

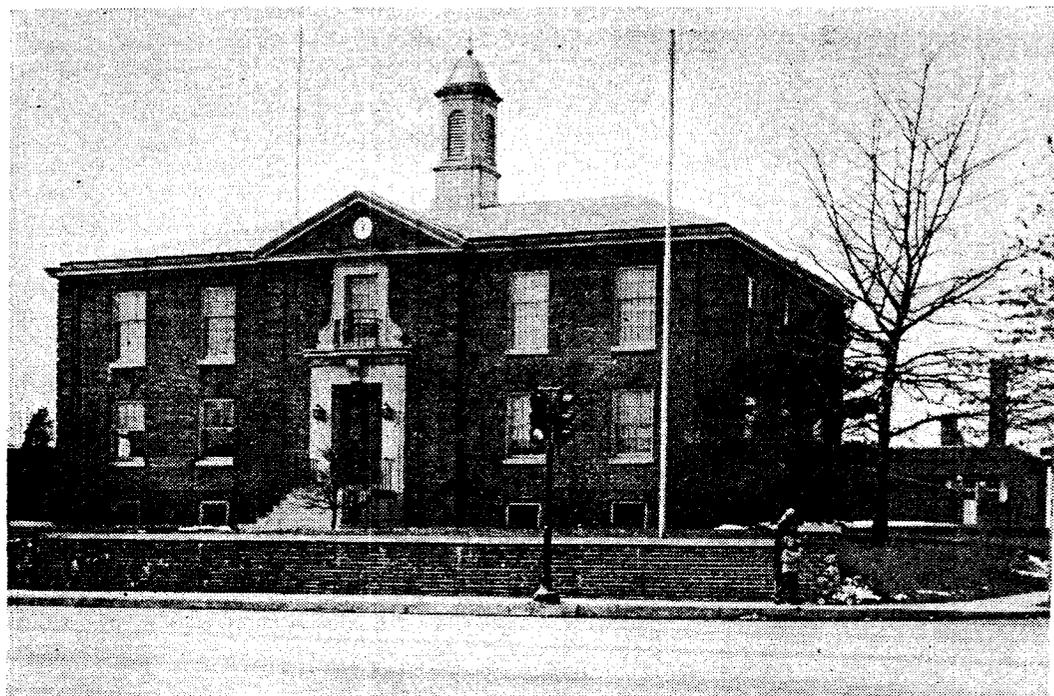
Board of Commissioners
Township of Abington



1949
Annual Report



YEAR ENDING JANUARY 2, 1950



**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON**

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

The Stated Meetings of the Departments are as follows:

- Public Safety—The Monday preceding the first Thursday of each month
at 7:30 o'clock P.M.
- Public Health—The Wednesday preceding the first Thursday of each month
at 7:30 o'clock P.M.
- Public Works—The first Thursday of each month at 7:30 o'clock P.M.
- Public Affairs—The Monday preceding the second Thursday of each month
at 7:30 o'clock P.M.
- Zoning Board of Adjustment—The third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 o'clock P.M.
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CALL THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

For General Township Information
For Highway Information
For Health Information
For Sewer 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 — 1950

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
441 Linden Avenue, Glenside

McKinley Ward No. 4
CHESTER C. HILINSKI
240 Forrest Avenue
Elkins Park 17, Pa.

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
RAYMOND L. EARLE
2432 Radcliffe 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
726 Garden Road
Glenside

Glenside Ward No. 12
CALVIN W. FOWLER
141 Stanley Avenue, Glenside

Glenside Ward No. 13
RUSSELL D. HARRAR
145 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
412 Easton Road
Glenside, Pennsylvania

McKINLEY, WARD No. 4
McKINLEY FIRE HOUSE
225 Cadwalader Avenue
McKinley, Pennsylvania

CRESTMONT, WARD No. 5
HARVEY'S GARAGE
1807 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
653 Hamel Avenue
Ardsley, Pennsylvania

ROYCHESTER, WARD No. 10
W. CLYDE GOURLEY, INC.
REAL ESTATE OFFICE
1801 Old York Road
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE, WARD No. 11
GAS STATION
503 Easton Road
Glenside, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE, WARD No. 12
FANELLI BARBER SHOP
100 Keswick Avenue
Glenside, Pennsylvania

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

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

RUSSELL D. HARRAR, President	OLIVER L. KING, Township Engineer
GEORGE E. MAURER, Vice-President	ROBERT M. BOLENIUS, Chief Operator, Sewage Treatment Plant
E. RAYMOND AMBLER, Secretary	GEORGE P. RAPP, Health Officer
A. RUSSELL PARKHOUSE, Treasurer	MONROE C. ROBERTS, Plumbing Inspector
DAVID E. GROSHENS, Solicitor	ALBRIGHT & FRIEL, INC., Consulting Engineers
PATRICK McKEE, Chief of Police	
LOUIS E. BRIGHAM, Bldg. Inspector	
JOHN MANZINGER, Fire Marshal	

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

EDWIN U. SMILEY, Director	EUGENE S. RILEY
GEORGE E. MAURER	CALVIN W. FOWLER

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

EUGENE S. RILEY, Director	FRANK E. KREIDER
GEORGE I. GILSON	CHESTER C. HILINSKI

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

GEORGE E. MAURER, Director	
CHARLES F. HETTENBACH	WILLIAM S. SNYDER

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

CALVIN W. FOWLER, Director	WILLIAM T. JORDAN
A. EDWARD HABICHT	RAYMOND L. EARLE

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

CHARLES P. MILLS, Chairman	
REGINALD M. BUDD	E. RAYMOND AMBLER, Secretary
HARVEY SMITH	DAVID E. GROSHENS, Solicitor

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP AUDITORS

DAVID E. KRUEGER	
WM. RAYMOND VOGEL	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:

I should like to depart from the usual custom of reviewing the highlights of the year just past in order to acquaint you with some facts regarding the progress of our comprehensive sanitary sewer system which is so vital to the welfare of our citizens and the proper development of the township, and the importance of having your support of a proposed \$500,000. bond issue to be submitted to the voters at the Primary Election, Tuesday, May 16, 1950, to further extend the sanitary sewer facilities so badly needed in other areas of the Township.

The law provides that the Commissioners may borrow with the consent of the electorate up to 5% of the assessed valuation of the township for capital improvements, the amortization and interest of which are payable from tax, and up to 2% by councilmanic authority for improvements which may or may not be assessed. Bonds issued under councilmanic authority are not only supported by tax but also by the assessments against properties benefitted by the improvement which helps to liquidate the bonds and makes possible the re-borrowing of these funds by councilmanic authority for continuing improvements, which if used for non-assessable capital improvements would soon exhaust our 2% borrowing credit and the plan of improvements would necessarily have to come to an end.

In 1945 the Commissioners approved plans for a comprehensive sanitary sewer system for the Township, estimated to cost approximately four million dollars. In the Fall of that same year the citizens of the Township authorized a \$1,300,000. bond issue to launch the first step in this program. A total of 18 contracts have been awarded during the past four years covering the construction of approximately 7.4 miles of intercepting sewers, 22.8 miles of branch sewers, two sewage pumping stations, 0.8 miles of force mains and a modern sewage treatment plant at a total cost of \$2,303,000., of which amount \$1,304,300. was financed by the electorate bond issue and \$998,700. from the 2% councilmanic borrowing capacity. Approximately 2200 houses are now connected to the sewer system.

The Commissioners now desire to obtain your consent at the Primary Election May 16 to issue \$500,000. in general obligation bonds to finance the cost of constructing the non-assessable intercepting sewers, sewage pumping stations and force mains in additional areas of the Township.

The Township has been most fortunate in obtaining very low interest rates on the various issues of bonds during the sewer program ranging from $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1% to $1\frac{1}{4}$ %. The proceeds of the bonds have been invested in U.S. Government securities returning $\frac{7}{8}$ of 1% to $1\frac{1}{4}$ % interest, pending the progress of the sewer construction. The sewer contracts have been very favorable when compared with contracts for like work in other areas.

It is with regret we note the retirement of three members of the Board: Harry T. Mackenzie, who represented the Roychester Ward No. 10 for nine years resigned March 10, 1949. Alexander Hogg, Roslyn Ward No. 8 and Edwin H. Geissler, McKinley Ward No. 4, retired from the Board upon the expiration of their respective terms after having served their constituents for a period of 16 years. A most hearty welcome is extended to their successors in office.

The tragic and untimely death of Patrolman Thomas J. Mathews on June 29 while attempting to arrest a suspect in the Rydal section of our township shocked officials, fellow workers and citizens of our township alike and our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

The year 1949 was marked by increased activity in the various Departments of your township government, a brief review of which is set forth in this Annual Report. The Board of Commissioners have been very careful not to expand its personnel beyond the scope of its needs and in most instances increased work and responsibility have been assumed by present employees.

The continued cooperation of the members of the Board, officers and employees of the township during the past year has again 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 summary 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 1949.

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 \$8,558.40 in the General Fund and \$2,696.37 in the Investment Fund. The Trustees have \$32,613.31 invested in first mortgages of properties in Abington Township, and \$132,000. in United States Government Securities.

Sinking Funds

The bond tax levied and collected for the year 1949 amounting to \$97,500. was deposited into the sinking funds. Orders were drawn on the sinking funds for \$22,732.50 for the payment of coupon interest.

Bonds maturing in the amount of \$155,000. were paid. The total outstanding bonds as of January 2, 1950 was \$2,136,000.00 with a sinking fund credit of \$334,081.90 or a net bonded indebtedness of \$1,801,918.10.

Investment of Funds

The accumulated or reserve funds in the special accounts and sinking funds amounting to \$378,000.00 were invested in United State Government Certificates of Indebtedness pending the activity of the accounts.

**SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS,
DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCE**

GENERAL FUNDS

RECEIPTS	Received 1949	Estimated in Budget for 1950
Cash and securities for appropriation	\$ 9,927.66	\$ 840.71
Taxes		
A. Current levy	406,778.42	425,600.00
B. Prior years including penalties and interest	22,458.18	21,000.00
Licenses and permits	30,993.80	28,200.00
Fines and forfeits	1,919.00	1,500.00
Interest and rent	12.98	
Other Revenue receipts	39,634.14	38,400.00
Total miscellaneous non-revenue receipts	4,247.07	1,000.00
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Total Estimated Receipts and Cash	\$515,971.25	\$516,540.71
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EXPENDITURES		
For Operation and Maintenance		
General Government	\$ 56,270.34	59,100.00
Protection to Persons and Property	158,289.36	168,000.00
Health and Sanitation	72,513.75	61,400.00
Highways	89,651.93	85,540.71
Library	1,500.00	1,500.00
Recreation	15,000.00	12,000.00
Miscellaneous	12,234.85	10,000.00
For Capital Outlay		
Highways	10,786.50	15,000.00
For Debt Service		
Interest	1,383.81	2,500.00
Transfers to Sinking Fund	97,500.00	101,500.00
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Total Estimated Expenditures	\$515,130.54	\$516,540.71
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Unappropriated Balance, if any	840.71	

PROPERTY VALUATION AND TAX LEVY FOR 1949

	Ward	Assessment	Tax Levied
ABINGTON	No. 1	\$ 4,114,275.00	\$ 57,599.85
SAW MILL HILL	No. 2	4,463,850.00	62,493.90
GLENSIDE	No. 3	1,529,750.00	21,416.50
McKINLEY	No. 4	3,521,100.00	49,295.40
CRESTMONT	No. 5	1,234,255.00	17,279.57
NORTH HILLS	No. 6	2,020,150.00	28,282.10
NOBLE	No. 7	2,978,550.00	41,699.70
ROSLYN	No. 8	2,576,300.00	36,068.20
ARDSLEY	No. 9	1,161,000.00	16,254.00
ROYCHESTER	No. 10	2,122,475.00	29,714.65
GLENSIDE	No. 11	1,524,675.00	21,345.45
GLENSIDE	No. 12	2,085,325.00	29,194.55
GLENSIDE	No. 13	1,749,150.00	24,488.10
		\$31,080,855.00	\$435,131.97
		1947	1948
Property Valuation	\$26,086,775	\$27,289,240	\$31,080,855
Valuation Tax Exempt Property	4,843,400	4,896,200	4,055,400

TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Fiscal Year 1st Monday January	Total Property Tax	Uncollected End Fiscal Year	Uncollected Latest Avail- able Date Jan. 2, 1950
1946	\$297,646.85	\$18,115.90	NONE
1947	\$373,614.85	\$21,517.76	NONE
1948	\$382,049.47	\$21,616.99	NONE
1949	\$439,683.80	\$25,625.82	\$25,625.82

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 2, 1950, which will be billed July 1.

- General Township Purposes—10 mills
- Special Bond Tax—3½ mills
- Park and Shade Tree Tax—¾ mill
- Fire Tax—½ 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 FUND

CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCE

	Securities Bank Balance Jan. 3, 1949	Received by Assessments, Transfer & Bank Interest	Cash Paid Coupon Interest & Redemption of Bonds	Securities Bank Balance Jan. 2, 1950
1930	\$ 30,491.62	\$ 4,295.50	\$ 1,487.50	\$ 33,299.62
1931	18,523.66	6,077.21	1,200.00	23,400.87
1946	21,001.31	76,169.42	52,220.00	44,950.73
1946A	11,962.85	16,442.15	20,450.00	7,955.00
1946B	86,411.65	42,264.20	51,500.00	77,175.85
1947	14,345.19	105,061.33	46,500.00	72,906.52
1948	707.45	78,060.86	4,375.00	74,393.31
	\$183,443.73	\$328,370.67	\$177,732.50	\$334,081.90

BONDED DEBT

The Township of Abington, from 1906 to 1949 inclusive, had twenty-one bond issues, totaling \$3,324,000. and has never defaulted in its debt obligation.

	Bonds Outstanding	Sinking Funds	Net
January 1, 1950	\$2,136,000.	\$334,081.90	\$1,801,918.10
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

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

2% under councilmanic authority.

5% under electorate authority.

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

The 1949 Tax Anticipation Note of \$200,000 dated January 31, 1949 was sold to Tradesmen's National Bank and Trust Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at an interest rate of .75% per annum, and a premium of \$12.98. This note was paid October 3 from the 1949 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 2, 1950 are—

	Cash Balance	U.S. Gov't Securities
General Funds	\$ 840.71	\$
Park and Shade Tree Fund	8,305.83	20,000.00
Permanent Improvement Fund	25,809.31	53,000.00
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	13,579.30
Sewer Fund	175,289.99	200,000.00
Sinking Funds	229,081.90	105,000.00

TOWNSHIP AUDITORS' REPORT

of the

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1949

GENERAL FUNDS

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

Bank Balances, General Funds, January 3, 1949 \$ 9,927.66

RECEIPTS

Received account of Miscellaneous Receipts	\$ 37,159.87
Received account of 1948 Taxes and Penalties	10,478.73
Received account of 1949 Taxes	413,841.09
Received account of 1949 Penalties	216.89
Received account of Land Liens	10,596.57
Received account of Penalties and Interest on Land Liens	1,627.35
Received account of Amusement Tax	39,634.14
Interest on Bank Balance	12.98
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	513,567.62
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	\$523,495.28
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DISBURSEMENTS

Vouchers issued, General Funds	\$373,630.54
Transfer to Sinking Funds (Special Tax)	97,500.00
Transfer to Park and Shade Tree Fund (Special Tax)	15,000.00
Transfer to Permanent Improvement Fund a/c York Road Side- walk Improvement	10,000.00
Transfer to Sewer	19,000.00
2% Commission on Land Liens deducted by County Treasurer	244.47
2% Discount deducted from 1949 Taxes	7,279.56
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	522,654.57
Bank Balances, General Funds, January 2, 1950	840.71
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	\$523,495.28
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TAXES RECEIVABLE
(By Township Treasurer)

	Total	Current	Delinquent
Taxes Receivable January 3, 1949			
Delinquent Taxes and Penalties, 1948	\$ 21,616.99		\$ 21,616.99
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Add:			
1949 Tax (adjusted)	439,089.77	439,089.77	
1949 Penalties	594.03	594.03	
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Total Additions	\$439,683.80	\$439,683.80	
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Total	\$461,300.79	\$439,683.80	\$ 21,616.99
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Deduct:			
Collection delinquent taxes and Penalties, 1948	10,478.73		10,478.73
Adjustment in assessment and exoneration 1948			
Duplicate	400.80		400.80
Liens filed for 1948 Taxes	10,737.46		10,737.46
Collection 1949 Taxes	413,841.09	413,841.09	
Collection 1949 Penalties	216.89	216.89	
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Total Deductions	\$435,674.97	\$414,057.98	\$ 21,616.99
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Taxes Receivable, January 2, 1950	\$ 25,625.82	\$ 25,625.82*	
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*Delinquent Taxes:			
1949 Tax	\$ 25,248.68		
1949 Penalty	377.14		

TAXES RECEIVABLE
(By County—Land Liens)

	Tax Liens Receivable Jan. 3, 1949	Tax Liens Collected	Tax Liens Receivable Jan. 2, 1950
Duplicate			
1948 (May)	\$ 10,737.46	\$ 4,416.90	\$ 6,320.56
1947	5,506.64	1,862.47	3,644.17
1946	5,557.46	570.48	4,986.98
1945	4,958.94	506.83	4,452.11
Prior Years	36,366.83	3,239.89	33,126.94
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	\$ 63,127.33	\$ 10,596.57	\$ 52,530.76
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(Penalties and interest amounting to \$1,627.35 not included)

WITHHELD TAXES FUND
Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE			
Cash in Bank, January 3, 1949		\$	\$
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RECEIPTS			
Federal Withheld Taxes		\$ 14,016.70	
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Total Receipts		\$ 14,016.70	
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Total Receipts and Balance			\$ 14,016.70
DISBURSEMENTS			
Federal Withheld Taxes		\$ 14,016.70	
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Total Disbursements			\$ 14,016.70
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Cash in Bank, January 2, 1950			\$
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PARK & SHADE TREE FUND
Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCES	
Cash in Bank, January 3, 1949	\$ 18,865.87
Investments	20,000.00
	<u>\$ 38,865.87</u>
RECEIPTS	
Transfer from General Fund, Special Tax	\$ 15,000.00
Interest on Investments	346.00
	<u>\$ 15,346.00</u>
Total Receipts and Balance	\$ 54,211.87
DISBURSEMENTS	
General Maintenance Expenses	\$ 7,903.61
Maintenance Equipment	230.72
Capital:	
Improvement & Purchase of Land	17,598.11
Purchase of Equipment	173.60
	<u>\$ 25,906.04</u>
BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 2, 1950	\$ 8,305.83
Investments, January 2, 1950	\$ 20,000.00
	<u>\$ 28,305.83</u>

LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND (Act 180)
Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 3, 1949	\$ 18,801.52
RECEIPTS	
State Motor License Fund Grants	\$ 41,910.04
	<u>\$ 41,910.04</u>
Total Receipts and Balance	\$ 60,711.56
DISBURSEMENTS	
Street Signs and Markings	\$ 4,600.40
Maintenance and Repair of Streets	26,192.71
Snow Removal	3,199.65
(Including purchase of snow fence)	
Construction and Rebuilding of Streets	
Salaries and wages	3,134.92
Materials and supplies	10,004.58
	<u>\$ 47,132.26</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 47,132.26
BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 2, 1950	\$ 13,579.30
	<u>\$ 13,579.30</u>

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND
Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 3, 1949	\$ 24,781.25
Investments, January 3, 1949	53,000.00
	\$ 77,781.25

RECEIPTS

Improvement Liens	\$ 12,038.05
Refund, Interest and Costs on Improvement Liens	409.65
Rental of Township Property	6,380.00
Interest on Investments	627.77
Transfer to York Road Sidewalk Improvement	10,000.00
Plan Preparation, Non-Interest bearing loan	1,700.00
	\$ 31,155.47

Total Receipts and Balance \$108,936.72

DISBURSEMENTS

Street Improvements	\$ 13,051.40
Fencing Public Works Plant	8,409.75
Purchase of Property, Brick Works	16.50
Depository Expense	21.73
Repairs to Buildings	1,853.03
Architect Fees, Police Headquarters	3,400.00
Return non-interest bearing loan, Incinerator	3,375.00

Total Disbursements \$ 30,127.41

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 2, 1950	\$ 25,809.31
Investments, January 2, 1950	53,000.00

IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT LIENS

	Liens			
	Receivable Jan. 3, 1949	Liens Filed Current Year	Collected Current Year	Receivable Jan. 2, 1950
Permanent Improvement Fund	\$ 11,540.90	\$ 19,649.52	\$ 12,038.05	\$ 19,152.37
Sewer Fund	1,182.10	1,983.40	1,692.90	1,472.60
Sinking Fund	197,677.95	288,336.74	222,513.17	263,501.52

SEWER FUND

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balance

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 3, 1949	\$ 91,190.05	
Investments, January 3, 1949	600,000.00	
		<u>\$691,190.05</u>

RECEIPTS

Proceeds 1949 Bond Issue	\$300,507.00	
Interest on Investments	7,439.61	
Sewer Rentals	25,966.92	
Sewer Connection Charges	32,550.00	
Sewer Improvement Liens	1,692.90	
Penalties, Interest and Costs, Sewer Improvement Liens	61.26	
State Grant — Post War Planning	4,225.34	
Sewer Plan Deposits	110.00	
Account 1949 Tax	19,000.00	
		<u>\$ 391,553.03</u>
Total Receipts		\$ 391,553.03
Total Receipts and Balance		\$1,082,743.08

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$ 20,025.00	
Office Expenses	2,023.94	
Engineering Fees	42,909.99	
Refund Sewer Rentals, and Sewer Charges	5,520.75	
Sewer Connections	26,762.68	
Operation and Maintenance Township System	10,918.06	
Contracts: Township Sewer System	580,570.90	
Legal Expenses	201.00	
Dwelling for Chief Operator	14,536.56	
Other Expenses	3,984.21	
		<u>\$707,453.09</u>
Total Disbursements		\$707,453.09

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 2, 1950	\$175,289.99
Investments, January 2, 1950	\$200,000.00
	<u>\$375,289.99</u>

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AND SINKING FUNDS

Gross Bonded Indebtedness

	Outstanding Jan. 3, 1949	Bonds Issued Current Year	Bonds Paid Current Year	Outstanding Jan. 5, 1950
Councilmanic Authority	\$ 769,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$ 954,000.00
Electorate Authority	\$1,222,000.00		40,000.00	\$1,182,000.00
Total Gross Bonded Debt	\$1,991,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$155,000.00	\$2,136,000.00

SINKING FUNDS

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 3, 1949	\$153,443.73
Investments, January 3, 1949	30,000.00
	\$183,443.73

RECEIPTS

Bond Tax	\$ 97,500.00	
Interest	1,045.05	
Sewer Assessment Liens	229,825.62	
	\$328,370.67	
Total Receipts		511,814.40
Total Receipts and Balance		

DISBURSEMENTS

Coupon Interest	\$ 22,732.50
Redemption of Bonds	155,000.00
	\$177,732.50
Total Disbursements	

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 2, 1950	\$229,081.90
Investments, January 2, 1950	\$105,000.00

CASH ASSETS

Bank Balances, General Funds	\$ 840.71
Bank Balance, Park & Shade Tree Fund	8,305.83
Bank Balance, Permanent Improvement Fund	25,809.31
Bank Balance, Liquid Fuels Tax Fund	13,579.30
Bank Balance, Sewer Fund	175,289.99
Taxes Receivable	25,625.82
Tax Liens Receivable	52,530.76
Improvement Liens Receivable	20,624.97
Government Securities:	
Park & Shade Tree Fund	20,000.00
Permanent Improvement Fund	53,000.00
Sewer Fund	200,000.00
	\$595,606.69

CASH ASSETS — BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Bank Balances, Sinking Funds	\$229,081.90
Government Securities	105,000.00
Improvement Assessment Liens Receivable	263,501.52
	\$597,583.42

LIABILITIES — BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Bonds, Electorate	\$1,182,000.00
Outstanding Bonds, Councilmanic	954,000.00
	\$2,136,000.00

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, 1949, and ending on the first Monday of January, 1950, 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 14, 1950

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 1949 reported to the Bureau of Health 203 cases of communicable diseases.

The Health Officer received 51 complaints of overflowing cesspools and directed the owners to abate the nuisance.

Milk Dealer's Permits were issued to twenty dealers during the year 1949. The Health Officer made 103 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 fifty-one public eating and drinking places within the township.

Plumbing Inspection

The Plumbing Inspector reported certificates of registration were issued to 169 Master Plumbers and 30 Journeyman Plumbers, and 586 plans of plumbing work were approved and permits issued during the year 1949.

Thirty-nine leaching drainage wells and combination septic tank and tile field systems were installed under the supervision of the Plumbing Inspector.

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

Seven-hundred seven Sewer Permits for house sewer connections were issued during the year 1949.

Violations

There were three violations of the plumbing code during the year of 1949. The three plumbers were brought before the magistrate and fined for the violation.

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-ers 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.

Bureau of Sanitary Sewers

Contracts Nos. 8, 10, 11 for the installation of branch and intercepting sewers, force main and a sewage pumping station in portions of the Abington, Roychester, Roslyn, and Crestmont areas, were completed May 4, 1949. The assessable portion thereof was charged against the abutting property owners at a rate of \$5.90 per front foot.

Contract No. 12 for the installation of branch and intercepting sewers in the portion of the Roychester area was completed August 12, 1949, and the cost thereof assessed against the abutting property owners at a rate of \$6.91 per front foot.

Contract No. 13 awarded to James Armour, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa., in the amount of \$148,776.25, for the installation of branch sewers in the Abington area is nearing completion and will be completed early in the new year.

Contract No. 14 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, is nearing completion and will be completed early in the new year.

Contract No. 15 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 is nearing completion and will be completed early in the new year.

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

a. Contract No. 16 was awarded to A. DiSandro Contracting Company, Philadelphia, in the amount of \$88,619.04, for branch and intercepting sewers in a portion of the Ardsley area.

b. Contract No. 17 was awarded to A. DiSandro Contracting Company, Philadelphia, in the amount of \$105,307.00, for branch and intercepting sewers in a portion of the North Hills area.

c. Contract No. 18 was awarded to Charles J. Corr, Philadelphia, in the amount of \$7,518.25, for branch sewers in a portion of the Noble area.

The funds for the above contracts were provided by a bond issue under Ordinance No. 637. White, Weld & Co., jointly with Hallowell, Sulzberger & Co., New York, were the successful bidders, with an interest rate of 1¼% and a premium of \$507.00.

Weekly readings and inspections were made of the sanitary sewer meters by the Department of Public Works. Two new meters were placed in service during the year at Cadwalader Avenue south of Township Line Road, and at Fisher Road and Township Line Road. The quantities measured by each meter in 1949 were calculated and they are as follows:

Stewart Avenue—80.622 million gallons
Highland Avenue—28.672 million gallons
Cadwalader Avenue—1.434 million gallons
Fisher Road—5.233 million gallons

THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

History of the Project

Prior to 1947, sanitary sewers existed in only a very small area of the Township and these sewers discharged into the Philadelphia sewerage system. Sewage from the majority of the homes, however, was treated on the immediate premises by means of septic tanks and cesspools. From 1920 to 1940 the population of the Township increased very rapidly and, accordingly, the problem of sewage treatment became more and more troublesome.

In 1941 the Commissioners of Abington Township, recognizing the need for improved sewerage facilities, engaged the engineering firm of Albright and Friel, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa., to design and supervise the construction of an extensive system of sanitary sewers and a sewage treatment plant. Accordingly, plans and specifications were prepared and construction of the project was started on March 1, 1947.

The Sewage Treatment Plant is located on Fitzwatertown Road and discharges into Sandy Run, a tributary of Wissahickon Creek. It employs the diffused air type of the activated sludge method of treatment with heated separate sludge digestion and covered sludge drying beds.

Why is Sewage Treatment Necessary?

Sewage is, primarily, a product of community life. The need for sewage treatment has followed closely upon urban development and that, in turn, has been consequent upon industrial development, the establishment of the mechanical age and its progress. Wherever people are they must have water and, correspondingly, they produce sewage. At the isolated individual home, this waste is usually disposed of on the premises without too much difficulty. When people live together in communities, however, individual water supplies soon prove inadequate and public supplies are developed. Likewise, the need for adequate sewage treatment facilities becomes more and more pressing as the population increases.

Each day a community's water supply becomes its sewage—unchanged but for the addition of a very small percentage of solids. Domestic sewage consists of over 99 per cent water in which is carried in dissolved, dispersed, and floating status a wide variety of substances. Salts, gases, silt, putrescible matter, and bacteria are the common forms these substances take. The salts, putrescible matter, and bacteria consist of those originally present in the water supply, plus those discharged by the human body and others emanating from kitchen functions and industrial wastes. The gases are of similar origin with the addition of those formed by the decomposition of putrescible matter in the sewers. Silts consisting of sand, gravel and clay likewise find their way into sewage. Of major interest are the putrescible materials and bacteria present, since they constitute a health hazard and exert the greatest oxygen consuming effect on the receiving stream. Illustrative of such materials are soaps, fats, cellulose, proteins, carbohydrates, and derivatives thereof. These being the materials which serve as food for the omnipresent bacteria whose life processes account for the instability of sewage.

Fresh sewage is normally not objectionable as to odor, generally having only a soapy or laundry-like odor. In a relatively short time, however, the bacteria present set to work on the organic matter producing a number of substances exhibiting foul

odors, corrosive characteristics, and the ability to affect the stream or treatment processes detrimentally.

Most of our public water supplies are secured from surface streams. Until recently, principal consideration was given to the effect of the discharge of untreated sewage into the waters of a stream from the standpoint of its use as a source of water supply. That conception has been considerably broadened and today the effect of the discharge of polluting matter is measured not only to the extent of its hazard to public health, but also in relation to its effect on animal or aquatic life and the use of such waters for recreational purposes. It is immediately obvious that the question of stream contamination becomes of the utmost importance, and there is no more dangerous pollution than that arising from the discharge of sewage without adequate treatment. Sewage is inherently an obnoxious mixture but its real importance arises from the fact that it may produce disease; hence, the imperative need for care in its disposal.

How Is Sewage Treatment Accomplished?

Sewage treatment, as the name implies, is the treatment of the water borne dissolved, dispersed, and floating substances to remove or eliminate matter which may be injurious to public health or cause nuisance in the receiving body of water. Basically, this is accomplished at the treatment plant in four distinct phases, namely: primary treatment; secondary treatment; disinfection; and the by-product process—solids disposal.

Primary treatment provides for the removal of that portion of the suspended solids that can be removed by physical and mechanical means. It is accomplished in the primary sedimentation tanks. In these large rectangular concrete tanks approximately 45% of the suspended solid load is removed by flotation and sedimentation. Mechanical collectors are provided for the removal of both the floating grease or scum and the settled sewage solids. These solids are then pumped to the sludge digesters for disposal.

Secondary treatment provides for the removal of the finely divided solids and colloidal matter that cannot be removed by primary treatment. It is an oxidation process and accomplishes the stabilization and wet burning of these solids and the dissolved organic matter by means of air and the activities of living micro-organisms. When sewage flows over or comes in contact with a suitable surface, growths of bacteria and micro-organisms appear and soon cover the surface with a slimy gelatinous film. This film, which is full of living organisms, has the extraordinary power of first attracting to itself substances that previously had been held in suspension, colloidal state, or even in solution; then of removing from these attracted substances the food necessary for film maintenance and growth; and finally of returning to the sewage the end products of decomposition. The activated sludge process utilizes this method of biological treatment. It is a method of sewage purification consisting of the aeration of sewage in the presence of biologically active sludge which has previously been produced by the process. The solids suspended in the sewage form the initial nucleus or contact surface to which the slime forming biological growths adhere. Large flocs or particulates are formed by bacterial growths. By voracious feeding, the organisms in the floc cleanse or restore the active contact surfaces. The circulation of large quantities of these flocs through the sewage results in the absorption and oxidation of the objectionable suspended, colloidal, and dissolved solids.

Disinfection signifies the destruction of pathogenic or disease carrying bacteria. Sewage, having first received both primary and secondary treatment, is treated with an application of chlorine in water solution to accomplish disinfection. The resultant water—clear, sparkling, and free of obnoxious materials and disease producing bacteria goes into the receiving stream.

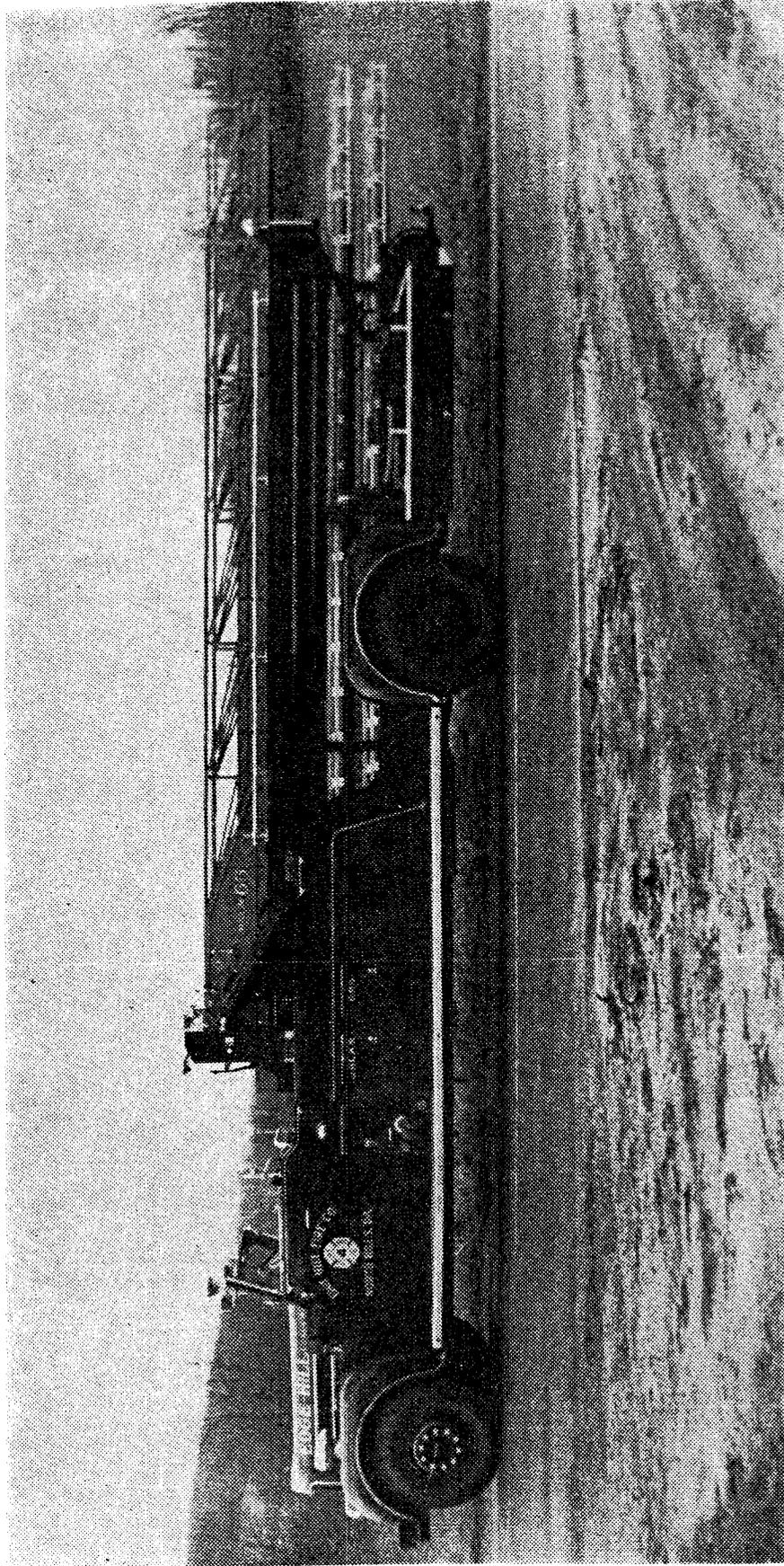
Solids disposal is accomplished by heated sludge digestion, air drying on covered sludge drying beds and ultimate use as a soil conditioner. All the solids removed in treatment are pumped into the heated sludge digesters. In these enclosed tanks the sewage solids are heated to 90 degrees Fahrenheit. The micro-organisms present, utilizing the complex mixture of organic solids as food, set up a fermentation process which converts the solids from an odoriferous, highly putrescible sludge to a stable, mineralized form. During the course of this digestion, gases of decomposition are given off and collected under a floating steel cover. These gases, largely methane, are inflammable and are used as fuel for heating the contents of the digestion tank and for building heat. The resultant sludge is dark brown to black in color, has little or no odor, and can be readily dewatered and dried on sand beds. It is applied to the drying beds in a layer 8 to 10 inches in depth and allowed to air dry. The dried cake is then removed and used as a soil conditioner.

Results of Treatment

As a result of the treatment thus provided, the Township of Abington Sewage Treatment Plant has eliminated a potential health hazard. Daily it discharges into Sandy Run a clear, sparkling water—free of all the obnoxious materials and disease producing bacteria originally present in the sewage.

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1950 MAXIM AERIAL LADDER FIRE TRUCK



Latest addition to the Edge Hill Fire Company Equipment

FIRE COMPANIES AUDIT

The accounts of the five companies in the Township Fire Department were audited by the Township Auditors.

A Summary of the audit for 1949 follows:

	Abington	McKinley	Weldon	Edge Hill	Roslyn
Balance in General Fund 1/1/49	\$ 1,748.66	\$ 4,568.83	\$ 1,806.34	\$ 3,031.91	\$ 1,741.83
Received during the year	23,218.19	18,378.49	7,652.60	4,997.83	6,354.16
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Expenditures during the year	24,966.85	22,947.32	9,458.94	8,029.74	8,095.99
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Balance in General Fund 12/31/49	22,805.97	20,783.00	7,524.28	4,637.98	5,561.01
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Cash held in special Funds	2,160.88	2,164.32	1,934.66	3,391.76	2,534.98
	81.87	1,164.48	11,912.55	5,281.03	3,645.16
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Assets	53,022.21	51,980.30	60,747.21	50,733.94	68,297.80
Liabilities	None	2,612.50	None	None	6,382.20
Ambulance Fund					1,531.66

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 293 arrests during the year 1949 of which 94 were for violation Township ordinances, and 94 for violation of the State codes and laws. Seventy-nine lodgers were accommodated, 125 meals served to prisoners.

The value of stolen goods recovered amounted to \$10,134.00.

Cases reported to Coroner	16
Dangerous condition reported in roads, trees and wires	25
Dogs killed by officers	85
Fires reported	145
Persons reported injured in accidents	87
Prisoners fingerprinted and photographed	25
Street lights reported out	447
Suicides and attempted suicides	10

Police Department

Two patrolmen were selected from the Civil Service list of eligibles to fill vacancies in the department. Each officer assumed his position on October 15, 1949. The department operates on an eight hour a day platoon system.

Traffic Regulations

The township adopted formal resolution establishing the following speed limit zone:

35 M.P.H. on Jenkintown Road from High School Road to Meetinghouse Road.

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 had erected a number of Slow, Dead End and Stop signs during the year and the traffic signals at the intersection of Limekiln, Mt. Carmel and Edge Hill Road.

Bureau of Fire Protection

The annual audit of the accounts of the five volunteer fire companies appear on page 24 and reveals to the township they have a well-managed and financially sound fire department.

Fire Hydrants

Seventeen fire hydrants were installed during the year making a total number of 310 hydrants in the township service.

Bureau of Building Regulation and Zoning

Building Activities

Eight-hundred two applications were received and Building Permits issued during the year 1949 at an estimated cost as follows:

331 Dwellings	\$3,485,676.00
210 Alterations	1,008,159.50
56 Garages & Service Stations	82,363.00
171 Oil Burners	92,249.00
12 Signs	1,560.00
6 Stores	63,500.00
3 Apartments	610,000.00
2 Stores with Apartments	45,000.00
1 Accessory Building	200.00
1 Club Building	16,000.00
1 Dormitory Building	18,000.00
1 Fire House	17,500.00
1 Fire Tower	1,700.00
3 Greenhouses	6,750.00
1 Office Building	9,000.00
1 Post Office	9,000.00
1 Demolition	
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802	\$5,466,657.50

The following statement sets forth the construction of dwellings, separate garages and gasoline stations during the years 1945 to 1949 inclusive:

DWELLINGS		SEPARATE GARAGES AND SERVICE STATIONS		
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
1949	331 Estimated Cost	3,485,676	56 Estimated Cost	82,363

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. 294—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 Granted.

Appeal No. 295—To permit the erection of a one-story single family dwelling with a one-car attached garage, with a lesser number of habitable square feet of floor area than is required under the table of "Minimum Habitable Floor Area" in Section 18 (12) of the Abington Township Zoning Ordinance of 1936, on the premises situated on the northerly side of Fox Chase and Huntingdon Pike, approximately 936

feet west of Susquehanna Street, zoned in the "V" Residence District, Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office.—Appeal Refused—but Granted by order of the Court.

Appeal No. 297—To permit the business for the distribution of beer from the property known as lot 146 on Plan of West Ogontz Land Company, situated on the Westerly side of Jenkintown Road, approximately 143 feet Northwardly from Osceola Avenue and zoned in the "F" Commercial District, McKinley Ward No. 4 of Abington Township, and as shown on the plan filed in the Secretary's Office.—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 298—To permit the erection of a masonry building 32 feet by 72 feet on Lot No. 9, Plan of Highland Farms situated on the Easterly side of Highland Avenue approximately 250 feet Southwardly from Rockwell Road with an encroachment of ten feet in the rear yard area and zoned in the "N" Residence District in the Abington Ward No. 1 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office.—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 299—To permit the erection of a one-family dwelling with one-car attached garage on the premises known as Lot 416, Plan of Highland Farm, situated on the Northwest side of Jericho Road, approximately 250 feet Southwest of Horace Avenue, with an encroachment of two feet eight inches in the Northeast side yard restricted area; and the erection of a one-family dwelling with one-car attached garage on the premises known as Lot 418, Plan of Highland Farm, situated on the Northwest side of Jericho Road, approximately 350 feet Southwest of Horace Avenue, with an encroachment of two feet eight inches in the Northeast side yard restricted area; zoned in the "N" Residence District in the Abington Ward No. 1 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office.—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 300—To permit the erection of a one-family dwelling with one-car attached garage on the premises known as Lots 575 and 576, Plan of Glenside Gardens, situated on the Southeast corner of Abington Avenue and Cross Road (formerly Magnolia Street), with an encroachment of ten feet on the Cross Road frontage, zoned in the "T" Residence District in the Glenside Ward No. 11 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office.—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 301—To permit the erection of a one-story store building on the property situated on the Southwest corner of Easton Road and Independence Avenue, with an encroachment of thirteen feet on the Independence Avenue frontage, zoned in the "F" Commercial District in the Roslyn Ward No. 8 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office.—Appeal Refused.

Appeal No. 302—To permit a two-family occupancy of the premises 125 W. Mt. Carmel Avenue zoned in the "T" Residence District in the Glenside Ward No. 13 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office.—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 303—To permit the erection of a 28' x 44' addition to the rear of the existing building situated on the premises Northeast corner of Jenkintown Road and Harrison Avenue, with an encroachment of eleven and one-half feet on the Harrison Avenue frontage, zoned in the "H" Residence District in the Ardsley Ward No. 9 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office.—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 304—To permit the erection of a two-story frame single-family dwelling and two-car detached garage on the premises situate on the Northwest corner of Pleasant Avenue and Garden Road, with an encroachment of ten feet on the Garden Road frontage, zoned in the "T" Residence District in the Glenside Ward No. 11 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office.—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 305—To permit the sale of used automobiles as an accessory use to the new car business at 20 W. Glenside Avenue, Glenside, on the premises situated on the westerly side of Easton Road, approximately 115.20 feet southwardly from Tague Avenue, being a vacant lot with a frontage of 125 feet on Easton Road with an irregular depth of from 174 feet to 210 feet, zoned in the "F" Commercial District of Glenside Ward No. 3 of the Township of Abington and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office.—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 306—To permit the erection of a roof over the existing open porch on the premises situated on the Southerly corner of Parkview Avenue and Lycoming Avenue, with an encroachment of ten feet on the Lycoming Avenue frontage, zoned in the "T" Residence District, Roychester Ward No. 10 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township office.—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 307—To permit a two-family occupancy of the premises situated at 223 W. Mt. Carmel Avenue, Glenside, zoned in the "T" Residence District, Glenside, Ward No. 13, of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office.—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 308—To permit a one-family occupancy of the garage and barn situated on the Southeast side of Woodland Road, approximately 1005.94 feet Southwest of c/l of Rydal Road, zoned in the "V" Residence District, Abington Ward No. 1 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office.—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 309—To permit the erection of a one-family dwelling attached to the existing one-story concrete block building situate on premises Northwest side of Central Avenue, 375 feet Northeast of c/l Spear Avenue, with an encroachment of 2 feet in one side yard restricted area and an encroachment of 8 feet in the rear yard restricted area, zoned in the "H" Residence District, Ardsley Ward No. 9 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office.—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 311—To permit the erection of a two-story frame single family dwelling and two-car detached garage on the premises situate on the Northerly corner of Pleasant Avenue and Cottage Avenue with an encroachment of eight feet on the Cottage Avenue frontage, zoned in the "T" Residence District in the Glenside Ward No. 11 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office.—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 312—To permit the erection of a one-story masonry single-family dwelling on the premises situate on the Easterly corner of Zane Avenue and Mayfield Avenue, with an encroachment of four feet four inches on the Mayfield Avenue frontage, zoned in the "H" Residence District in the McKinley Ward No. 4 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office.—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 313—To permit the erection and operation of a modern gasoline sales and service station on premises situate on the Northwest corner of Easton Road and

Kenderton Avenue, zoned in the "F" Commercial District of the Roslyn Ward No. 8 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office.—Appeal Granted.

Appeal 314—To permit a two-family occupancy of the premises situated at 417 W. Wharton Road, Glenside, zoned in the "T" Residence District, Glenside Ward No. 3 of the Township of Abington.—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 315—To permit the erection of a one and one-half story frame single-family dwelling on the premises situate on the Southeast corner of Tyson Avenue and Ardsley Avenue, with an encroachment of five feet on the Tyson Avenue frontage, zoned in the "H" Residence District, Ardsley Ward No. 9 of the Township of Abington and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office.—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 316—To permit a two-family occupancy of the premises situated at 14 Edgley Avenue, Glenside, zoned in the "T" and "H" Residence Districts, Glenside Ward No. 12 of the Township of Abington.—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 317—To permit a three-family occupancy of the premises situated on the westerly side of Easton Road north of Mt. Carmel Avenue and known as 22 N. Easton Road, Glenside, zoned in the "T" Residential District, Glenside Ward No. 13 of the Township of Abington.—Appeal Granted.

Appeal No. 318—To permit the erection of a one and one-half story stuccoed masonry dwelling and attached garage on the premises situated on the Northerly side of Wharton Road approximately 150 feet East of Wyndale Road being parts of Lots Nos. 98 and 99, Plan of Baederwood, with an encroachment of 8 feet in the rear yard area zoned in "O" Residential District Noble Ward No. 7 of the Township of Abington.—Appeal Granted.

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

Appeal No. 296—That portion of the Township of Abington abutting the southeasterly side of Grovania Avenue, for a depth of 160 feet, extending from Woodland Road to 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 "H" Residence District.—Appeal Refused.

Appeal No. 310—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, being Lots 572 to 578, inclusive, on the Plan of Baederwood, in the Noble Ward No. 7, and as shown on the plan filed in the Secretary's Office, shall be designated "F" Commercial District in lieu of "T" Residence District.—Appeal Refused.

The Zoning Commission appointed in 1948 consisting of Harry T. Mackenzie, a member of the Board of Commissioners, Harvey Smith, a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Louis E. Brigham, Township Building Inspector, Oliver L. King, Township Engineer, and E. Raymond Ambler, Township Secretary, cooperated with the Government Consulting Service of the Institute of Local and State Government, University of Pennsylvania, in the preparation of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and map. The Commission submitted its report to the Board of Commissioners in June of 1949. The Commissioners held a public hearing, as required by law, in July

at which time representatives of various organizations as well as individual citizens presented recommendations, some of which were not in accord with the report of the Zoning Commission. These recommendations were further considered at joint meetings with the Zoning Commission, Board of Commissioners and representatives of the various Civic Associations. The Board of Commissioners on December 8, 1949 adopted Ordinance No. 643 amending, revising and re-enacting the Abington Township Zoning Ordinance of 1936, enacted as Ordinance No. 392 on December 10, 1936 and all amendments thereto.

Ordinance No. 643 is an ordinance.

"Regulating and restricting the height, location, size, bulk and use of buildings and/or land in the Township of Abington, Pennsylvania; the areas to be occupied by buildings in proportion to the size of the lots upon which they stand; the size of yards, and other open spaces appurtenant thereto and the density of population, and for these purposes establishing districts and boundaries, and designating and regulating residential, commercial and industrial or other uses within such districts and boundaries and providing for the appointment of a Board of Adjustment, and setting forth the duties and functions of said Board and providing for the administration, charges and enforcement of this Ordinance and providing penalties for violation thereof."

The Honorable Harold G. Knight, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, on December 12, 1949 decreed that the Board of Commissioners were without authority to ordain a sliding scale of habitable floor space for dwelling houses in different zoning districts. This decree invalidated the "Minimum Habitable Floor Area" as outlined in Section 1013 of the new ordinance.

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

Twelve hundred seventy-five (1275) real estate deeds were checked, officially registered, and necessary changes made to the Real Estate Registry Maps.

Building Numbers

Assigned official numbers to all buildings in Glenside Wards 3, 11, 12 and 13 and McKinley Ward 4, as well as all new buildings that were completed in Wards 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10. Survey work was done intermittently in Abington Ward 1, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2 and Noble Ward 7, the remaining three wards to be officially numbered.

Highway Permits

Four hundred six (406) applications were received and permits issued 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 (Assessment Method)

HOLME AVENUE from Township Line Road to Chancellor Avenue in McKinley Ward 4, was improved with combined concrete curb and gutter and the cost assessed to the owners of the abutting properties, under Ordinance No. 622.

ROBERTS AVENUE from Ardsley Avenue to Edgecomb Avenue in Glenside Ward 3, was improved with combined concrete curb and gutter and pavement, and the cost assessed to the owners of the abutting properties, under Ordinance No. 630.

New Construction (Highway Aid Fund)

The Department reconstructed the following streets:

HOLME AVENUE from Township Line Road to Chancellor Avenue in McKinley Ward 4;

ROBERTS AVENUE from Ardsley Avenue to Edgecomb Avenue in Glenside Ward 3.

Acceptance of Streets

The Commissioners of the Township of Abington accepted the following streets:

Under Ordinance No. 628:

BIRCHWOOD AVENUE extending from Woodland Road to Rosewood Avenue, Roslyn Ward 8;

ROSEWOOD AVENUE extending from Woodland Road to Fernwood Avenue, Roslyn Ward 8;

NORWOOD AVENUE extending from Fernwood Avenue to Rosewood Avenue, Roslyn Ward 8.

Under Ordinance No. 630:

ROBERTS AVENUE extending from Ardsley Avenue to Edgecomb Avenue, Glenside Ward 3.

Under Ordinance No. 633:

SYLVANIA AVENUE extending from Fairhill Avenue to Rosemore Avenue, Glenside Ward 13.

Under Ordinance No. 635:

HIGH AVENUE extending from Pershing Avenue to Patane Avenue, Roslyn Ward 8;

PATANE AVENUE extending from Arnold Avenue to High Avenue, Roslyn Ward 8;

PERSHING AVENUE extending from Arnold Avenue to a point half way between High Avenue and Reservoir Avenue, Roslyn Ward 8;

RESERVOIR AVENUE in Roslyn Ward 8.

Under Ordinance No. 636:

WOODLAND ROAD extending from Easton Road to East Avenue, Roslyn Ward 8;

EAST AVENUE extending from Woodland Road to existing paving in East Avenue, Roslyn Ward 8;

TRIBEL ROAD, ROMIG ROAD and PATTON ROAD extending from East Avenue to the rear of lots facing on East Avenue, Roslyn Ward 8.

Vacation of Streets

The Commissioners of the Township of Abington vacated by Ordinance No. 632, SILVER AVENUE from Parkview Avenue to Corinthian Ave. in Roychester Ward 10.

Surface Treatment

The Department surface treated 5.71 miles of streets in various wards of the Township.

Subdivisions

The Commissioners of the Township of Abington approved the following plans of subdivision of tracts of lands within the Township:

Cedar Manor Park, McKinley Ward 4;

Sunnyland, Abington Ward 1;

Revised plan of part of Roslyn Homesteads, Roslyn Ward 8;

Farrell Plan, Roslyn Ward 8.

Street Name Changes

Under Ordinance Numbers 639 and 644 the following changes were made in street names in order to eliminate duplication and facilitate location direction:

CLOVERLY LANE WEST extending from Susquehanna Street to Cloverly Lane, now known as KRUGER ROAD;

HAMPTON ROAD extending from Old Welsh Road to Huntingdon Road (right angle), now known as LYNAM ROAD;

HAMPTON ROAD EAST extending from Hampton Road to Rydal Road, now known as AMITY ROAD;

PROSPECT ROAD extending from Rydal Road to Valley Road, now known as COX ROAD;

ALEXANDER ROAD extending from Moredon Road to Warner Road, now known as WARNER ROAD;

CHEROKEE AVENUE extending from New Huntingdon Pike to Roseland Avenue, now known as SIOUX AVENUE;

STOCTON ROAD extending from Valley Road west to right angle, now known as VANSANT ROAD;

CHARLES STREET extending from Pleasant Avenue to Easton Road, now known as FAIRFIELD ROAD;

FAIRFIELD ROAD extending from Roll Avenue to Castlewood Road, now known as ROLL AVENUE;

WHARTON ROAD extending from Jenkintown Road Ward 3 to Keswick Avenue Ward 11, now known as KESWICK AVENUE;

CYPRESS AVENUE extending from Fisher Road to Jenkintown Road, now known as FISHER ROAD;

WELLINGTON ROAD extending from Jenkintown Road to right angle in road, now known as WELLINGTON TERRACE;

KIMBALL AVENUE extending from Old Welsh Road to North Hills Avenue, now known as OLD WELSH ROAD;

OLD WELSH ROAD extending from Kimball Avenue to North Hills Avenue, now known as KIMBALL AVENUE;

BAEDER ROAD extending from Wharton Road Ward 7 to Wharton Road Ward 7, now known as WANAMAKER ROAD;

WHARTON ROAD extending from Wharton Road Ward 11 to Old York Road Ward 7, now known as BAEDER ROAD;

KESWICK AVENUE extending from Parkdale Avenue to Wharton Road, now known as DONALDSON AVENUE;

OAK STREET extending from Wharton Road to Stewart Avenue, now known as WHARTON ROAD;

An unnamed street extending from Crescent Road to Fortune Road, now known as FORTUNE ROAD;

LYNNWOOD AVENUE extending from Roberts Avenue Ward 13 to Keswick Avenue Ward 12, now known as FAIRHILL AVENUE.

New Equipment

The following new equipment was delivered to the Township:

- 150 Street Name Signs;
- 3707' Cyclone Fence and 48' of gates;
- 1 Snow Plow for International Truck;
- 5000' Snow Fence;
- 600 Snow Fence Posts.

Parks and Playgrounds

The usual routine maintenance was performed in the Township Parks and Playgrounds. World War II Memorial Park was excavated, graded and seeded and the channel of the stream through the Game Preserve was cleaned and enlarged.

Refuse Collection

The trucks of the Department traveled a total of 25,140 miles in the collection of refuse. Most of the ashes collected were sorted and placed on unimproved streets, and the remainder of the 2,236 loads of unsorted ashes and non-combustible rubbish collected were deposited on township property in Ardsley. The truck-hours on refuse collection numbered 5,476 and 21,909 man-hours were required for the task.

Miscellaneous Work

The Department erected approximately 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, storm water sewers, storm water inlets and other drainage appurtenances. All streets were plowed during snow periods, and abrasives mixed with calcium chloride were spread on all slippery street conditions.

Bureau of Street Lighting

The total number of street lights in service at the end of the year is as follows:

- 1360—1000 lumen lights
- 2—2500 lumen lights
- 32—6000 lumen lights

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Abington, Pennsylvania

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Road
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GLENSIDE-WELDON ELEMENTARY
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Glenside, Pennsylvania

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Roslyn, Pennsylvania

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Glenside, Pennsylvania

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REFORMED CHURCH
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Glenside, Pennsylvania

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CHURCH
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Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

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Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

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Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

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Roslyn, Pennsylvania

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Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

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Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

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Glenside, Pennsylvania

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