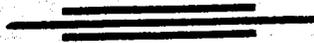


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Township of Abington**

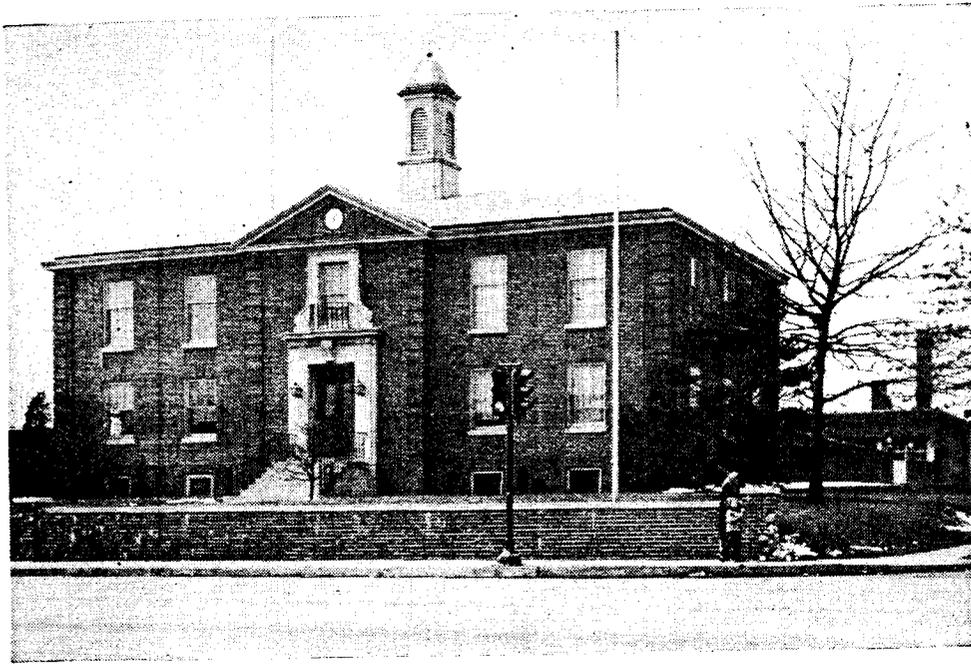
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**Township Municipal Building (erected 1926)**  
**1176 Old York Road, Abington, Pa.**

### **COMMISSIONERS—1953**

Abington Ward No. 1  
EDWIN U. SMILEY  
2022 Susquehanna Street, Abington

Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2  
GEORGE I. GILSON  
637 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  
1106 Sunset Avenue  
Jenkintown, Pa.

Cresmont Ward No. 5  
A. EDWARD HABICHT  
1718 Prospect Avenue  
Willow Grove

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

Noble Ward No. 7  
GEORGE E. MAURER  
1830 Canterbury Road, Abington

Roslyn Ward No. 8  
RAYMOND L. EARLE  
2432 Radcliffe Avenue, Roslyn

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

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  
2158 Menlo Avenue  
Glenside

Glenside Ward No. 13  
JOHN L. TURNBULL, JR.  
340 Roberts Avenue  
Glenside

### **Department of Public Affairs**

EDWIN U. SMILEY, Director  
EUGENE S. RILEY

CALVIN W. FOWLER  
CHARLES F. HETTENBACH

### **Department of Public Safety**

EUGENE S. RILEY, Director  
GEORGE I. GILSON

FRANK E. KREIDER  
CHESTER C. HILINSKI

### **Department of Public Health**

CHARLES F. HETTENBACH, Director  
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### **Department of Public Works**

CALVIN W. FOWLER, Director  
A. EDWARD HABICHT

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RAYMOND L. EARLE

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

CHARLES P. MILLS, Chairman  
HARVEY SMITH  
RICHARD H. HOLLENBERG  
E. RAYMOND AMBLER, Secretary  
DAVID E. GROSHENS, Solicitor

### **Township Auditors**

THOMAS BUNTING, JR.  
IRWIN S. NIBLOCK  
MARQUIS D. BRUNNER

### **Civil Service Commission**

THERMAN P. BRITT, Chairman  
WILLIAM N. FARRAN, JR., Secretary  
GEORGE I. GILSON

### **Trustees Township of Abington Pension Plan and Trust**

GEORGE E. MAURER, Chairman  
JOHN L. TURNBULL, JR.  
EDWIN U. SMILEY  
E. RAYMOND AMBLER, Secretary



Township Municipal Building 1908 - 1926  
1200 Old York Road, Abington



**Township Municipal Building 1906 - 1908  
1225 Old York Road, Abington**

## **TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS**

**GEORGE E. MAURER, President**

**GEORGE I. GILSON, Vice-President**

**E. RAYMOND AMBLER,  
Secretary-Manager**

**A. RUSSELL PARKHOUSE, Treasurer**

**DAVID E. GROSHENS, Solicitor**

**PATRICK McKEE, Chief of Police**

**LOUIS E. BRIGHAM, Bldg. Inspector**

**JOHN MANZINGER, Fire Marshal**

**OLIVER L. KING, Township Engineer**

**ROBERT M. BOLENIUS**

Chief Operator

Sewage Treatment Plant

**GEORGE P. RAPP, Health Officer**

**MONROE C. ROBERTS,**

Plumbing Inspector

**ALBRIGHT & FRIEL, INC.,**

Consulting Engineers

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS MEET ON THE  
SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8 O'CLOCK P. M.

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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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First meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on March 5, 1906, in the  
Weldon Hotel, now the well known Casa Conti Hotel, 467 Easton Road Glenside.

## TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

The Annual Report, of which this is the thirty-ninth published by the Board of Commissioners since 1914, is a means by which the citizens of our township may be kept informed as to the activities and financial condition of their local municipal government, and also provides a permanent township record. A copy of the Annual Report is delivered to each household in the Township and it is also used as a reference book in the schools and libraries.

Much time and effort go into the preparation of the report and it was therefore most gratifying that the 1951 report was given the highest award for general excellence by the Pennsylvania State Association of First Class Townships at its annual conference held at Bedford Springs June 10, 1952, in competition with the first class townships throughout the Commonwealth. The 1951 report also received the merit award in competition with all municipalities in Pennsylvania over 25,000 population in a contest conducted by the Institute of Local Government of the Pennsylvania State College.

The Board of Commissioners, believing that greater efficiency of administration and better coordination of the activities of the various departments could be achieved under the Manager setup, created the office of Township Manager and named E. Raymond Ambler, Secretary for 35 years, as the first Township Manager.

The past year saw considerable activity in various fields of municipal endeavor, some of the highlights of which are set forth in this report, including a chart showing how your tax dollar was spent in 1952. Dedication of the Court of Honor at the World War II Memorial Park took place on May 30. A retirement program based on Social Security and a supplemental pension plan was established for township employees except those covered by the police pension fund. The township lost three employees through death; Guisepe Lorusso, a member of the highway force since 1904; William J. Scott, a police officer since 1929; and Camillo Pantalone who worked for the township at various times in 1933, 1934, and 1952.

One of the most vexing problems confronting your township officials is that of controlling dogs running at large. This problem has been accentuated by the rapid development of vacant land into homesites during the past several years. An article concerning dog control appears in this report and every dog owner is urged to give same their serious and thoughtful consideration.

This rapid growth has brought with it the need for larger administrative quarters and an incinerator plant for the disposal of refuse and garbage. Plans were prepared and bids taken in 1941 for an addition to the Present Township Building but contracts were not awarded due to war conditions. A 16-acre tract containing an abandoned quarry hole on Fitzwatertown Road opposite the sewage treatment plant was acquired in 1945 as the site for an incinerator. It is hoped that both these projects may be realized in the very near future.

The 50th anniversary of the incorporation of Abington as a first-class township will be celebrated in 1956 and it is expected that the groundwork will be laid in the coming year looking toward an appropriate observance of the occasion. A brief history of the Township has been compiled and it is hoped that this will be supplemented by additional information and pictures which may be in the possession of residents or friends of our township and made available for this celebration.

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

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners,

GEORGE E. MAURER, President

## CALL THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE—OGONTZ 5000

For General Township Information  
For Highway Information  
For Health Information  
For Sewer Information  
For Building Information  
For Zoning Information  
For Garbage Collection Service  
For Tax Assessment Information  
For Tax Collection Information  
Office Hours 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.  
Saturdays 9 A.M. to 12 Noon  
Holidays Excepted

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### FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE

CALL BUREAU OF POLICE

OGONTZ 2700

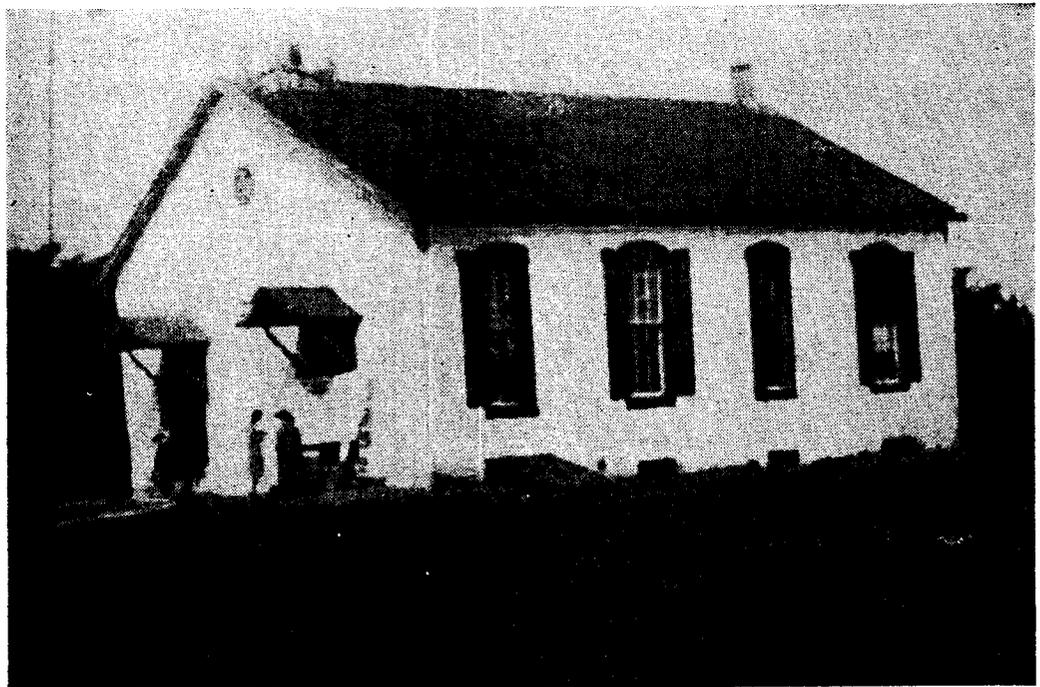
OFFICE ALWAYS OPEN

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### IN CASE OF FIRE

CALL OGONTZ 2700

Operators at Switchboard 24 hours of the day.



Old Saw Mill Hill School House, oldest public school building in the township,  
now the Bethel Baptist Church, 855 Old Huntingdon Pike.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Department of Public Affairs submits a brief review of its activities including a summary of estimated receipts, disbursements and balances in conjunction with the Auditors' Report.

### Bureau of Library

The Board of Commissioners approved a contribution of \$750. to the Abington Library and \$750. to the Community Free Library of Glenside for the year 1952.

### Bureau of Miscellaneous

The Board of Commissioners authorized the annual contribution of \$2,000 to the Abington Township Police Pension Investment Fund. The Association closed the year with a cash balance of \$6,572.87 in the General Fund and \$21,196.72 in the Investment Fund. The Trustees have \$91,744.21 invested in first mortgages, and \$132,000 in United States Government Securities.

The Board of Commissioners approved a contribution of \$250 to the Old York Road Public Health Nursing Center, Inc., for the year 1952.

### Sinking Funds

The bond tax levied and collected for the year 1952 amounted to \$70,000 was deposited into the sinking funds. Orders were drawn on the sinking funds for \$34,360.00 for the payment of coupon interest.

Bonds maturing in the amount of \$261,000 were paid. The total outstanding bonds as of January 5, 1953 were \$2,850,000 with a sinking fund credit of \$525,299.80 or a net bonded indebtedness of \$2,324,700.20. Sewer Assessment Liens receivable amounting to \$388,349.80 when collected are applicable to the payment of the outstanding indebtedness.

### Investment of Funds

The accumulated or reserve funds in the special accounts and sinking funds amounting to \$720,000 were invested in United States Government securities and Certificates of Bank Deposit drawing interest at the rate of 1 1/2 % to 2 1/8 % pending activity in the accounts.

### Loyalty Oath

The loyalty oath was administered to all the employees of the Township as required by the Pennsylvania Loyalty Act of 463 approved December 22, 1951.

### Independent Audit

The firm of Charles S. Rockey & Company, Certified Public Accountants, Philadelphia, was engaged to make independent quarterly audits during the year 1952 of the accounts and financial records of the Township and Township Treasurer's office for the benefit of the Commissioner members of the Board.

## **Amusement Tax**

The 5% Amusement Tax which yielded \$40,344.38 in 1952 was re-enacted for the year commencing January 1, 1953 and is estimated to yield \$38,000 for general township purposes.

## **Deed Transfer Tax**

The 1% Stamp Tax Upon Deeds based on the value of real estate transferred within the township in 1952 yielded \$85,117.50 and was re-enacted for the year 1953 to provide revenue for highway purposes. The revenues estimated to be received from the tax is \$60,000.

The rules and regulations relating to the collection of the tax were amended to conform with those of the School District of Abington and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who likewise levy a realty transfer tax to avoid confusion resulting from dissimilar exemptions and to provide uniformity of collections at the settlement of real estate transfers.

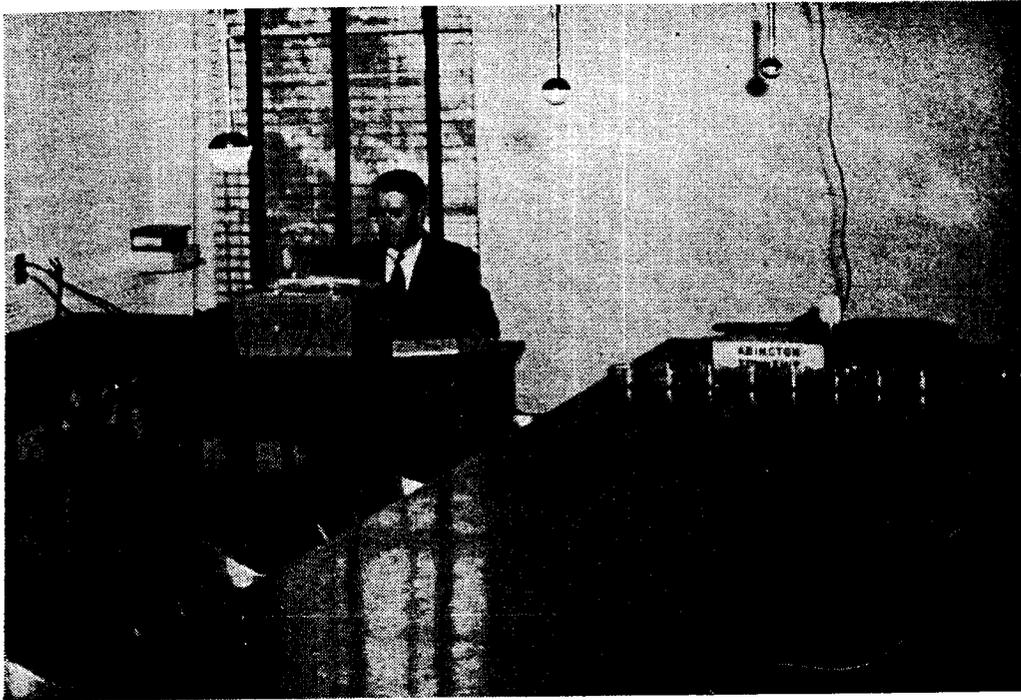
## **Social Security and Retirement Plan**

All employees of the township, other than those who are members of the Abington Township Police Pension Association, were brought under the provisions of Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance with coverage from January 1, 1951 under the terms of the Plan and Agreement approved by the Bureau of Social Security for Public Employees of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Board of Commissioners established a Pension Plan and Trust, effective December 1, 1952, for full time township employees, other than those covered by the Police Pension Plan, based upon an actuarial study and report made by Mr. Paul Rosenbaum, pension plan consultant, Philadelphia. The plan is designed to supplement Social Security benefits. Funds for the payments of pensions are derived from payments by the Township into the Pension Fund and from contributions by members based upon percentages of monthly income. Normal retirement age is 65, provided the member has completed 15 or more years of Service. A monthly pension, payable for life, commencing with normal retirement date, is computed upon percentages of basic monthly compensation by the employee's years of past and future credited service. The maximum total number of years credited service is 30 years. The plan is administered by three appointed Trustees who must be members of the Board of Commissioners.

## **Safety Regulations—Board Room**

It became necessary for the Board of Commissioners, as the result of the serious overcrowding of the Board Room at public meetings and public hearings which greatly increased the risk of fire and panic at such meetings, to adopt a resolution limiting the attendance in the Board Room to 50 persons at any one time and prohibiting any persons from standing or gathering in the adjacent hallway or on the adjacent stairway. For the proper transaction of public business the Chief of Police shall admit persons to the Board Room in the order of priority as follows: Township officials; Township employees, Members of the Press; Spokesmen for groups of taxpayers; their counsel; persons having particular business to transact with the Board; persons called to testify before the Board, and spectators.



**Revere Tape Recording System installed in Board Room.**

### **Baederwood Park**

A water line and two self-draining hydrants were installed in Baederwood Park which greatly added to the convenience of the many families who avail themselves of the picnic and playground facilities in this popular park each Summer.

The Board of Commissions engaged a caretaker for Baederwood Park, five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. during school vacation for the protection of the younger children and the safeguard of the existing facilities in the park.

### **Roychester Park**

A contract was awarded for the construction of two all-weather tennis courts at Roychester Park which are expected to be ready for use in the summer of 1953.

This is one of a series of improvements and recreational facilities to be provided in the various parks and playgrounds in accordance with long range park development plans prepared for the Township by George B. Mebus, Registered Professional Engineer, Glenside.

### **Penbryn Park**

The Township has now taken title to all but a few lots in the 16 acre tract of land in the North Hills Ward being acquired for park and playground purposes, and the next step will be the vacation of certain streets that run through the park property.



### **World War II Memorial Park**

Dedication of the Memorial Stone and Eternal Light given through the Abington Township Association was marked by fitting public ceremonies at the World War II Memorial Park on May 30, 1952. Inscribed upon the granite insert are the names of those who lost their lives in World War II and the war in Korea.

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

*General Funds*

RECEIPTS	Received 1952	Estimated in Budget for 1953
Cash and Securities for appropriation .....	\$ 59,609.96	\$139,056.57
<b>Taxes</b>		
A. Current Levy .....	517,725.42	494,760.00
B. Prior years including penalties and interest .....	33,853.49	30,000.00
Licenses and permits .....	50,678.78	36,200.00
Fines and Forfeits .....	5,220.00	2,000.00
<b>Other Revenue Receipts,</b>		
Amusement and Deed Transfer Tax .....	125,461.87	98,000.00
Total miscellaneous non-revenue receipts .....	2,591.74	1,000.00
<b>Total Receipts and Cash</b> .....	<u>\$800,141.23</u>	<u>\$801,016.57</u>

EXPENDITURES	Expended 1952	Estimated Expenditures 1953
<b>For Operation and Maintenance</b>		
General Government .....	\$ 76,886.26	101,610.00
Protection to Persons and Property .....	202,353.31	252,340.00
Health and Sanitation .....	68,114.28	85,500.00
Highways .....	140,261.05	173,561.95
Library .....	1,500.00	1,500.00
Recreation .....	26,250.00	38,000.00
Miscellaneous .....	21,677.35	37,504.62
<b>For Capital Outlay</b>		
Highways .....	42,283.42	41,500.00
<b>For Debt Service</b>		
Interest .....	1,958.17	3,000.00
Transfers to Sinking Fund .....	70,000.00	66,500.00
For 2% Commission Land Liens .....	498.20	
For 2% Discount 1952 Taxes .....	9,302.62	
<b>Total Expenditures</b> .....	<u>\$661,084.66</u>	<u>\$801,016.57</u>
Unappropriated Balance, if any .....	\$139,056.57	

## PROPERTY VALUATION AND TAX LEVY FOR 1952

	Ward	Assessment	Tax Levied
ABINGTON .....	No. 1	\$ 4,808,150.00	\$ 72,122.46
SAW MILL HILL .....	No. 2	5,435,350.00	81,530.46
GLENSIDE .....	No. 3	1,585,650.00	23,784.75
McKINLEY .....	No. 4	3,940,900.00	59,113.95
CRESTMONT .....	No. 5	1,467,825.00	22,017.94
NORTH HILLS .....	No. 6	2,285,750.00	34,286.35
NOBLE .....	No. 7	3,280,950.00	49,214.29
ROSLYN .....	No. 8	3,571,050.00	53,566.54
ARDSLEY .....	No. 9	1,396,050.00	20,941.03
ROYCHESTER .....	No. 10	2,317,250.00	34,758.95
GLENSIDE .....	No. 11	1,914,750.00	28,721.40
GLENSIDE .....	No. 12	2,274,625.00	34,119.38
GLENSIDE .....	No. 13	1,818,450.00	27,276.75
		\$36,096,750.00	\$541,454.25
	1950	1951	1952
Property Valuation .....	\$32,524,605	\$33,730,000	\$36,096,750
Valuation Tax Exempt Property .....	4,528,000	4,540,000	4,567,950

## TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Fiscal Year 1st Monday January	Total Property Tax	Uncollected End Fiscal Year	Uncollected Latest Avail- able Date Jan. 5, 1953
1949	\$439,683.80	\$25,625.83	NONE
1950	455,720.00	25,283.38	NONE
1951	507,368.74	23,860.51	NONE
1952	542,635.43	24,910.01	\$24,910.01

Tax Liens are filed with County first Monday of May following the year of levy and balances of uncollected taxes at end of year include the items 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 5, 1953, which will be billed July 15.

General Township Purposes—10-1/2 mills  
 Special Bond Tax—1-3/4 mills  
 Park and Shade Tree Tax—3/4 mill  
 Fire Tax—3/4 mill  
 Pension Tax—1/4 mill

2% discount if paid prior to September 15, 5% penalty added on November 15.

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.

## BONDED DEBT

The Township of Abington, from 1906 to 1952 inclusive, had twenty-three bond issues, totaling \$4,924,000 and has never defaulted in its debt obligation.

	Bonds Outstanding	Sinking Funds	Net
January 1, 1953 .....	\$2,850,000	\$525,299.80	\$2,324,700.20
January 1, 1952 .....	2,761,000	434,637.64	2,326,362.36
January 1, 1951 .....	2,746,000	391,835.66	2,354,164.34
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

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

2% under councilmanic authority.

5% under electorate authority.

## SINKING FUND

### CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCE

Loan	Securities Bank Balance Jan. 7, 1952	Received by Assessments, Agreements Transfer & Interest	Cash Paid Transfer, Coupon Interest & Redemption of Bonds	Securities & Bank Balance Jan. 5, 1953
1931	\$ 65.25		65.25	
1946	71,815.93	\$ 93,447.22	\$ 52,010.00	\$113,253.15
1946-A	17,507.96		17,507.96	
1946-B	35,345.43		35,345.43	
1947	52,020.33	11,090.80	63,111.13	
1948	138,514.31	28,825.43	56,687.50	110,652.24
1949	103,818.23	46,573.79	33,000.00	117,392.02
1950	15,550.20	185,582.65	113,500.00	87,632.85
1951		101,182.04	4,812.50	96,369.54
	\$434,637.64	\$466,701.93	\$376,039.77	\$525,299.80

## TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

The 1952 Tax Anticipation Note of \$200,000 dated January 30, 1952, was sold to Coffin, Betz and Company (for the Pennsylvania Company for Banking and Trusts), Philadelphia, at an interest rate of 1.07% per annum. This note was paid September 30 from the 1952 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 5, 1953 are—

	Cash Balance	U. S. Gov't Securities
General Funds .....	\$139,056.57	\$
Park and Shade Tree Fund .....	39,498.39	
Permanent Improvement Fund .....	60,122.21	40,000.00
Highway Aid Fund .....	18,815.95	
Sewer Fund .....	73,275.68	400,000.00
Sewer Extension Fund .....	31,416.12	70,000.00
Sinking Funds .....	315,299.80	210,000.00

**TOWNSHIP AUDITORS' REPORT**  
**For the Fiscal Year 1952**  
**General Funds**

CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES

Bank Balances, General Funds, January 7, 1952 .....\$ 59,609.96

RECEIPTS

Received account of Miscellaneous Receipts .....	\$ 58,079.97
Received account of 1951 Taxes and Penalties .....	13,943.23
Received account of 1952 Taxes.....	517,574.17
Received account of 1952 Penalties .....	151.25
Received account of Land Liens .....	20,166.56
Received account of Penalties and Interest on Land Liens.....	4,743.70
Received account of Amusement Tax .....	40,344.37
Received account of Deed Transfer Tax .....	85,117.50
Received account of Social Security Deductions .....	410.52
	740,531.27
	\$800,141.23

DISBURSEMENTS

General Government .....	\$ 76,886.26
Protection to Persons and Property .....	202,353.31
Health .....	68,114.28
Highways .....	162,471.05
Library .....	1,530.00
Miscellaneous .....	21,677.35
Interest .....	1,958.17
Transfer to Sinking Funds (Special Tax) .....	70,000.00
Transfer to Park and Shade Tree Fund (Special Tax) .....	26,250.00
Transfer to Permanent Improvement Fund .....	14,000.00
Transfer to Highway Aid Fund .....	6,073.42
2% Commission on Land Liens deducted by County Treasurer .....	498.20
2% Discount deducted from 1952 Taxes .....	9,302.62
	661,084.66
Bank Balances, General Funds, January 5, 1953 .....	139,056.57
	\$800,141.23

**TAXES RECEIVABLE — 1952**  
 (BY TOWNSHIP TREASURER)

Taxes Receivable January 7, 1952

	Total	Current	Delinquent
Delinquent Taxes and Penalties .....	\$ 23,860.51	-	\$ 23,860.51
Add:			
1952 Tax (adjusted) .....	\$541,303.93	\$541,303.93	\$
1952 Penalties .....	1,331.50	1,331.50	-
Adjusted 1951 Duplicate .....	60.73	-	60.73
Total Additions .....	\$542,696.16	\$542,635.43	\$ 60.73
Total .....	\$566,556.67	\$542,635.43	\$ 23,921.24
Deduct:			
Collection Delinquent Taxes and Penalties 1951 .....	\$ 13,943.23	\$	\$ 13,943.23
Liens filed for 1951 Taxes .....	9,978.01	-	9,978.01
Collection 1952 Tax .....	517,574.17	517,574.17	-
Collection 1952 Penalties .....	151.25	151.25	-
	\$41,646.66	\$517,725.42	\$ 23,921.24
Taxes Receivable January 5, 1953 .....	\$ 24,910.01	\$ 24,910.01	-

**TAXES RECEIVABLE**  
(BY COUNTY — LAND LIENS)

Year	Balance Jan. 7, 1952	Added	Collected	Adjust- ments	Balance Jan. 5, 1953
1951 (Liened May 5, 1952)		\$ 9,978.01	\$ 5,188.42		\$ 4,789.59
1950 .....	\$ 6,094.33		3,446.33		2,648.00
1949 .....	2,804.90		1,783.06		1,021.84
1948 .....	1,600.62		1,285.76		314.86
Prior Years (1944-1947 Inclusive) .....	33,963.37		8,462.99	\$17,174.97	8,325.41
Penalties and Interest		4,743.70	4,743.70		
	<u>\$44,463.22</u>	<u>\$14,721.71</u>	<u>\$24,910.26</u>	<u>\$17,174.97</u>	<u>\$17,099.70</u>

**SEWER EXTENSION FUND**  
CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES

BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 7, 1952 .....	\$
Investments, January 7, 1952 .....	\$
RECEIPTS	
Sewer Assessment Liens .....	\$ 16,820.64
Penalty, Interest and Costs on Assessment Liens .....	3,868.69
Bank Interest .....	47.02
Transfer from Sinking Funds .....	80.679.77
Total Receipts .....	<u>\$101,416.12</u>
Total Receipts and Balance .....	<u>\$101,416.12</u>
DISBURSEMENTS	
NONE	
BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 5, 1953 .....	\$ 31,416.12
Investments, January 5, 1953 .....	\$ 70,000.00

**HIGHWAY AID FUND**  
CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES

BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 7, 1952 .....	\$ 9,286.65
RECEIPTS	
State Motor License Fund Grants .....	\$27,830.36
Transfer from General Fund Account of Match Money .....	6,073.42
Total Receipts .....	<u>\$33,903.78</u>
Total Receipts and Balance .....	<u>\$ 43,190.43</u>
DISBURSEMENTS	
Street Signs and Markings .....	\$ 1,871.04
Maintenance and Repair of Streets .....	12,824.46
Snow Removal .....	3,332.58
Construction for Surface Drainage—Match Money .....	6,346.40
Total Disbursements .....	<u>\$ 24,374.48</u>
BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 5, 1953 .....	\$ 18,815.95

## PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

### CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES

#### BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 7, 1952 .....	\$ 23,876.97
Investments, January 7, 1952 .....	65,000.00
	\$ 88,876.97

#### RECEIPTS

Improvements Liens .....	\$ 35,921.05
Penalties, Interest and Costs on Improvement Liens .....	495.03
Rental of Township Property .....	6,420.00
Interest on Investments .....	1,151.65
Transfer to Sidewalk Improvements .....	10,000.00
Transfer to Incinerator Fund .....	4,000.00
	\$ 57,987.73
Total Receipts .....	\$ 57,987.73
Total Receipts and Balance .....	\$146,864.70

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Sidewalk Improvements .....	\$ 7,259.50
Street Improvements .....	38,596.46
Depository Expense .....	82.88
Repairs to Buildings .....	803.65
Total Disbursements .....	\$ 46,742.49

#### BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 5, 1953 .....	\$ 60,122.21
Investments, January 5, 1953 .....	\$ 40,000.00

## IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT LIENS

	Balance Jan. 7, 1952	Assessments Levied 1952	Collected 1952	Balance Jan. 5, 1953
Permanent Improvement Fund .....	\$ 8,162.35	\$ 34,768.69	\$ 35,921.05	\$ 7,009.99
Sewer Fund .....	1,929.64	2,449.66	1,124.92	3,254.38
Sewer Extension Fund .....	33,063.83	12,120.76*	16,820.64	28,363.95
Sinking Funds .....	\$250,943.41	\$488,728.53	\$339,201.38	\$388,349.80

\*Transferred from Loan 1947 to Sewer Extension Fund

## SEWER FUND

### CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCE

BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 7, 1952 .....	\$503,495.84
Investments, January 7, 1952 .....	500,000.00
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RECEIPTS	
Proceeds 1952 Bond Issue .....	\$ 7,000.00
Interest on Investments .....	6,873.17
Sewer Rental .....	57,331.29
Sewer Connection Charges .....	39,733.00
Sewer Improvement Liens .....	1,124.92
Refund, Operation Sewer System and Plant .....	2,128.83
Sale of Land .....	100.00
Sewer Plan Deposits .....	45.00
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Total Receipts .....	\$ 114,336.21
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Total Receipts and Balances .....	\$1,117,832.05
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DISBURSEMENTS	
Salaries .....	\$ 26,109.34
Office Expenses .....	1,747.71
Refund Sewer Rentals and Sewer Charges .....	6,315.20
Operation and Maintenance Township System .....	20,027.29
Other Expenses .....	380.81
Engineering Fees .....	36,699.25
Sewer Connections .....	38,308.51
Contracts: Township Sewer System .....	512,299.92
Legal Expenses .....	2,154.96
Bond Issue .....	513.24
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Total Disbursements .....	\$ 644,556.17

BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 5, 1953 .....	\$ 73,275.88
Investments, January 5, 1953 .....	\$ 400,000.00

## PARK & SHADE TREE FUND

### CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES

BALANCES	
Cash in Bank, January 7, 1952 .....	\$ 26,296.16
Investments .....	20,000.00
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\$ 46,296.16	
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RECEIPTS	
Transfer from General Fund, Special Tax .....	\$ 26,250.00
Interest on Investments .....	150.71
Rent of Property .....	300.00
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\$ 26,700.71	
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Total Receipts and Balance .....	\$ 72,996.87

DISBURSEMENTS	
General Maintenance Expenses .....	\$ 6,580.99
Maintenance Equipment .....	593.54
<b>Capital</b>	
Improvement and Purchase of Land .....	26,323.95
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$ 33,498.48</b>

BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 5, 1953 .....	\$ 39,498.39

## BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AND SINKING FUNDS

### GROSS BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

	Outstanding Jan. 7, 1952	Bonds Issued Current Year	Bonds Paid Current Year	Outstanding Jan. 5, 1953
Councilmanic Authority .....	\$1,160,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$220,000.00	\$1,290,000.00
Electorate Authority .....	1,601,000.00		41,000.00	1,560,000.00
<b>Total Gross Bonded Debt .....</b>	<b>\$2,761,000.00</b>	<b>\$350,000.00</b>	<b>\$261,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,850,000.00</b>

### SINKING FUNDS

#### CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES

BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 7, 1952 .....	\$299,637.64
Investments, January 7, 1952 .....	135,000.00
	<u>\$434,637.64</u>

RECEIPTS	
Bond Tax .....	\$ 70,000.00
Interest on Investments .....	5,878.47
Sewer Assessment Liens .....	339,205.88
Sewer Agreements .....	39,583.04
Penalty, Interest and Costs on Assessment Liens .....	12,034.54
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$466,701.93</b>
<b>Total Receipts and Balance .....</b>	<b>\$901,339.57</b>

DISBURSEMENTS	
Coupon Interest .....	\$ 34,360.00
Redemption of Bonds .....	261,000.00
Transfer to Sewer Extension Fund .....	80,679.77
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$376,039.77</b>

BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 5, 1953 .....	\$315,299.80
Investments, January 5, 1953 .....	210,000.00

## CASH ASSETS

Bank Balances, General Funds .....	\$ 139,056.57
Bank Balance, Park and Shade Tree Fund .....	39,498.39
Bank Balance, Permanent Improvement Fund .....	30,122.21
Bank Balance, Highway Aid Fund .....	18,815.95
Bank Balance, Sewer Fund .....	73,275.68
Sewer Extension Fund .....	31,416.12
Taxes Receivable .....	24,910.01
Tax Liens Receivable .....	17,099.79
Refunds Receivable .....	3,600.00
Improvement Liens Receivable .....	38,628.32
Government Securities:	
Permanent Improvement Fund .....	40,000.00
Sewer Fund .....	400,000.00
Sewer Extension Fund .....	70,000.00
	\$ 956,423.15

## CASH ASSETS — BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Bank Balances, Sinking Funds .....	\$ 315,299.80
Government Securities .....	210,000.00
Improvement Assessment Liens Receivable .....	58,349.80
	\$ 583,649.60

## LIABILITIES — BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Bonds, Electorate .....	\$1,560,000.00
Outstanding Bonds, Councilmanic .....	1,290,000.00
	\$2,850,000.00

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, 1952, and ending on the First Monday of January, 1953, 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. (Refunds Receivable have been paid.)

Abington, Pennsylvania  
March 9, 1953

THOMAS BUNTING, JR.,  
MARQUIS D. BRUNNER  
IRWIN S. NIBLOCK

Township Auditors

Attest:  
E. RAYMOND AMBLER, Secretary

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Department of Public Safety submits a brief review of the activities in the Bureau of Police, Fire Protection, and Building Regulation and Zoning.

### Bureau of Police

There were 660 arrests during the year 1952, of which 149 were for violations of Township ordinances, 410 for violations of the State Motor Code. Sixty-eight lodgers were accommodated.

The value of stolen goods recovered amounted to \$34,677.20.

Cases reported to Coroner .....	13
Dangerous condition reported in roads, trees, wires .....	88
Dogs killed by Police Officers .....	108
Fires reported .....	256
Persons reported injured in accidents .....	178
Prisoners fingerprinted and photographed .....	42
Street lights reported out .....	357

### Police Personnel

A number of changes occurred in the police force during the past year. Two patrolmen resigned and one died. One sergeant resigned and one retired on pension. One Patrolman was advanced to Sergeant and two patrolmen were appointed to the force as of July 1, 1952. The Civil Service Commission has been requested to hold an examination and certify a list of eligibles for the position of patrolman. It is anticipated that the Board of Commissioners early in 1953 will advance two patrolmen to Sergeants and appoint five new patrolmen which will bring the force up to its normal complement of 32 officers and two mechanics.

### Traffic Regulations

Standard corner post traffic signals were installed at the intersection of Jenkintown Road and Tyson Avenue, Ardsley; and at the intersection of Keswick and Mt. Carmel Avenues, Glenside.

The State Department of Highways designated Fox Chase Road as a thru highway from Meetinghouse Road to Huntingdon Pike and erected Stop signs at all intersecting streets.

A survey has been made of all the business districts in the Township and consideration is being given to the possible installation of parking meters.

School zone, cross-walk and safety lines were painted on the highways in the vicinity of the various schools. Officer John Condon was designated Safety Officer to coordinate the activities of the Safety Squads at the various schools.

### Police Automobiles

The Department replaced five patrol cars with new automobiles during the year.

### Civil Service Commission

The Civil Service Commission rules and regulations were amended making the age requirements for applicants for position of patrolman 21 to 32 years in lieu of 21 to 30 years.

## Transient Retail Ordinance

Ordinance No. 693 was enacted May 8, 1952, regulating solicitors, peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants or transient vendors of merchandise, traveling junk dealers and similar occupations in the Township of Abington, declaring it to be a nuisance for those engaging in such pursuits to go in or upon private residences without having been requested or invited to do so; providing penalties for the violation thereof; and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith.

## Civil Defense Council

Director ..... A. Russell Parkhouse  
Deputy Director ..... Norman Beebee  
Deputy Director ..... Dixey M. Hilliard  
Administrative Officer ..... William R. Cross  
Secretary ..... William J. Jobling

DIVISION 1—Education and Training ..... Dr. O. H. English  
DIVISION 2—Security ..... Eugene S. Riley  
DIVISION 3—Communications ..... Chester C. Hilinski  
DIVISION 4—Engineering & Public Works ..... Oliver L. King  
DIVISION 5—Medical and Health Services ..... Dr. Robert M. Packer, Jr.  
DIVISION 6—Evacuation and Transportation ..... Norman Beebee  
DIVISION 7—Technical Defense ..... Earle Webster  
DIVISION 8—Auxiliaries ..... Joseph McMahon  
Other member of Council ..... General L. W. T. Waller



Roslyn Fire Company No. 1 Community Ambulance

## 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 1952 follows:

	Abington	McKinley	Weldon	Edge Hill	Roslyn
Balance in General Fund 1/1/52 .....	\$ 1,869.16	\$ 4,439.05	\$ 2,672.34	\$ 6,707.70	\$ 5,114.30
Received during year .....	16,482.09	8,839.99	12,998.80	11,461.34	12,477.05
Total Receipts and Balance .....	<u>18,351.25</u>	<u>13,279.04</u>	<u>15,671.14</u>	<u>18,169.04</u>	<u>17,591.35</u>
Expenditures during the year .....	4,935.95	4,544.04	6,865.34	9,418.88	5,120.77
Transfer to Special Accounts .....	10,009.49		6,000.00		7,791.60
Total Expenditures and Transfers .....	<u>14,945.44</u>	<u>4,544.04</u>	<u>12,865.34</u>	<u>9,418.88</u>	<u>12,912.37</u>
Balance in General Fund 12/31/52 .....	3,405.81	8,735.00	2,805.80	8,750.16	4,678.98
Cash held in Special Funds .....	18,404.29	9,536.86	10,186.57		5,154.30
Assets .....	68,356.59	69,962.60	70,492.37	81,191.93	62,460.97
Liabilities .....				13,500.00	5,422.45
Ambulance Fund .....					8,607.70

## BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION

The annual audit of the accounts of the five volunteer fire companies appear on page 22 and again indicates to the township they have a well managed and financially sound fire department.

Beginning in 1952 the appropriation to the fire companies was increased to an amount equivalent to one mill tax on the assessed valuation of real estate on which the current year's budget is based. In 1952 this amounted to \$7,000 per company. Several of the companies have indicated they will discontinue canvassing their communities for voluntary contributions.

### Fire Hydrants

Six fire hydrants were installed during the year making a total of 334 hydrants in the township service.



Recent Addition to Roslyn Fire House



## D O G S

The Township of Abington is fast changing from its rural to almost the city type of living caused by the acreage in many farms and estates being subdivided into lots ranging from 50 to 100 or more feet frontage and many homes being erected thereon.

This change results in a serious problem concerning the dogs and the restricted life they must live. No longer does one or two dogs have 50 acres on which to roam and still be on his master's property. Instead there are possibly 200 homes on this farm resulting in a possible 150 dogs to roam the same area formerly occupied by but a few dogs.

The dog nuisance problem has been increasing year by year as the farms and estates are turned into home developments and is accentuated by the carelessness of owners in failing to protect their dog and keep him within the confines of his property. The law requires all dogs to be licensed but such license does not give the dog the privilege of running at large on the highway or on other peoples property. It does not give a dog, licensed or unlicensed, on a leash or loose, the privilege to take its morning exercise on the sidewalks and property of others, causing a very filthy nuisance to pedestrian traffic and other property owners who do not keep dogs because of the small lot area on which his home is built and where he is trying to rear his small children free of unnecessary filth.

The Department of Public Safety has been conferring with officers of the SPCA for several years in an effort that the situation might be relieved but no agreement has been concluded. It appears that the problem will be placed in the Department of Public Safety's hands for a solution early in the year 1953.

The Board of Township Commissioners urge that all owners of dogs keep them on their own property and under control at all times to prevent any interference with pedestrian traffic and damage being done to the property of others and for the safety of the dog you love.

# BUREAU OF BUILDING REGULATION & ZONING

## Building Activities

One thousand, one hundred ninety-one applications were received and Building Permits issued during the year 1952 at an estimated cost as follows:

699	Dwellings .....	\$ 8,890,930.00
229	Alterations, Additions & Repairs .....	869,432.00
97	Garages .....	81,715.00
113	Oil Burners .....	77,860.00
21	Signs .....	6,367.50
5	Store Buildings .....	21,500.00
3	Apartment Buildings .....	2,077,000.00
6	Sheds .....	5,750.00
3	Greenhouses .....	2,000.00
1	Sale and Storage Building .....	15,000.00
1	Office Building .....	1,200.00
1	Medical Building .....	8,000.00
1	Service Station .....	14,000.00
1	Elevator .....	1,000.00
1	Store and Apartment .....	12,000.00
2	Auto Sales & Service Building .....	96,000.00
2	Manufacturing Buildings .....	560,000.00
1	Oil Tank .....	250.00
1	Church & Sunday School Building .....	75,000.00
3	Demolished—(Greenhouse, Service Station and Church)	
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1191		\$12,815,004.50

DWELLING		SEPARATE GARAGES AND SERVICE STATIONS		
1948	361 Estimated Cost .....	\$3,828,691.00	54 Estimated Cost .....	\$ 74,522.00
1949	331 Estimated Cost .....	3,485,676.00	59 Estimated Cost .....	82,353.00
1950	547 Estimated Cost .....	5,968,483.00	69 Estimated Cost .....	54,525.00
1951	733 Estimated Cost .....	8,004,201.00	74 Estimated Cost .....	110,570.00
1952	699 Estimated Cost .....	8,890,930.00	98 Estimated Cost .....	95,715.00

## 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 Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Abington as follows:

Application No. 52-1 — Appeal of Karl H. Wiegmann, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect a one-family dwelling and two-car attached garage (to encroach 10 feet in the front yard restricted area) on the premises situate on the Easterly side of Robyn Road, 120.08 feet South of King Road, being Lot 43, Plan of King's Oaks, zoned in the "V" Residence District, in the Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-2 — Application of Harriet F. Ewing, for a special exception, to convert the existing two-family dwelling for a three-family occupancy, on the premises situate on the Southwest corner of Upland Avenue and Center Avenue (known as 1602 Upland Avenue) zoned in the "H" Residence District in the Noble Ward No. 7 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-3 — Application of Albert J. Mellon & Sons, Applicant and Thomas and Margaret Haag, Owners, for a special exception, to erect a one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, situate on the Northeast side of Chancellor Avenue, 50 feet southeast of Northwood Avenue, being Lots 270 and 271, Plan of Burholme Hills, 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. Granted.

Application No. 52-4 — Application of R. Norman Reeves, for a special exception to erect a one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, being an interior lot having a frontage of 30 feet on the northwest side of Papermill Road, 425 feet northeast of the C/1 of Welsh Road, zoned in the "V" Residence District in the Abington Ward No. 1 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-5 — Application of Isard-Risen Company, for a special exception, to erect a one-family dwelling with attached garage on a non-conforming lot, situate on the southwest side of Michael Road, 722.85 feet west of Glenbrook Road, being Lot 39, Plan of Rydalbrook, Section No. 2, zoned in the "V" Residence District in the Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-6 — Application of Isard-Risen Co., for a special exception, to erect two one-family dwellings with attached garages on two contiguous non-conforming lots, situate on the southerly side of Carol Road, 252.61 feet and 316.68 feet west of Glenbrook Road, being Lots 58 and 57, Plan of Rydalbrook, Section No. 2, zoned in the "V" Residence District, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-7 — Application of Isard-Risen Co., to erect two one-family dwellings with attached garages on two contiguous non-conforming lots, situate on the northerly side of Carol Road, 371.63 feet and 451.63 feet west of Glenbrook Road, being Lots 65 and 66, Plan of Rydalbrook, Section No. 2, zoned in the "V" Residence District in the Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-8 — Application of Brady L. Bryner, Applicant, and Bryner Chevrolet Company, Inc., owners, for a special exception to erect an Automobile Sales and Service Building (to encroach 20 feet in the rear yard restricted area), situate on the northwest side of York Road, 420.40 feet northeast of Township Line Road, zoned in the "F" Commercial District in the McKinley Ward No. 4 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-9 — Application of Theodore Safhos, for a special exception, to erect a one-family dwelling with attached garage on a non-conforming lot, situate on the northwest side of Monroe Avenue, 120 feet southwest of Spear Avenue, being Lots 276 and 277, Plan of Ferguson, 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. Granted.

Application No. 52-11 — Appeal of James H. Boyd, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect a one-family dwelling (to encroach 2.5 feet in the one side yard restricted area), on the premises situate on the Northeast side of Moredon Road, 304.50 feet Northwest of Huntingdon Pike, being Lot 5, Plan of Bryn-Tun, zoned in the "V" Residence District in the Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-12 — Appeal of Dr. William A. Smith, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect an addition to the existing dwelling (to encroach 6 feet in the Easton Road front yard restricted area and 14 feet in the Oakdale Avenue front yard restricted area), on the premises situate on the Southerly corner of Easton Road and Oakdale Avenue, zoned in the "T" Residence District in the Glenside Ward No. 12, of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Refused.

Application No. 52-13 — Appeal of C. William West, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect a one-car attached garage (to encroach 8 feet in the front yard restricted area), on the premises situate on the southwest side of Parkdale Avenue, 61.80 feet southwest of Edgley Avenue (known as 2084 Parkdale Avenue), 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. Granted.

Application No. 52-14 — Appeal of James A. McHugh, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect a one-car attached garage (to encroach 6 feet in the front yard restricted area and 5 feet in the one side yard restricted area), on the premises situate on the northeast side of Parkdale Avenue 165.48 feet southeast of Edgley Avenue (known as 2083 Parkdale Avenue), 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. Granted.

Application No. 52-15 — Application of Stephen Zavodny, for a special exception, to erect a one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, being a plot of ground abutting the dead end of Chancellor Avenue, southeast of Johns Avenue, 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. Granted.

Application No. 52-16 — Application of Douglas W. Gilmour, applicant, and T. Samuel Fleming, owner, for a special exception, to erect a one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, situate on the southwest side of Harte Road, 110 feet Northwest of Glen Road, being Lot 31, Plan of Harte Estate, zoned in the "V" Residence District in the Noble Ward No. 7 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-17 — Application of Albert G. R. Seifert, for a special exception, to convert the existing three-story frame dwelling for a two-family occupancy, on the premises situate on the southeast side of Cliveden Avenue, 200 feet northeast of Mt. Carmel Avenue (known as 121 Cliveden 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. Granted.

Application No. 52-20 — Appeal of Salvatore S. Cichelli, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect a one-family dwelling (to encroach 5 feet in the Charles Street front yard restricted area) on the premises situate on the southeast corner of Easton Road and Charles Street, being Lot 17, Plan of Glenside Gardens, 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. Granted.

Application No. 52-21 — Application of Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, for a special exception, to use property as a Convent to be occupied by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth during the periods of rest and recreation, on the premises situate on the southwest side of Robinhood Road, approximately 428 feet northwest of Valley Road, zoned in the "V" Residence District in the Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-22 — Application of John Coppola, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot situate on the northwest side of Cricket Avenue 414 feet southwest of Woodrow Avenue being Lots 1754, 1753 and part of 1752, Plan of Ardsley, 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. Granted.

Application No. 52-23 — Application of Joseph Sciandro, applicant, and Mario F. DeMeias, owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, situate on the southeast side of Hillcrest Avenue, 240 feet southeast of Pleasant Avenue, 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. Granted.

Application No. 52-24 — Application of Pasquale Peronace, for a special exception, to erect two one-family dwellings on four contiguous non-conforming lots, situate on the southwest side of Avondale Avenue, 222.39 feet southeast of Westmont Avenue, being Lots 1325, 1326, 1327 and 1328, Plan of Roslyn Park, Section No. 2, zoned in the "H" Residence District in the Roslyn Ward No. 8 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-25 — Application of Penn F. Spitzer, applicant, and Connor and Irene C. Yannessa, owners, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, situate on the southeast side of Jericho Road, 600 feet southwest of Horace Avenue, being Lot 522, Plan of Highland Farm, 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. Granted.

Application 52-28 — Appeal of Charles H. Drueding, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect a 20 foot by 32 foot two-story addition to the rear of the existing dwelling (addition to encroach within 5 feet of the rear property line), on the premises situate on the northerly side of Huntingdon Road, 320 feet east of c/1 Brook Road (known as 1062 Huntingdon Road), 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. Granted.

Application 52-29 — Application of Margaret C. Mahon, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, situate on the Northwest side of Wheatsheaf Lane, 99.75 feet northeast of Woodland Road, being Lot 179 and part of Lot 178, Plan of Highland Farms, 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. Granted.

Application 52-30 — Application of Francis R. Shilling, applicant, and Anna Del Borrello, owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, situate on the southeast side of Fern Road, 229.01 feet southwest of Charles Street, being Lots 253 and 254, Plan of Glenside Gardens, 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. Granted.

Application 52-31 — Application of Cleveland Yerger & Sons, Applicant and Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, situate on the southeast side of Bryant Lane, 97.61 feet southwest of Moredon Road, being Lot 15, Plan of Moredon, zoned in the "V" Residence District in the Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application 52-32 — Application of Lucille R. Fincke, for a special exception, to convert the existing three-story masonry dwelling for a two-family occupancy, on the premises situate on the southwesterly corner of Edge Hill Road and Wayne Avenue (known as 1328 Edge Hill Road), zoned in the "T" Residence District in the Roslyn Ward No. 8 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application 52-34 — Application of Paul Wackes, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling and detached garage on a non-conforming lot, situate on the northeast side of Taft Avenue, 180 feet southeast of Monroe Avenue, being parts of Lots 4 and 5,, Glenside Manor zoned in the "H" Residence District in the North Hills Ward No. 6 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-35 — Application of Francis R. Shilling, for a special exception to erect one one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, situate on the southwest side of Wisteria Avenue, 95.52 feet southwest of Garden Road, being Lots 66 and 67, Plan of Glenside Gardens, 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. Granted.

Application No. 52-36 — Appeal of Edgar C. and Doris V. Jones, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect a one-car attached garage (to encroach 4 feet in the front yard restricted area and 3 feet in the one side yard restricted area), on the premises situate on the Northeast side of Wharton Road, 160.59 feet southeast of Parkdale Avenue, being Lots 399 and 400, Plan of Wharton (Known as 2015 Wharton Road), 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. Granted.

Application No. 52-37 — Application of Elkins-Rydal Company, for a special exception, to permit the resumption of the discontinued use of the existing dwelling situate on the northwest corner of Old Huntingdon Pike and Jane Road (existing dwelling encroaches 18.48 feet in the rear yard restricted area), zoned in the "V" Residence District in the Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-38 — Application of John Schamenek, for a special exception, to permit the erection of one Billboard Sign, 21'16"x10'10", on the property situate at the northeast corner of Old York Road and Roy Avenue (known as 1701 Old York Road), zoned in the "F" Commercial District in the Roychester Ward No. 10 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-39 — Appeal of Eva W. Walton, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect one one-family dwelling (dwelling to encroach 10 feet in the Lambert Road front yard restricted area), on the premises situate on the southeast corner of Lambert Road and Glen Road, being Lot 6, Plan of Harte Tract, zoned in the "V" Residence District in the Noble Ward No. 7 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-40 — Application of F. D. R. Democratic Club, for a special exception, to erect a one-story masonry building to be used as a Club House, on the premises situate on the southeast side of Maple Avenue, 480 feet northeast of Spear Avenue, being Lots 883 to 888, inclusive. Plan of Ferguson, 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. Refused.

Application No. 52-41 — Application of Leopold, James and Nicholas Plenzick, for a special exception, to erect a public garage and automobile repair shop, on premises situate on the southeast side of Easton Road, 755.89 feet southwest of c/1 Hamilton Avenue, 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. Granted.

Application No. 52-42 — Application of Cleveland Yerger & Sons, for a special exception to erect one one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, on premises situate on the southwest corner of Moredon Road and Bryant Lane, being Lot 18, Plan of Moredon, zoned in the "V" Residence District in the Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-45 — Application of George Baker, for a special exception to erect one one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, situate on the northwest side of Hillcrest Avenue, 258.15 feet northeast of Pleasant Avenue, being Lots 275 and 276, Plan of Glenside Gardens, 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. Granted.

Application No. 52-46 — Application of James A. Mulvehill, applicant, and May E. V. Cloud, owner, for a special exception to erect one one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, situate on the southeast side of Edge Hill Road, 140 feet northeast of Fairhill Avenue, being Lots 43 and 44, Plan of Penbryn, zoned in the "H" Residence District in the North Hills Ward No. 6 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-47 — Appeal of David X. Shubin, from the decision of the Building Inspector to erect three one-story store buildings (each store to encroach 10 feet in the front yard restricted area and one store to encroach approximately 7 1/2 feet in the rear yard restricted area), on the premises situate on the southwest side of Keswick Avenue, 149.01 feet southeast of Easton Road, zoned in the "F" Commercial District in the Glenside Ward No. 12 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-48 — Application of Isard-Risen Company, for a special exception, to erect three one-family dwellings on three contiguous non-conforming lots, situate on the northeast side of Stephen Road, 160 feet, 243 feet and 319 feet southeast of Carol Road, being Lots 96, 97 and 98, Plan of Rydalbrook, zoned in the "V" Residence District in the Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-49 — Application of Isard-Risen Company, for a special exception, to erect four one-family dwellings on four contiguous non-conforming lots, situate on the easterly side of Stephen Road, 519 feet, 604 feet, 687 feet and 770 feet east and south of Carol Road, being Lots 101, 102, 103 104, Plan of Rydalbrook, zoned in the "V" Residence District in the Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-50 — Application of Isard-Risen Company, for a special exception, to erect two one-family dwellings on two contiguous non-conforming lots, situate on the easterly side of Carol Road, 219.43 feet and 305.43 feet south of Stephen Road, being Lots 111 and 112, Plan of Rydalbrook, zoned in the "V" Residence District in the Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township. Granted.

Application No. 52-51 — Application of James M. Smith, applicant, and Howard Virkler, owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, being an interior lot having a frontage of 30.51 feet on the northeast side of Welsh Road, 401.83 feet northwest of the q/l of Paper Mill Road, zoned in the "V" Residence District in the Abington Ward No. 1 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

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

Application No. 52-10 — Petition to change the "T" Residence District to the "F" Commercial District, of the property embraced or bounded by Jenkintown Road, Highland Avenue, Fortune Road and Louise Road in the Glenside Ward No. 11, and as shown on the plan filed in the Secretary's Office. Refused.

Application No. 52-18 — Petition to change the "T" Residence District to the "H" Residence District for the property abutting both sides of Edgley Avenue for the depth of 50 feet extending from Oakdale Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue in the Glenside Ward No. 12, and as shown on the plan filed in the Secretary's Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-19 — Petition to extend the "F" Commercial District on the Southeasterly corner of Huntingdon Pike and Rockledge Avenue for a further distance of 150 feet abutting Huntingdon Pike between parallel lines at right angles with Huntingdon Pike for a depth of 195 feet in the Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2, and as shown on the plan filed in the Secretary's Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-26 — That All That Certain lot or piece of ground in the Township of Abington Ward No. 1:

BEGINNING at a point formed by the intersection of the present commercial zone boundary line (200 feet from the easterly side of Old York Road) with the northerly line of "Old Forge Inn": thence northeastwardly along the said northerly line of "Old Forge Inn" Two Hundred Ninety Feet (290.00') to a point; thence southeastwardly Nine and Twenty-five One-hundredths feet (9.25') to a point; thence eastwardly on a line at right angles to Old York Road One hundred forty feet (140.00') to a point; thence northwardly on a line parallel with Old York Road, and Six Hundred feet (600.00') eastwardly from the easterly side of same. One thousand two hundred twenty feet (1220.00') to a point; thence northwestwardly three hundred forty feet (340.00') to a corner of land of Leo G. Payne; thence southwestwardly along the same forty feet (40.00') to a point on the aforementioned Present Commercial Zone Boundary Line; thence southwardly along the same One Thousand Four hundred twenty feet (1420.00') to a point on the aforementioned Northerly line of "Old Forge Inn" and place of beginning, now presently zoned in the "N" Residential District be reclassified and zoned in the "F" Commercial District as herein described and shown on the plan filed in the Secretary's Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-27 — That All That Certain lot or piece of ground in the Township of Abington Noble Ward No. 7:

BEGINNING at a point in line of land now or late of J. S. Merritt and land of Baederwood Golf Course at the distance of 280.32 feet measured North 77 degrees 39 minutes east from a point in the centerline of Old York Road (60 feet wide); said point being at the distance of 1,424.16 feet measured southwardly from the intersection which the said centerline of Old York Road makes with the centerline of Brook Road (30 feet wide); Thence from the first mentioned point and place of beginning along land now or late of J. S. Merritt, along land of A. Stuard Graham and partly along land of Robert J. Harbison, Jr., North 77 degrees, 39 minutes East 380.79 feet more or less to a point; thence by a parallel line being 400 feet at right angles southwestwardly from land of Robert J. Harbison, Jr., south 45 degrees, 50 minutes east 806.74 feet more or less to a point; thence by a line passing 50 feet southwardly from a corner of land of Robert J. Harbison, Jr., said line being parallel to Reading Company right-of-way, North 80 degrees, 56 minutes east 732.69 feet more or less to a point being 200 feet southeast of land of Robert J. Harbison, Jr.; thence South 47 degrees, 52 minutes, 25 seconds east 780.29 feet more or less to a point in the centerline of Rydal Road (33 feet wide) said point being a corner of other land of Baederwood Golf Course on the southeasterly side of Rydal Road and land of the Philadelphia and Reading Company; thence along the said centerline of Rydal Road south 59 degrees 17 minutes west 239.13 feet to a point; thence along the northerly line of a right-of-way for the Reading Company south 80 degrees 56 minutes west 2347.86 feet to a point; thence along land of the Butler Buick Company the three following courses and distances: (1) North 9 degrees, .01 minutes West 250.34 feet to a point; (2) South 66 degrees 50 minutes west 345.88 feet to a point; and (3) North 60 degrees 30 minutes west 26.35 feet to a point; said point being at the distance of 230.00 feet measured south 60 degrees 30 minutes east from a point in the aforementioned centerline of Old York Road; thence along the existing Class "F" Commercial zone 200 feet southeast from the southeast side of Old York Road, the two following courses and distances; (1) North 29 degrees, 47 minutes east 949.84 feet to a point; and (2) North 22 degrees, 31 minutes east 467.58 feet to the place of beginning, now presently zoned in the "V" Residential District be reclassified and zoned in the "F" Commercial District as herein described and shown on the plan filed in the Secretary's Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-33 — Petitions to change the "N" Residence District to "F" Commercial District for the property abutting the Southeasterly side of Old York Road between Parkview Avenue and Moreland Road, for a depth of 150 feet, in the Roychester Ward No. 10 of the Township of Abington, as shown on the plan filed in the Secretary's Office. Refused.

Application No. 52-43 — Petition to change the "T" Residence District to "H" Residence District of the frontage abutting the Southeasterly side of Easton Road from Menlo Avenue to Mt. Carmel Avenue, ranging in depth from 136.68 feet to 168.96 feet, in the Glenside Ward No. 12 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Secretary's Office. Granted.

Application No. 52-44 — Petition to change the "V" Residence District to "N" Residence District of the approximate 41-acre tract of land abutting the westerly side of Old Huntingdon Pike, approximately 150 feet south of Jane Road, having a frontage on Old Huntingdon Pike of approximately 180 feet, in the Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Secretary's Office. Refused.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

The Department of Public Health submit a brief review of the activities in the Bureau of Health, Garbage Collection, and Sanitary Sewers.

### **Bureau of Health**

Physicians during the year reported to the Bureau of Health 450 cases of Communicable diseases.

The Health Officer received 42 complaints of overflowing cesspools and directed the owners to abate the nuisance.

Milk Dealer's Permits were issued to 16 dealers during the year 1952. The Health Officer made 79 dairy and milk 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 77 public eating and drinking places within the Township.

### **Plumbing Inspection**

The Plumbing Inspector reported Certificates of Registration were issued to 246 Master Plumbers and 33 Journeyman Plumbers, and 1022 plans of Plumbing work were approved and permits issued during the year 1952.

Two hundred and fifty-six (256) leaching drainage wells and combination septic tank and tile field systems were installed under the supervision of the Plumbing Inspector.

Eight hundred and forty-two (842) house sewers were connected to the Township sewer system during the year 1952.

### **Violations**

There were 6 violations of the plumbing code during the year 1952. The individuals concerned were brought before the magistrate and fined for the violation.

### **Health Automobiles**

The Department replaced two 1946 automobiles with new automobiles during the year.

### **Garbage Collection**

The Commissioners are under contract with Riddle Farms of Westville, New Jersey, for a three-year period from April 1, 1951 to March 31, 1954 — contract for the three year period \$63,000. Garbage is collected from the rear of the houses and hauled away in modern sanitary metal-covered garbage trucks. Householdors 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

Contract No. 19 for the installation of branch sewers in the Abington Village area was completed August 15, 1952. The assessable portion of the cost thereof charged against the abutting property owners was \$5.42 per front foot.

Contract No. 20 for the construction of a Sewage Pumping Station on Huntingdon Road, Abington, was completed September 1, 1952.

Contract No. 21 for the installation of branch sewers in the Meetinghouse Road area of the McKinley Ward was completed November 12, 1952. The assessable portion of the cost thereof charged against the abutting property owners was \$10.98 per front foot.

Contract No. 23 for the installation of branch sewers in the North Hills and Ardsley areas was completed April 24, 1952. The assessable portion of the cost thereof charged against the abutting property owners was \$4.86 per front foot.

Contract No. 25 for the installation of branch sewers in the Glenside area was completed August 29, 1952. The assessable portion of the cost thereof charged against the abutting property owners was \$9.13 per front foot.

Contract No. 26 for the installation of branch sewers in the North Hills and Ardsley areas was completed August 22, 1952. The assessable portion of the cost thereof charged against the abutting property owners was \$5.14 per front foot.

Contract No. 5A was awarded to Link-Belt Company, Philadelphia, in the amount of \$7,723.00 for the construction of Sludge Collectors in the existing Primary and Secondary Settling Tanks at the Township of Abington Sewerage Treatment Works.

The Board of Commissioners on December 11, 1952 adopted Ordinance No. 714, authorizing and directing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the Township of Abington in the maximum amount of \$350,000 for the purpose of providing funds for and toward the cost of the construction of a complete sanitary sewer system for the use of the Township.

Schmidt, Poole and Company, Philadelphia, was the successful bidder for the \$350,000. bond issue, interest rate of 1-3/8% and a premium of \$311.92.

The Board authorized bids to be received in January of 1953 for three contracts for the extension of the sanitary sewer system in the Township of Abington.

Contract No. 31: Branch and intercepting sewers in the Noble and Rydal areas.

Contract No. 33: Branch sewers in the Glenside Gardens area.

Contract No. 34: Branch sewers in a portion of the McKinley area.

## Sewer Agreement—Township of Cheltenham

The Commissioners of the Township of Abington entered into an Agreement with the Township of Cheltenham August 13, 1952 providing for the receipt, conveyancing, pumping and treating of sanitary sewage from that portion of the Township of Cheltenham lying within the Sandy Run drainage area which drains by gravity to a meter located in Argyle Road, from an ultimate population of 430 persons. Cheltenham's share of the capital outlay made by Abington to provide this service to Cheltenham amounted to \$28,379.46. In addition, Cheltenham shall pay to Abington a proportionate share of the cost of operating and maintaining the pumping station and of the Sewage Treatment Plant and of repairing the force main and intercepting sewers.

## Sewer Agreement—Borough of Jenkintown

The Commissioners of the Township of Abington entered into an Agreement with the Borough of Jenkintown March 14, 1952 whereby the Borough will permit a connection with the Borough sanitary sewer in Township Line Road at its intersection with Washington Lane to serve a proposed apartment project containing 250 units, to be built on a portion of the former Warburton Tract situated on the easterly corner of said intersection. This Agreement was subsequently modified in December, 1952 to permit the connection to be made at a manhole in Washington Lane 180 feet northeast of Township Line Road. The widening of Township Line Road and installation of storm water branch system, together with the existing utilities in Washington Lane, made a connection at the manhole in this intersection impracticable.

## Township Sewerage System

At the end of the year 1952, the sewerage system contributory to the Township of Abington Sewage Treatment Plant consisted of three sewage pumping stations and approximately 50 miles of sanitary sewers, ranging in size from 5 inch laterals to 30 inch intercepting sewer.

The three sewage pumping stations were serviced and inspected daily throughout the year. At each a regularly scheduled preventive maintenance program was followed and resulted in trouble-free operation. The metered or estimated flows from each station in 1952 were calculated and are as follows:

Highland Avenue Pumping Station—27.143 million gallons  
North Hills Avenue Pumping Station—29.756 million gallons  
Huntingdon Road Pumping Station—9.227 million gallons

Four sanitary sewer meter pits were serviced and inspected weekly throughout the year. The quantities measured by each meter during 1952 were calculated and are as follows:

Stewart Avenue—37.807 million gallons  
Highland Avenue—31.588 million gallons  
Cadwalader Avenue—8.807 million gallons  
Fisher Road—6.188 million gallons

## Basic Treatment Processes

In providing complete treatment the following basic processes were employed:

- (a) Preliminary Treatment—accomplishing the grinding or shredding of large solids to avoid clogging or stoppages of the various pumps and other mechanical equipment.
- (b) Primary Treatment—accomplishing the removal of that portion of the sewage solids amenable to separation from the sewage by settling and flotation.
- (c) Secondary Treatment (activated sludge)—accomplishing the removal and oxidation of the remaining colloidal and dissolved organic matter by means of the activities of beneficial bacteria and other micro-organisms which utilize these materials as food, changing them into simple, harmless substances.
- (d) Disinfection—accomplishing the destruction of pathogenic or disease producing bacteria by the introduction of chlorine into the treated sewage.
- (e) Solids Disposal—accomplishing the digestion of the removed sewage solids into a stable, odorless, mineralized form by means of a fermentation process. The gases of decomposition, largely methane, are collected and used as fuel. The resultant sludge is air dried and given free of charge to anyone desiring it for use as a fertilizer or soil conditioner.

## Treatment Facilities

The required treatment facilities in 1952 consisted of: a comminutor for shredding large solids; two sewage pumps with pumping rates ranging from 750 to 4000 gallons per minute; one rectangular primary settling tank with straight line sludge collectors and scum troughs; two aeration tanks with swing diffusers; two rectangular secondary settling tanks with straight line sludge collectors; two chlorine contact tanks; one heated sludge digestion tank with floating cover for gas collection; and two sludge drying beds. In addition to these main plant units, the following appurtenances and systems were also utilized: (a) the various pumps, blowers, and piping essential to activated sludge treatment and sludge digestion; (b) a gas collecting and burning system utilizing sewage gas as fuel for heating the sludge digestion tank contents, for building heat, and to provide hot water for plant consumption; (c) a chlorine application system with facilities for pre-chlorination, return sludge chlorination, and post chlorination; (d) a utility water system utilizing the treated sewage for all flushing connections and for wash-down of the various tanks; (e) metering equipment for measuring and recording the sewage flow, the return activated sludge flow, the waste activated sludge flow, and the compressed air flow; and (f) a well equipped chemical laboratory.

## Maintenance

A regularly scheduled preventive maintenance program was followed by plant personnel and resulted in trouble-free operation of mechanical equipment and treatment units. Particular attention was given to such items as lubrication, pump packings, checking and adjusting of automatic controls and meters, and routine cleaning and checking of all treatment units and devices. During the year all exposed piping and metal work was painted by plant personnel. All exterior wood-work was painted by contract.

## Record of Accomplishment

During 1952 a total of 470,537 million gallons of sewage was treated. From this sewage, 320,650 cubic feet of sludge solids were removed and charged into the sludge digestion tank. The temperature of the digester contents was maintained at 88 degrees Fahrenheit. The digestion of these solids resulted in the production of 3,542,859 cubic feet of gas which was utilized as fuel. An average of 1.21 cubic feet of air per gallon of sewage treated was applied in the aeration tanks. The settled activated sludge, containing the beneficial bacteria necessary to further oxidation, was returned to the aeration tanks at an average of 34% of the incoming sewage flow. An average of 0.5 part per million of residual chlorine was maintained in the final effluent to insure disinfection. The chlorine dosage required to maintain this residual averaged 23 pounds per million gallons of sewage treated.

An average of 80 routine laboratory determinations were made daily, with the results being utilized to control the various treatment processes and to measure plant loadings and efficiencies. The results of these tests show that a stable, highly oxidized effluent with an average relative stability of 99% was consistently produced by the Sewage Treatment Plant throughout 1952. This effluent—clean, sparkling, chlorinated for disinfection, and free of obnoxious materials—was discharged into Sandy Run.

## Visitors

From July 1949 to December 1952 some 878 visitors from the following 17 states and 9 foreign countries have registered and been conducted on inspection tours through the Sewage Treatment Plant: California; Connecticut; Illinois; Indiana; Kentucky; Maryland; Massachusetts; Minnesota; New Jersey; New York; Ohio; Oklahoma; Pennsylvania; Rhode Island; Utah; Virginia; Washington, D. C.; and Hamilton and Toronto, Ontario, Canada; London, England; Paris, France; Tel-Aviv, Israel; Dusseldorf, Niers Sanitary District, and Stuttgart, Germany; Athens, Greece; Amsterdam, Netherlands; Oslo, Norway; and Ankara, Turkey. These visitors included: interested local citizenry; Municipal, State, and Federal Officials; Engineers; Chemists; Bacteriologists; Medical Doctors; Nurses; Sewage Plant Operators; Students; Teachers and Service Clubs.

## Personnel

The system was in continuous operation throughout the year, with the entire sewage flow receiving complete treatment. Supervision of operations and maintenance was under the direction of the Township Engineer. Operating personnel consisting of a Chief Operator, an Assistant Operator, and five Attendants provided control of operations around the clock.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

The Department of Public Works submit a brief review of its activities during the year.

### **Real Estate Registry**

Eighteen-hundred ninety-four (1894) real estate deeds were checked, officially registered, and necessary changes made to the Real Estate Registry Maps.

### **Building Numbers**

Assigned nine-hundred eighty-six (986) official numbers to new dwellings throughout the Township.

### **Highway Permits**

Five-hundred twenty-eight (528) applications were received and permits issued to open, break, or excavate streets, sidewalks, and/or curbs; to erect, set or plant poles; make repairs to or install utilities; under the provisions of Ordinance No. 357.

### **York Road Sidewalks**

The construction of shoulder, curb and sidewalk improvements along Old York Road from Keith Road to Moreland Road was completed during the year by Tri-County Constructors, Elkins Park, under contract with the State Highway Department. In several instances where the abutting property owner failed to dedicate the necessary land or had received damages from the State, no sidewalk improvements were installed. The cost of the sidewalk improvements, amounting to \$141,294.06 will be shared 60% by the County and 40% by the Township.

The Township entered into a contract with Kingston Contracting Company for the installation of curb and sidewalks along that portion of Old York Road in the Township of Abington between Washington Lane and Hilltop Road at Noble Station. This work was completed at a cost to the Township of \$6,122.00. The State Highway Department, at the same time, entered into a contract with Kingston Contracting Company to reconstruct Old York Road from Cloverly Avenue to Noble bridge, including the necessary storm sewers, thereby eliminating a very hazardous condition which had existed for a number of years.

### **Subdivision Regulations**

The Board of Commissioners, on October 23, 1952, adopted Ordinance No. 705, regulating the subdivision and development of land, the revision of existing subdivisions and developments of land, the laying out, construction, opening and dedication of roads, streets, drainage facilities, sanitary sewers and other public improvements incident to the subdivision and development of land in the Township of Abington. The purpose of such regulations as set forth in the Act of May 27, 1949, P.L. 1955, is to assure sites suitable for building purposes and human habitation and to provide for the harmonious development of the township; for the co-ordination of existing streets with proposed streets, parks or other features of the township's official plan of streets; for adequate open spaces for traffic, recreation, light and air and for proper distribution of population. This ordinance repealed the regulations previously imposed under Ordinance No. 399 enacted June 6, 1935 and the Land Subdivision Resolution of April 6, 1948.

The administration of these regulations comes under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works who review all plans prior to their submission to the Board of Commissioners for final approval. The Department adopted a policy whereby preliminary and study plans shall first be submitted to the Township Engineer for review at least ten days prior to the Departmental meeting at which the said plan is to be presented for consideration.

## Subdivisions

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

- ELKINS-RYDAL COMPANY, former Schneider Farm, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
- PLAN OF LOTS MADE FOR JOHN J. DI MARCO, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
- PLAN OF LOTS MADE FOR JOHN J. VOIGHTS, Abington Ward 1;
- WUNDERLAND, SECTION 1, Roslyn Ward 8;
- PLAN OF LOTS MADE FOR COLONEL AND MRS. NICHOLAS BIDDLE, Noble Ward 7;
- PLAN OF KULP ESTATE, McKinley Ward 4;
- PLAN OF LOTS MADE FOR HARRY F. STEIN, Roslyn Ward 8;
- SUNNYCREST HOMES, SECTION 1, former Goentner Farm, Crestmont Ward 5;
- PART OF LOT 18 PLAN OF MEETINGHOUSE TRACT, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
- PLAN OF PROPERTY ESTATE BENJAMIN T. BRITT, dec'd., Abington Ward 1;
- PLAN OF BRIARWOOD GARDENS, Glenside Ward 11;
- PLAN OF PROPERTY MADE FOR ALICE HERKNESS, Abington Ward 1;
- PLAN OF BRENTWOOD, a part of Davidson Farm, Abington Ward 1;
- PLAN OF LOTS MADE FOR ADOLPH STEIN, Abington Ward 1;
- PLAN OF WUNDERLAND SECTION 2, Roslyn Ward 8;
- PLAN OF PROPERTY PART OF E. E. MARSHALL TRACT, Abington Ward 1.

## Surface Treatment

The Department surface treated 12:55 miles of streets in various wards of the Township.

## New Equipment

The following new equipment was delivered to the Township:

- 75 STREET NAME SIGNS;
- 2 1952 INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS, equipped with ROTO-PAC BODIES;
- 6000 feet SNOW FENCE

## Parks and Playgrounds

The usual routine maintenance was performed in the Township Parks and Playgrounds. The Huntingdon Valley Garden Club planted 20 Milton double flowered white azalea, ghent hardy, along the front perimeter of the Court on either side of the present evergreens at the World War II Memorial Park.

## Acceptance of Streets

- The Commissions of the Township of Abington, accepted the following streets:
- PAPER MILL ROAD extending from joint approximately 1225' northeast of Meadowbrook Road to the intersection of Caverly and Revelation Roads, Abington Ward 1, under Ordinance No. 694;
- PLEASANT AVENUE extending in a northwesterly direction from Highland Avenue to a point approximately 150' beyond Edgley Avenue, Glenside Ward 11, under Ordinance No. 695;
- EDGLEY AVENUE extending in a southwesterly direction from Pleasant Avenue to a point 75' beyond Cross Road, Glenside Ward 11, under Ordinance No. 695;
- RAY STREET extending from Mayfield Avenue to Barry Street, McKinley Ward 4, under Ordinance No. 696;
- SCROPE ROAD extending from Hampton Road to Amity Road, Abington Ward 1, under Ordinance No. 699;
- EGERTON AVENUE extending from Houston Avenue (formerly Penbryn Avenue) to Dumont Avenue, North Hills Ward 6, under Ordinance No. 702;
- HOUSTON AVENUE (formerly Penbryn Avenue) extending from Dumont Avenue to a point approximately 240 feet eastwardly from Geneva Avenue, North Hills Ward 6, under Ordinance No. 702;
- FAIRHILL AVENUE extending from the Reading Company right-of-way to a point approximately 125 feet northwardly from Egerton Avenue, North Hills Ward 6, under Ordinance No. 702;
- ROSEMORE AVENUE extending from Houston Avenue (formerly Penbryn Avenue) to Edge Hill Road, North Hills Ward 6, under Ordinance No. 702;
- GENEVA AVENUE extending from Houston Avenue (formerly Penbryn Avenue) to Edge Hill Road, North Hills Ward 6, under Ordinance No. 702;
- RESERVOIR AVENUE extending from Woodland Road to Hamilton Avenue, Roslyn Ward 8, under Ordinance No. 706;
- PERSHING AVENUE extending from a point 175 feet southeast of Reservoir Avenue to a point 175' northwest thereof, Roslyn Ward 8, under Ordinance No. 706;
- PATANE AVENUE extending from a point approximately 175' southeast of Reservoir Avenue to a point approximately 175' northwest of Reservoir Avenue, Roslyn Ward 8, under Ordinance No. 706;
- JOHNSTON AVENUE extending from Barnes Avenue to a point approximately 272 feet north of Fernwood Avenue, Roslyn Ward 8, under Ordinance No. 707;
- FERNWOOD AVENUE extending from a point approximately 110 feet east of Johnston Avenue to a point approximately 150 feet west of Westmont Avenue, Roslyn Ward 8, under Ordinance No. 707;
- GIRARD AVENUE extending from Fernwood Avenue to Westmont Avenue, Roslyn Ward 8, under Ordinance No. 707;
- WESTMONT AVENUE extending from Fernwood Avenue to a point approximately 117 feet north of Girard Avenue, Roslyn Ward 8, under Ordinance No. 707;
- BARNES AVENUE extending from Johnston Avenue to Westmont Avenue, Roslyn Ward 8, under Ordinance No. 707;
- GREGORY ROAD extending from Fairacres Road to Gibson Avenue, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2, under Ordinance No. 708.

## Construction of Streets—Assessment Method

RAY STREET from Mayfield Avenue to Barry Street was improved with combined concrete curb and gutter and the cost assessed to the owners of the abutting properties, under Ordinance No. 696, McKinley Ward 4.

Contracts have been executed for the construction of the following:

CLEVELAND AVENUE from Corinthian Avenue to Silver Avenue and SILVER AVENUE from Cleveland Avenue to Edge Hill Road; both to be improved with combined concrete curb and gutter and the cost to be assessed to the owners of the abutting properties, under Ordinance No. 655, Roychester Ward 10.

RUSH ROAD from Cumberland Road to Edge Hill Road and GUERNSEY AVENUE from Cumberland Road to Edge Hill Road; both to be improved with combined concrete curb and gutter and the cost assessed to the owners of the abutting properties, under Ordinance No. 690, Abington Ward 1.



## Refuse Collection

The trucks of the Department traveled a total of 23,458 miles in the collection of refuse. A small portion of the ashes collected were sorted and placed on unimproved streets, and the remainder of the 11,585 cubic yards of unsorted ashes and non-combustible rubbish collected were deposited on township property in Ardsley. The truck-hours on refuse collection numbered 5,466 and 21,739 man-hours were required for the task.

## ABINGTOWN TOWNSHIP PARKS

NAME OF PARK	LOCATION	ACRES	FACILITIES	HOW & WHEN ACQUIRED
Baederwood	West side of Highland Avenue midway between Abington and Glenside.	15.10	Rolling Country thick with Virgin woods. Running stream. Log Cabin. Picnic Tables. Fire Places. Drinking Fountains and Playground Equipment.	Purchased 1929 & 1936
Ardsley	Maple Avenue and Meyer Avenue, Ardsley.	10.50	Nature Park.	Purchased 1933
Crestmont	Welsh Road, Reservoir and Rubicam Avenues Crestmont,	19.40	Virgin Woods, Ball Diamond, Playground Equipment, Shelter Building with Fire Places. Drinking Fountain.	Purchased 1935
Roychester	Corinthian, Cleveland, Silver and Harding Aves., Overlook Hills.	12.72	Community Building. Ball Diamonds. Tennis Courts. Playground Equipment and Fire Places.	6.50 Acres Purchased 1938 6.22 Acres Donated 1942
Bird Sanctuary	Valley Road west of Meadowbrook Station, Meadowbrook.	16.80	Nature Park.	Donated 1939
McKinley	Jenkintown Road and Osceola Avenue, McKinley.	3.65	Ball Diamonds, Tennis Courts and Playground Equipment. Drinking Fountain.	Purchased 1942
Game Preserve	Valley Road and Meadowbrook Road, Meadowbrook.	13.94	Nature	Donated 1947
World War II Memorial Park	Old York Road opposite Canterbury Road, Abington.	1.26	Memorial	Donated 1944
Penbyrn Park	Houston Avenue and Egerton Avenue, North Hills.	16.80	Ball Diamonds and Playground Equipment.	1944 Ordinance No. 525
TOTAL 110.17				

## 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 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:

1467—1000 lumen lights, an increase of 58

13—2500 lumen lights, an increase of 1

33—6,000 lumen lights, an increase of 1

## DIRECTORY OF POLLING PLACES

ABINGTON, WARD No. 1  
ABINGTON FIRE HOUSE  
1177 Old York Road  
Abington, Pennsylvania

SAW MILL HILL WARD No. 2  
CEDAR ROAD SCHOOL  
700 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  
D'AGOSTINO RESIDENCE  
2442 Old Welsh Road  
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

NORTH HILLS, WARD No. 6  
EDGE HILL FIRE HOUSE  
2843 Limekiln Pike  
North Hills, Pennsylvania

NOBLE, WARD No. 7  
FOWLER-SHINN AUTO AGENCY  
830 Old York Road  
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  
ROYCHESTER COMMUNITY HOUSE  
1819 Harding Avenue  
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE, WARD No. 11  
MUNDY'S RESIDENCE  
435 Easton Road (rear)  
Glenside, Pennsylvania

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

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

## DIRECTORY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

ABINGTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
1801 Susquehanna Street  
Abington, Pennsylvania

PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
1722 High Avenue  
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

ABINGTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
970 Highland Avenue  
Abington, Pennsylvania

ROSLYN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
2565 Susquehanna Street  
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
1301 Edge Hill Road  
Abington, Pennsylvania

ARDSLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
2828 Spear Avenue  
Ardsley, Pennsylvania

CEDAR ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
700 Cedar Road  
Hollywood, Pennsylvania

OVERLOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
2001 Old Welsh Road  
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

McKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
241 Cadwalader Avenue  
Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE-WELDON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
423 Easton Road  
Glenside, Pennsylvania

NORTH HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
300 Central Avenue  
North Hills, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE-WELDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
409 Easton Road  
Glenside, Pennsylvania

### OTHER SCHOOLS IN TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

ABINGTON FRIENDS SCHOOL  
1220 Greenwood Avenue  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE  
OGONTZ CENTER  
1600 Woodland Road  
Rydal, Pennsylvania

MEADOWBROOK SCHOOL  
1641 HAMPTON ROAD  
Meadowbrook, Pennsylvania

ST. LUKE'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL  
2320 Fairhill Avenue  
Glenside, Pennsylvania

## DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

ABINGTON FRIENDS MEETING  
520 Meetinghouse Road  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

ALL SAINTS PENTACOSTAL  
HOLINESS CHURCH OF GOD  
OF AMERICA  
1612 Franklin Street  
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

ARDSLEY COMMUNITY CHAPEL  
2717 Jenkintown Road  
Ardsley, Pennsylvania

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH  
855 Old Huntingdon Pike  
Hollywood, Pennsylvania

CARMEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
100 Edge Hill Road  
North Hill, Pennsylvania

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF THE LIVING WORD  
1252 Easton Road  
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH  
1200 Bradfield Road  
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF  
CRESTMONT  
1676 Fairview Avenue  
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST  
SCIENTIST  
423 Abington Avenue  
Glenside, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE EVANGELICAL AND  
REFORMED CHURCH  
337 Abington Avenue  
Glenside, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE M.E. CHURCH  
143 Easton Road,  
Glenside, Pennsylvania

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2086 Parkview Avenue  
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

NEW BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
1646 Prospect Avenue  
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

OLD YORK ROAD TEMPLE  
971 Old York Road  
Abington, Pennsylvania

OLIVET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
200 Cadwalader Avenue  
Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

ORTHODOX FRIENDS MEETING  
1055 Jenkintown Road  
Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN  
ABINGTON  
1082 Old York Road  
Abington, Pennsylvania

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1052 Easton Road  
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

ROYCHESTER PARK M. E. CHURCH  
1532 Edge Hill Road  
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

ST. ANNE'S P. E. CHURCH  
2111 Old Welsh Road  
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS  
1552 Easton Road  
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

ST. LUKE'S R. C. CHURCH  
144 Easton Road  
Glenside, Pennsylvania

ST. MARK'S REFORMED  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
200 Fisher Road  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
106 Easton Road  
Glenside, Pennsylvania

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

WHARTON AVENUE BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
447 Keswick Avenue  
Glenside, Pennsylvania

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1952

TAX DOLLAR

SCHOOL  
70.3 CENTS



COUNTY  
2.7 CENTS

TOWNSHIP  
27 CENTS

PUBLIC AFFAIRS		PUBLIC SAFETY		PUBLIC WORKS		PUBLIC HEALTH	
Administration	3.7	Police	5.8	Street Lights	1.6	Health &	
Sinking Fund	2.8	Fire Protection	1.9	Highways	5.1	Plumbing	.8
Miscellaneous &		Building &		Transfer to		Ash & Rubbish	1.3
Pensions	.9	Zoning	.3	Special Funds	.8	Garbage	.9
Park & Shade							
Tree Tax	1.1						
	<hr/> 8.5¢		<hr/> 8.0¢		<hr/> 7.5¢		<hr/> 3.0¢