years	37,437.91	5,297.60	32,140.31
	\$ 67,926.68	\$ 15,536.81	\$ 52,389.87

(Penalties and interest amounting to \$2,287.94 not included)

WITHHELD TAXES FUND
Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 5, 1948	\$
RECEIPTS	
Federal Withheld Taxes	\$ 13,911.70
Total Receipts	\$ 13,911.70
Total Receipts and Balance	\$ 13,911.70
DISBURSEMENTS	
Federal Withheld Taxes	\$ 13,911.70
Total Disbursements	\$ 13,911.70
Cash in Bank, January 3, 1949	\$

PARK AND SHADE TREE FUND
Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 5, 1948	\$ 18,438.54
Investments	20,000.00
	\$ 38,438.54
RECEIPTS	
Transfer from General Fund, Special Tax	\$ 13,500.00
Interest on Investments	87.50
Total Receipts	\$ 13,587.50
Total Receipts and Balance	\$ 52,026.04
DISBURSEMENTS	
Baederwood Park	\$ 891.90
Penbryn Park	1,150.56
Roychester Park	276.10
World War II Memorial Park	907.38
Insurance and General Maintenance expenses	9,886.06
Depository Expense	48.17
Total Disbursements	\$ 13,160.17
BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 3, 1949	\$ 18,865.87
Investments, January 3, 1949	\$ 20,000.00

EMERGENCY HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FUND
Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 5, 1948	\$ 5,189.92
RECEIPTS	
NONE	\$
Total Receipts and Balance	\$ 5,189.92

DISBURSEMENTS

Maintenance of Streets	\$ 5,189.92
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 5,189.92</u>

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 3, 1949	<u>\$</u>
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LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND (Act 180)
Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 5, 1948	<u>\$ 15,092.30</u>
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RECEIPTS

Received from State Account of Act No. 180	42,209.68
Total Receipts	<u>42,209.68</u>
Total Receipts and Balance	<u>\$ 57,301.98</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Street Signs and Markings	\$ 494.00
Maintenance and repair of streets	20,920.05
Snow Removal	6,712.26
Construction and Rebuilding of Streets	
Labor	2,989.88
Material	<u>7,384.27</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 38,500.46</u>

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 3, 1949	<u>\$ 18,801.52</u>
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PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND
Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 5, 1948	\$ 2,492.20
Investments, January 5, 1948	78,000.00
	<u>\$ 80,492.20</u>

RECEIPTS

Improvements Liens	\$ 8,384.22
Refund, Interest and Costs on Improvement Liens	444.98
Rental of Township Property	6,675.00
Interest on Investments	368.36
Refund, York Road Sidewalk Improvement	3,412.26
Transfer to York Road Sidewalk Improvement	10,000.00
Sale of Brick Works Building	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 30,784.82</u>
Total Receipts and Balance	<u>\$111,277.02</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Street Improvements	\$	6,048.16
Traffic Signals		7,021.67
Purchase of Property, Brick Works		20,279.18
York Road Sidewalk Improvement		98.68
Depository Expense		48.08
Total Disbursements		\$ 33,495.77

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 3, 1948	\$	24,781.25
Investments, January 3, 1949		53,000.00

IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT LIENS

	Receivable Jan. 5, 1948	Liens Filed Current Year	Liens Collected Current Year	Receivable Jan. 3, 1949
Street Improvements	\$ 13,405.69	\$ 6,519.43	\$ 8,384.22	\$ 11,540.90
Sewer Improvements	2,928.54		1,746.44	1,182.10
Total	\$ 16,334.23	\$ 6,519.43	\$ 10,130.66	\$ 12,723.00
Sinking Fund	\$ 46,536.79	\$306,497.89	\$155,356.73	\$197,677.95

SEWER FUND

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 5, 1948	\$	229,779.23
Investments, January 5, 1948		714,000.00
		\$ 943,779.23

RECEIPTS

Proceeds 1948 Bond Issue	\$	351,715.93
Interest on Investments		7,499.81
Sewer Rentals		16,950.86
Sewer Connection Charges		32,895.00
Sewer Improvement Liens		1,746.44
Penalties, Interest and Costs, Sewer Improvement Liens		517.05
Sale North Hills Lot		2,497.75
Total Receipts		\$ 413,822.84

Total Receipts and Balance		\$1,357,602.07
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DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$	13,758.50
Office Expenses		2,090.80
Engineering Fees		10,971.12
Refund Sewer Rentals, and Sewer Charges		5,502.00
Sewer Connections		36,069.26
Operation and Maintenance Township System		7,152.98
Contracts: Township Sewer System		566,291.36
Office and Laboratory Equipment		5,025.37
Purchase of Automobile		2,198.02
Dwelling for Chief Operator		8,085.50
Installation of Water		3,000.00
Other Expenses		6,267.11
Total Disbursements		\$ 666,412.02

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 3, 1949	\$	91,190.05
Investments, January 3, 1949		600,000.00

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AND SINKING FUNDS

Gross Bonded Indebtedness

	Outstanding Jan. 5, 1948	Bonds Issued Current Year	Bonds Paid Current Year	Outstanding Jan. 3, 1949
Councilmanic Authority	\$ 521,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 102,000	\$ 769,000
Electorate Authority	1,261,000	.....	39,000	1,222,000
Total Gross Bonded Debt	<u>\$1,782,000</u>	<u>\$ 350,000</u>	<u>\$ 141,000</u>	<u>\$1,991,000</u>

SINKING FUNDS

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 5, 1948	\$ 35,758.85
Investments, January 5, 1948	55,000.00
	<u>\$ 90,758.85</u>

RECEIPTS

Bond Tax	\$ 94,500.00
Interest	428.61
Sewer Assessment Liens	158,693.77
	<u>\$ 253,622.38</u>
Total Receipts	
Total Receipts and Balance	<u>\$ 344,381.23</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Coupon Interest	\$ 19,937.50
Redemption of Bonds	141,000.00
	<u>\$ 160,937.50</u>
Total Disbursements	

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 3, 1949	\$ 153,443.73
Investments, January 3, 1949	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>

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CASH ASSETS

Bank Balances, General Funds	\$ 9,927.66
Bank Balance, Park and Shade Tree Fund	18,865.87
Bank Balance, Permanent Improvement Fund	24,781.25
Bank Balance, Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	18,801.52
Bank Balance, Sewer Fund	91,190.05
Taxes Receivable, January 3, 1949	21,616.99
Tax Liens Receivable, January 3, 1949	52,389.87
Improvement Liens Receivable, January 3, 1949	12,723.00
U. S. Government Certificates of Indebtedness:	
Park and Shade Tree Fund	20,000.00
Permanent Improvement Fund	53,000.00
Sewer Fund	600,000.00
	<u>\$ 923,296.21</u>

CASH ASSETS — BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Bank Balances, Sinking Funds	\$ 153,443.73
U. S. Government Certificates of Indebtedness	30,000.00
Improvement Assessment Liens Receivable	197,677.95
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	\$ 381,121.68
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LIABILITIES — BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Bonds	\$1,991,000.00
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	\$1,991,000.00
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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, 1948, and ending on the first Monday of January, 1949, 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
WM. RAYMOND VOGEL
GEORGE L. MAXWELL
Township Auditors

Abington, Pennsylvania, February 8, 1949

Attest:

E. RAYMOND AMBLER, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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

Bureau of Health

Physicians during the year 1948 reported to the Bureau of Health 329 cases of communicable diseases.

The Health Officer received 35 complaints of overflowing cesspools and directed the owners to abate the nuisance.

Milk Dealer's Permits were issued to twenty-two dealers during the year 1948. The Health Officer made 23 dairy and milk plant inspections to see that the requirements of the State and Township regulations for producing and handling milk were carried out.

Pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 369, approved May 23, 1945, the Health Officer made inspections and issued licenses to forty-four public eating and drinking places within the township.

Plumbing Inspection

The Plumbing Inspector reported certificates of registration were issued to 160 Master Plumbers and 23 Journeyman Plumbers, and 651 plans of plumbing work were approved and permits issued during the year 1948.

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

Three Certificates of Sanitary Drainage were issued on forms required by the F.H.A.

Seven hundred and ninety Sewer Permits for house sewer connections were issued during the year 1948.

Ten Plumbers took an examination for Master Plumbers' Certificates and eleven plumbers for a Journeyman's Certificate.

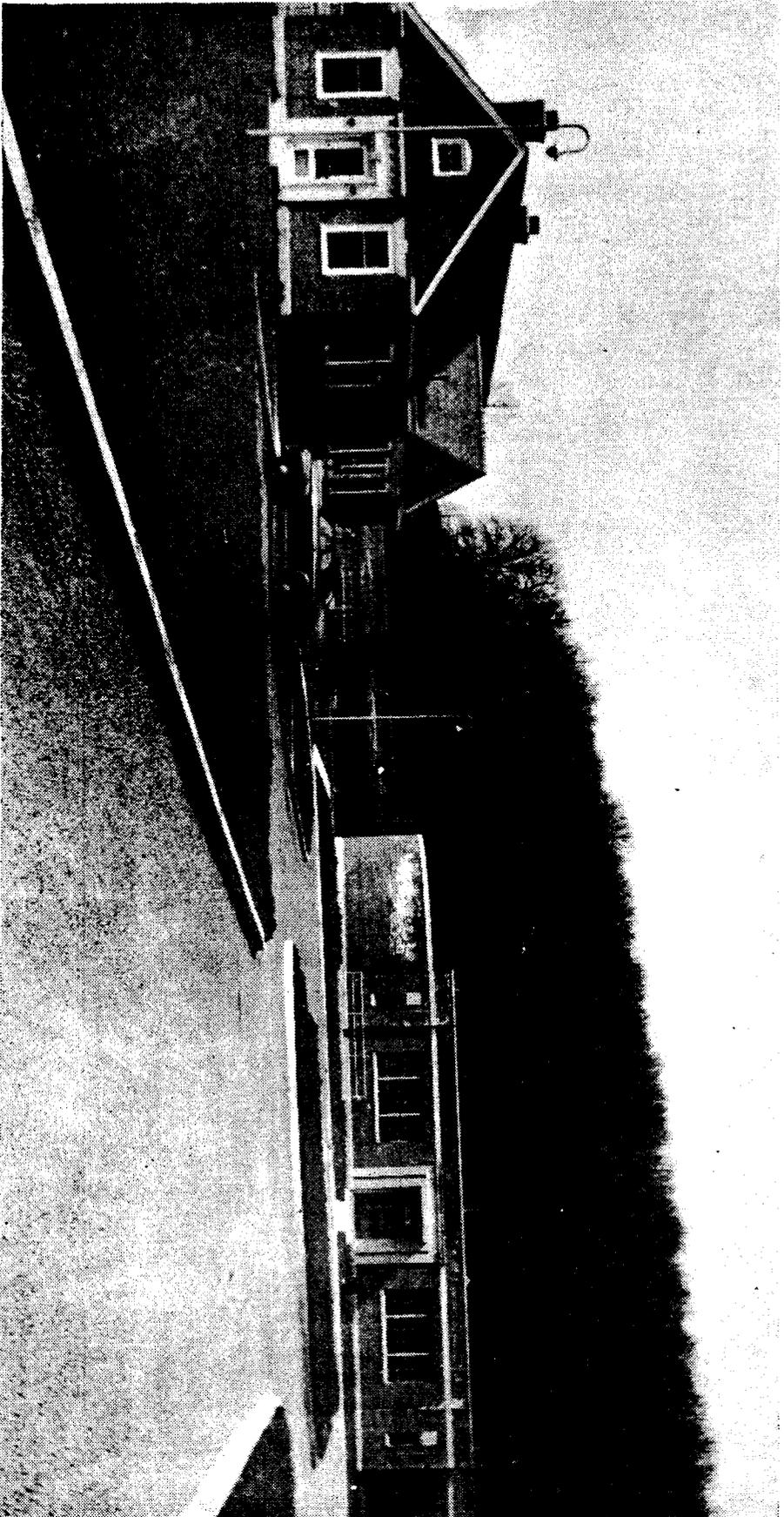
Violations

Three defective plumbing violations were detected during the year. One was arrested and fined, two were apprehended. In each case, the defective work was corrected.

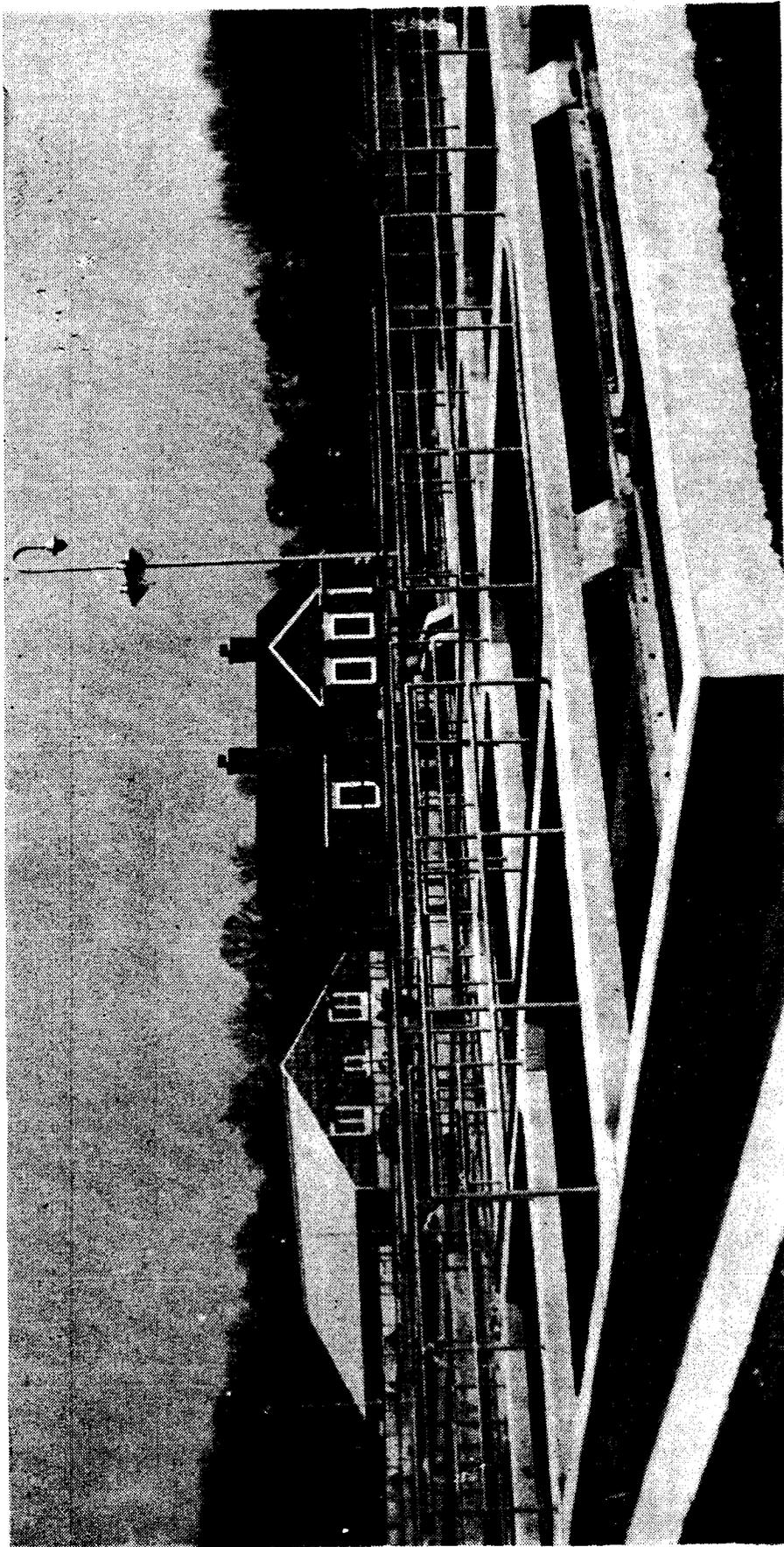
Garbage Collection

The Commissioners accepted the bid of Romano Brothers of Norristown for a three year period from April 1, 1948 to March 31, 1951 in the amount of \$53,775.00 for the collection and disposal of garbage from the entire township. Garbage is collected from the rear of the houses and hauled away in modern sanitary metal-covered garbage trucks. Household holders are reminded to keep their garbage receptacles in a convenient location near the rear of the house where it is accessible to the collectors at all times.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON'S NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT



Pump and control building, sludge digestion tanks



Secondary settling tanks, covered sludge drying bed

Bureau of Sanitary Sewers

Contract No. 2, awarded to Frank R. Curtis, Philadelphia, Pa., in the amount of \$135,073.50 for the construction of the Interceptor Sewer from Fitzwatertown Road to Woodland and Easton Roads was completed January 8, 1948 and the assessable portion of cost thereof assessed against the abutting property owners at a rate of \$4.52 per front foot.

Contract No. 3, for the installation of branch sewers in the Roslyn area, under Ordinance No. 570, awarded to Samuel Glasgow, Glenside, Pa., in the amount of \$269,320.85 was completed January 8, 1948 and the cost thereof assessed against the abutting property owners at a rate of \$4.52 per front foot.

Contracts 4, 5, 6 and 7, the Sewage Treatment Plant, has been completed with the exception of minor adjustments to equipment and some grading work. The plant went into temporary operation May 11, 1948.

Contract No. 8, awarded to Samuel Glasgow, Glenside, Pa., in the amount of \$106,478.50, for the construction of the extension of the Sandy Run Interceptor Sewer from Woodland and Easton Roads, Roslyn, to Silver Avenue, Overlook Hills, will be completed early in the new year.

Contract No. 9, awarded to Samuel Glasgow, Glenside, Pa., in the amount of \$51,078.50, for the installation of branch sewers in a portion of the McKinley area was completed October 11, 1948. The cost thereof assessed against the abutting property owners was at the rate of \$7.03 per front foot.

Contract No. 10, awarded to Dagostino Company, Willow Grove, Pa., in the amount of \$119,391.50, for the installation of branch sewers in a portion of the Roychester area will be completed early in the year.

Contract No. 11, awarded to Tri-County Constructors, Elkins Park, Pa., in the amount of \$76,619.00, for the construction of branch and intercepting sewers in a portion of Abington, Crestmont and Roychester, and for the construction of a force main and sewage pumping station is nearing completion and will be completed early in the new year.

The Board awarded four contracts during the year for the extension of the sanitary sewer system in Abington Township:

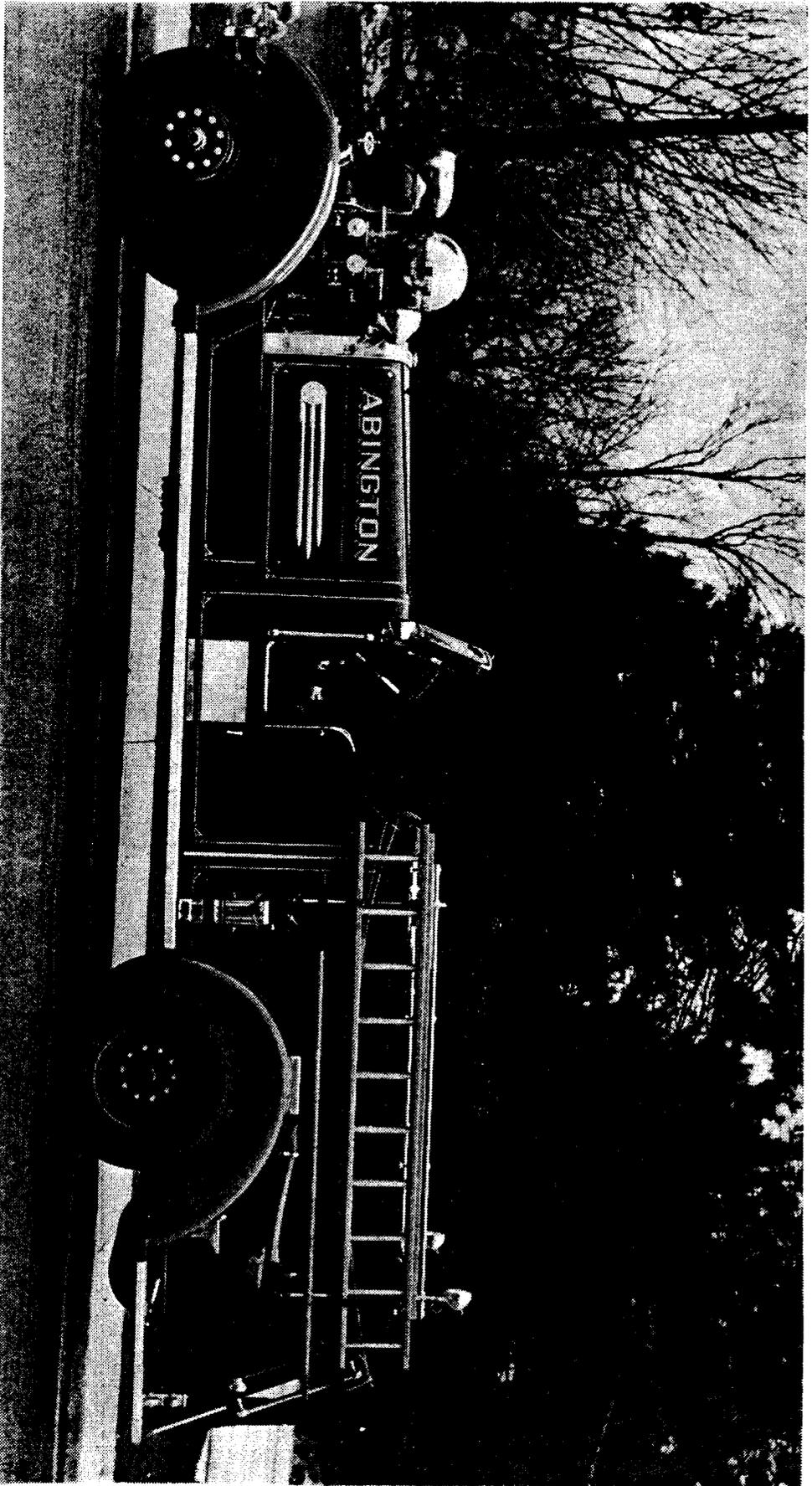
a. Contract No. 12, was awarded to A. H. Shuttle & Co., Inc., Philadelphia, Pa., in the amount of \$149,972.75, for the construction of branch and intercepting sewers in a portion of the Roychester area.

b. Contract No. 13, was awarded to James Armour, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa., in the amount of \$148,776.25, for the installation of branch sewers in the Abington area.

c. Contract No. 14, was awarded to Charles J. Corr, Philadelphia, Pa., in the amount of \$207,812.25, for the construction of intercepting sewers, force main and sewage pumping station in the North Hills and Ardsley areas and in Upper Dublin Township.

d. Contract No. 15, was awarded to Tri-County Constructors, Elkins Park, Pa., in the amount of 132,065.00, for the installation of branch sewers in Glenmore Farms and a portion of Glenside Gardens.

1949 AHRENS FOX TRIPLE COMBINATION PUMPER



Latest addition to the Abington Fire Company Equipment

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 1948 follows:

	Abington	McKinley	Weldon	Edge Hill	Roslyn
Balance in General Fund 1/1/48	\$ 734.36	\$ 2,005.64	\$ 1,241.56	\$ 1,348.12	\$ 1,382.65
Received during the year	9,263.06	6,981.65	9,395.67	5,384.20	6,947.17
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Expenditures during the year	9,997.42	8,987.29	10,637.23	6,732.32	8,329.82
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Balance in General Fund 12/31/48	\$ 1,748.66	4,568.83	1,806.34	3,031.91	1,741.83
Cash held in Special Funds	14,281.87	11,164.48	10,721.19	6,151.45
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Assets	\$50,781.53	47,322.05	57,420.36	48,465.08	66,823.14
Liabilities	None	3,822.56	None	None	None
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Ambulance Fund					2,414.96
Apparatus Fund					2,476.94
Building Fund					6,030.30

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 and Building Regulation and Zoning.

Bureau of Police

There were 239 arrests during the year 1948 of which 58 were for violation of Township ordinances, and 43 for violation of the State codes and laws. Eighty-eight lodgers were accommodated, 140 meals served to prisoners.

The value of stolen goods recovered amounted to \$21,386.00.

Cases reported to Coroner	13
Dangerous condition reported in roads, trees and wires	15
Dogs killed by officers	125
Fires reported	131
Persons reported injured in accidents	189
Prisoners fingerprinted and photographed	25
Street lights reported out	510
Suicides and attempted suicides	1

Police Department

Three patrolmen were selected from the Civil Service list of eligibles to fill vacancies in the department. One officer assumed his position February 15, 1948 and the other two assumed their positions May 15, 1948. The department operates on an eight hour a day platoon system.

Traffic Regulations

The township adopted formal resolutions establishing the following speed limit zones:

25 M.P.H. on Easton Road from the railroad to Bradfield Road

35 M.P.H. on Edge Hill Road from York Road to Easton Road

35 M.P.H. on Jenkintown Road from Easton Road to Switchville bridge.

35 M.P.H. on Huntingdon Pike from Fox Chase Road to Susquehanna Street.

35 M.P.H. on Fox Chase Road from Huntingdon Pike to a point 100' from Shelmire St.

The department, on several occasions, painted school zone and cross-walk signs on the highways in the vicinity of the various schools in the township. Also erected a number of Slow, Dead End and Stop signs during the year.

Bureau of Fire Protection

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. A statement of the audit of the fire companies appears on Page 25.

Fire Hydrants

Twelve fire hydrants were installed during the year making the total number of hydrants in the township service at 293.

Bureau of Building Regulation and Zoning

Building Activities

Seven hundred eighty-one applications were received and Building Permits issued during the year 1948 at an estimated cost as follows:

361 Dwellings	\$3,828,691.00
194 Alterations	351,646.00
54 Garages and Service Stations	74,522.00
135 Oil Burners	89,763.00
18 Signs	3,820.00
2 Stores	30,300.00
1 Apartment	39,600.00
2 Storage Shed and Building	5,150.00
2 Tool Sheds	700.00
1 Greenhouse	8,000.00
2 Hosiery Mills	14,000.00
1 Restaurant	3,500.00
1 Educational Building	144,000.00
1 Studio Building	10,000.00
1 Heating Plant Building	34,000.00
1 Storage Building and RR Siding	175,000.00
3 Cancelled Permits	
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781	\$4,812,692.00

The following statement sets forth the construction of dwellings, separate garages and gasoline stations during the years 1944 to 1948 inclusive:

DWELLINGS		SEPARATE GARAGES AND SERVICE STATIONS	
1944	2 Estimated Cost\$ 1,200	17	Estimated Cost \$ 11,130
1945	17 Estimated Cost 119,350	34	Estimated Cost 44,183
1946	304 Estimated Cost 2,140,875	44	Estimated Cost 105,095
1947	257 Estimated Cost 2,320,213	56	Estimated Cost 94,206
1948	361 Estimated Cost 3,828,691	54	Estimated Cost 74,522

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. 265—To permit the construction of an addition to the existing store on a 45-foot lot situated on the southwesterly side of Jenkintown Road, approximately 105 feet westwardly from Elk Street, zoned in the "H" Residence District of the Glenside Ward No. 3 and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 268—To permit a two-family occupancy of the premises situated on the southerly corner of Grove Avenue and Center Street (known as 515 Grove Avenue) in the Noble Ward No. 7—Appeal Refused.

Appeal No. 269—To permit the use of a one-story cement block garage as an automobile repair shop including welding on the premises situated on the southerly side of Rubicam Avenue, approximately 85 feet westwardly from York Road, zoned in the "F" Commercial District of Ward No. 10 of the Township of Abington and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 270—To permit the erection and operation of a modern gasoline sales and service station on the easterly corner of Mt. Carmel Avenue and North Hills Avenue, zoned in the "F" Commercial District of Ward No. 6 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 271—To permit a 10-family occupancy of the dwelling situated on the westerly side of Shelmire Street, approximately 130 feet north of Rena Street zoned in the "H" Residence District, Township of Abington, McKinley Ward No. 4—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 272—To permit the construction of an addition to the existing tap-room and dwelling on the northerly corner of Gibson Avenue and the Fox Chase and Huntingdon Turn Pike zoned in the "F" Commercial District, Township of Abington, Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2 and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 277—To permit the erection of a private garage with an encroachment of two feet in the front yard area at 436 Parkdale Avenue, zoned in the "T" Residence District in the Glenside Ward No. 11 and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 278—To permit the erection of a dwelling on the southerly corner of Egerton and Burleigh Avenues with an encroachment of five feet on the Burleigh Avenue frontage and zoned in the "L" Residence District in the North Hills Ward No. 6—Appeal Refused.

Appeal No. 279—To permit the erection of a dwelling on the easterly corner of Maple and Woodrow Avenues with an encroachment of five feet on the Woodrow Avenue frontage and zoned in the "H" Residence District in the Ardsley Ward No. 9—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 282—To permit the erection and operation of a modern gasoline sales and service station on the southwesterly corner of Mt. Carmel Avenue and North Hills Avenue, zoned in the "F" Commercial District of Ward No. 6—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 283—To permit the erection of a dwelling on the northeasterly corner of Fern Road and Wisteria Street with an encroachment of nine feet on the Wisteria Street frontage and zoned in the "T" Residence District in the Glenside Ward No. 11—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 287—To permit a four-family occupancy of an eighteen room dwelling situated on the property bounded by Welsh Road, Osbourne Avenue, Rubicam Avenue and Fleming Avenue, zoned in the "H" Residence District, Crestmont Ward No. 5—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 288—To permit the operation of painting, enameling, japanning, lacquering, oiling, staining and varnishing in the existing building on the premises northerly side Meyer Avenue, opposite Tennis Avenue, zoned in the "H" Residence District, Ardsley Ward No. 9—Appeal Refused.

Appeal No. 289—To permit an addition to the existing dwelling situated on premises northwest corner Wellington Road and Thorpe Road, with an encroachment of three feet on the Thorpe Road frontage and zoned in the "H" Residence District in the McKinley Ward No. 4—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 290—To permit the erection of a one and one-half-story dwelling with two-car basement garage on premises situated on the southerly corner of Pleasant Avenue and Garden Road with an encroachment of eight feet one inch on the Garden Road frontage and zoned in the "T" Residence District in the Glenside Ward No. 11—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 291—To permit a two-family occupancy of the premises situated on the southerly corner of Edge Hill Road and Horace Avenue (Known as 115 Edge Hill Road) in the Abington Ward No. 1—Appeal Refused.

Appeal No. 292—To permit the erection of a private garage with an encroachment of two feet in the front yard area of 440 Parkdale Avenue, zoned in the "T" Residence District in the Glenside Ward No. 11—Appeal Granted.

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

Appeal No. 264—To change that portion of the Township of Abington abutting on the Northeasterly side of Mt. Carmel Avenue extending from Maple Avenue to Cricket Avenue, having an irregular depth of approximately 100 feet to approximately 330 feet in the North Hills Ward No. 6, shall be designated "F" Commercial District in lieu of "H" Residence District—Appeal Refused.

Appeal No. 266—To change that portion of Abington Township abutting the northerly side of Rubicam Avenue extending from Arnold Avenue to Park Avenue, for a depth of 100 feet, in the Crestmont Ward No. 5, shall be designated "F" Commercial District in lieu of "L" Residence District—Appeal Refused.

Appeal No. 267—To amend the Abington Township Zoning Ordinance of 1936 to create a zoning district or territory bounded as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Meetinghouse Road and Fox Chase Road and continuing in a Northeasterly direction along Meetinghouse Road to Leopard Road and thence in the same direction along Leopard Road and Dixon Lane to Susquehanna Street; thence proceeding along Susquehanna Street to Mill Road and thence in a Northeasterly direction along Mill Road to Moredon Road and thence in a Southeasterly direction along Moredon Road to Huntingdon Pike and thence in a Southwesterly direction along Huntingdon Pike to Meetinghouse Road and thence in a Southwesterly direction along Meetinghouse Road to a point one hundred twenty-five feet South of Dale Road and thence in a Southerly direction parallel to Dale Road to Huntingdon Pike and thence in a Southwesterly direction along Huntingdon Pike across Susquehanna Street to a point on the Westerly side thereof Southwesterly from Morris Road and thence on a course South forty-four degrees fifty-seven minutes ten seconds West to Fox Chase Road and thence in a Westerly direction along Fox Chase Road to its intersection with Meetinghouse Road.

The proposed regulations for the said district or territory are as follows: A. A building may be erected, altered or used and a lot of premises used: 1. Detached single family dwelling. 2. Limited signs for professional use; B. Lot area shall have not less than 20,000 square feet per family and minimum width of 100 with provision for special exception under certain circumstances for lesser size; C. Building area

shall not exceed 15% of lot area; D. Dwelling erected shall not have less than 2 nor more than 3 stories, and cubical content of not less than 30,000 cubic feet; E. Front yard of not less than 50 feet depth with provision for special exception for lesser depth under certain circumstances; F. Two side yards with aggregate width of 40 feet and neither side yard less than 15 feet; rear yard of 40 feet with provisions for special exception for lesser depth under certain circumstances—Appeal Refused.

Appeal No. 273—To change that portion of the Township of Abington bounded by Highland Avenue, Jenkintown Road, and Wharton Road in the Glenside Ward No. 11, which shall be designated “F” Commercial District in lieu of “T” Residence District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 274—To change that portion of the Township of Abington abutting the northeasterly side of Jenkintown Road for a depth of approximately 140 feet extending from Highland Avenue to Wharton Road and that portion of Abington Township abutting the northerly side of Wharton Road for a depth of approximately 145 feet extending from Jenkintown Road a distance of approximately 175 feet to Pine Tree Road in the Noble Ward No. 7, shall be designated “F” Commercial District in lieu of “T” Residence District—Appeal Withdrawn.

Appeal No. 275—To change that portion of the Township of Abington abutting the northwesterly side of Easton Road for a depth of approximately 420 feet, extending from Lynnwood Avenue to Rosemore Avenue, in the Glenside Ward No. 13, shall be designated “F” Commercial District in lieu of “V” Residence District—Appeal Refused.

Appeal No. 276—That section 18 of the Abington Township Zoning Ordinance of 1936 be amended by adding thereto the following: (12) All detached single-family dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, duplex dwellings and multiple dwellings hereafter erected shall have the minimum habitable floor area within outside walls, exclusive of areas above the second floor, basements, garages, open porches, and accessory buildings, set forth below:

TYPE OF DWELLING	Minimum Habitable Floor Area (in square feet)							
	“O”	“V” Residence Districts	“N”	“T”	“H”	“L”	“F” Com- mer- cial	“G” In- dus- trial
(1 story) Single-Family	1400	1400	1100	900	850	800	800	800
(2 story) Single-Family	1600	1600	1350	1200	1100	1100	1100	1100
Semi-detached					1000	1000	1000	1000
Duplex					1200	1200	1200	1200
Multiple			each floor		600	600	600	600
						500	500	500

The schedule of minimum habitable floor areas shall apply to the conversion, alteration and use of dwellings under paragraph (9) of Section 18—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 280—To change that portion of the Township of Abington abutting the northerly side of Mt. Carmel Avenue for a depth of approximately 111 feet extending from Tyson Avenue to the Reading Company right-of-way in the Glenside Ward No. 13, shall be designated “F” Commercial District in lieu of “H” Residence District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 281—To change that portion of the Township of Abington abutting

the southeasterly side of Edge Hill Road for a depth of approximately 198 feet extending from Horace Avenue to Kent Road in the Abington Ward No. 1, shall be designated "H" Residence District in lieu of "T" Residence District—Appeal Refused.

Appeal No. 284—To change that portion of the Township of Abington abutting the northwesterly side of Easton Road for a depth of approximately 420 feet, extending from Lynnwood Avenue to Rosemore Avenue, in the Glenside Ward No. 13, shall be designated "L" Residence District in lieu of "V" Residence District—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 285—That the "F" Commercial District for that portion of the Township of Abington abutting the westerly side of York Road, extending from Township Line Road to Wyncote Road, now 300 feet in depth, be extended to Washington Lane whereby the entire area bounded by York Road, Wyncote Road, Washington Lane and Township Line Road, in the McKinley Ward No. 4, shall be "F" Commercial District—Appeal Withdrawn.

Appeal No. 286—To change that portion of the Township of Abington bounded by Edge Hill Road, Woodland Road, Grovania Avenue and Ridgeview Avenue, in the Roslyn Ward No. 8 and as shown on the plan filed in the Secretary's Office, shall be designated "F" Commercial District in lieu of "T" and "H" Residence Districts—Appeal Withdrawn.

Appeal No. 293—To change that portion of the Township of Abington abutting the southeasterly side of Stewart Avenue for its full depth to the Reading Company right-of-way extending from Jenkintown Road to Kenmore Avenue in the Glenside Ward No. 11, shall be designated "F" Commercial District in lieu of "L" Residence District—Appeal Refused.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works submits for your consideration a brief review of the activities during the year.

Real Estate Registry

Eight hundred fifty-two (852) real estate deeds were checked, officially registered, and necessary changes made to the Real Estate Registry Maps.

Building Numbers

Assigned official house numbers to dwellings in Ward 5 and Ward 10 also new homes that were completed in Wards 6, 8 and 9 already officially numbered. Residents of Argyle Road in North Hills Ward 6 were permitted to keep their former house numbers so that they would conform with those in Cheltenham and Springfield Townships.

Highway Permits

Five hundred eight (508) applications were received for permission to open, break, or excavate streets, sidewalks, and/or curbs; to erect, set, or plant poles; under the provisions of Ordinance No. 357.

New Construction

Kenmore Avenue from Highland Avenue extending northwestwardly in Glenside Ward 12, was improved with combined concrete curb and gutter and penetration macadam paving and the cost assessed to the owners of the abutting properties, under Ordinance No. 564.

Reconstruction

The Department reconstructed Tyson Avenue, from Rosemore Avenue to Weldon Avenue, in Glenside Wards 3 and 13.

Acceptance of Streets

The Commissioners of the Township of Abington accepted the following streets:
Acorn Lane, Ord. No. 614—from Edge Hill Road extending in easterly, southerly and northerly directions to Edge Hill Road, Abington Ward 1.

Woodcrest Road, Ord. No. 619—from Harte Road to Old York Road in Noble Ward 7.

Robinhood Road, Ord. No. 620—from Washington Lane northwestwardly 934 feet, Abington Ward 1.

Paper Mill Road, Ord. No. 620—from Meadowbrook Road northeastwardly 1225 feet, Abington Ward 1.

Holme Avenue, Ord. No. 621—from Township Line Road to Chancellor Avenue, McKinley Ward 4.

Vacation of Streets

The Commissioners of the Township of Abington, vacated by Ordinances, the following streets:

Ord. No. 608—Kenmore Avenue from Stewart Avenue to Reading Company right-of-way in Glenside Wards 11 and 12; and

Ord. No. 609—Ruscombe Avenue from Maple Avenue to Mt. Carmel Avenue in North Hills Ward 6; and

Ord. No. 609—Maple Avenue from Mt. Carmel Avenue to North Hills Avenue in North Hills Ward 6.

Surface Treatment

The Department surface treated 6.7 miles of streets in various Wards of the Township.

Subdivisions

The Commissioners of the Township of Abington, approved the following plans of subdivisions of tracts of land within the Township:

- Revised Plan of Frazier Tract, Ward 2;
- Plan & Revised Plan of Abington Lots (formerly Stewart) Ward 1;
- Plan of Glenside Village, Ward 11;
- Plan of Madeira Property, Ward 4;
- Plan of Roslyn Gardens, Ward 8; and
- Plan of former Schwartz Property, Ward 4.

New Equipment

The following new equipment was delivered to the Township:

- 1 Chain Saw;
- 1 International Dump Truck replacing a 1936 Chevrolet Dump Truck;
- 1 1000 Gallon Asphalt Tank and Burner;
- 152 Street Name Signs; and approx. 1000' of Snow Fence and Posts.

Parks and Playgrounds

In addition to performing the routine maintenance duties in the Township Parks, the Department erected metal basketball backstops in Penbryn Park, Roychester Park, Crestmont Park and McKinley Park; cleared World War II Memorial Park; and made a Parking Area for automobiles in Baederwood Park.

Refuse Collection

The trucks of the Department traveled a total of 24,890 miles in the collection of refuse. Most of the ashes collected were sorted and placed on unimproved streets, and the remainder of the 2230 loads of unsorted ashes and non-combustible rubbish collected were deposited on Township property in Ardsley. The truck-hours on refuse collection numbered 5642 and 22,688 man-hours of labor were required for the task.

Miscellaneous Work

The Department erected 11,000 feet of snow fence along various Township streets; also erected were "No Parking" signs, speed limit signs, and "Stop" signs for the Department of Public Safety, and "No Dumping" signs at various locations for the Department of Public Health.

Routine work was performed in connection with the maintenance of streets, sewers and storm water inlets; and abrasives mixed with calcium chloride were spread on all slippery street conditions.

Bureau of Street Lighting

Thirty-nine new street lights were installed during the year making the total of 1000 lumen street lights in service 1341. Two new 2500 lumen street lights were added to the system. Two 6000 lumen street lights were installed making the total 32 in service.

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 Jenkin-
town Road
Elkins Park, 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 Avenue
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
Avenue
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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

ARDSLEY COMMUNITY CHAPEL
Harrison Avenue and Jenkintown Road
Ardsley, Pennsylvania

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Huntingdon Pike at Cedar Road
Hollywood, Pennsylvania

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

CARMEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Mt. Carmel Avenue 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
Edge Hill 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