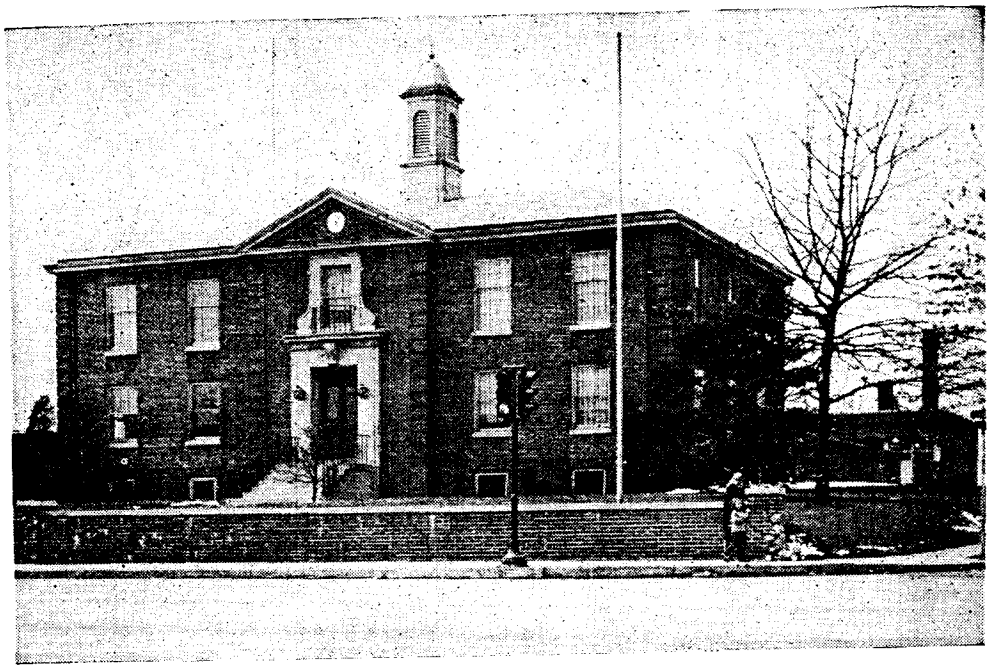
Board of Commissioners
Township of Abington

County of Montgomery
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

1953
Annual Report

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 4, 1954



COMMISSIONERS — 1954

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2022 Susquehanna Street, Abington

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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
WILLIAM H. YOST
937 Jenkintown Road
Elkins Park 17

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

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

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

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RAYMOND L. EARLE
2432 Radcliffe Avenue, Roslyn

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FRANK E. KREIDER
651 Maple Avenue, Ardsley

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

Glenside Ward No. 11
CHARLES F. HETTENBACH
726 Garden Road
Glenside

Glenside Ward No. 12
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2158 Menlo Avenue, Glenside

Glenside Ward No. 13
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JOHN MANZINGER, Fire Marshal and Assistant Building Inspector
OLIVER L. KING, Township Engineer
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GEORGE P. RAPP, Health Officer
MONROE C. ROBERTS, Plumbing Inspector
ALBRIGHT & FRIEL, INC., Consulting Engineers

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

The Stated Meetings of the Departments are as follows:

Public Safety—The Monday preceding the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

Public Health—The Wednesday preceding the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

Public Works—The first Thursday of each month at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

Public Affairs—The Monday preceding the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

Zoning Board of Adjustment—The third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

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

FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE

CALL BUREAU OF POLICE
OGONTZ 2700
OFFICE ALWAYS OPEN

IN CASE OF FIRE

CALL OGONTZ 2700

Operators at Switchboard 24 hours of the day.

PATRICK D. McKEE

Patrolman	August 6, 1908
Lieutenant	February 9, 1922
Chief of Police	January 1, 1932
Police Consultant	February 1, 1954

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON:

The year 1953 was marked by increased activity in all departments of your township government, a brief description of which is set forth in this fortieth Annual Report to the people. The Report also contains a statement of financial condition—the Board ended the year with a cash balance in the General Fund of $179,980.11—a directory of churches, schools, polling places and other pertinent data we trust you will find both interesting and informative.

It is a real pleasure to be able to report that your Board of Commissioners was able to reduce the tax rate on real estate by one mill for the year 1953—a saving to the taxpayers of approximately $38,000—this despite the need to expand municipal services to meet the rapid growth of the township and the increasing cost of these services. We feel this action is all the more noteworthy in view of the experience of most governmental units, whether it be at the local, state or federal level, where the trend has been toward steadily increasing taxes. Thus one of our citizens was prompted to remark: "It may not be much of a reduction but at least it is a step in the right direction."

Again in 1953 a near record number of building permits (724) were issued for new dwellings having an estimated valuation of slightly more than nine million dollars. The Board also approved a record number of subdivision plans providing homesites for hundreds more houses in the near future.

As this acreage of what but a few years ago was farmland and estates is broken up into building lots having 50 to 100 or more feet frontage, the problem of refuse disposal becomes increasingly acute. Recent Federal and State regulations pertaining to garbage collection and disposal has also emphasized more than ever before the need of a municipal incinerator to burn combustible rubbish and gargabe—a project which your Board of Commissioners has had under consideration for several years back, and toward which every effort is being made to effect its construction in 1954. A brief history of the Incinerator project appears in the Report.

The increased efficiency in the administration of the township affairs and the progress which has been made toward the township's long-range program under the first year of the Township Manager setup has been most gratifying. In addition to the Incinerator project it is hoped that work will be started before the Summer of 1954 on another much needed project—that of an addition and alterations to the existing garage building adjoining the present Township Administration Building for Police Headquarters.

A most important asset of your municipal government—although not shown in the Annual Report—are its employees. They are able, conscientious and loyal, and to them we express our deep appreciation.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners,

GEORGE E. MAURER, President

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 Township Auditors' Report.

Bureau of Library

The Board of Commissioners approved a contribution of $750. to the Abington Library Society of Jenkintown and $750. to the Community Free Library of Glenside for the year 1953.

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 $3,069.13 in the General Fund and $12,091.45 in the Investment Fund. Investments totaled $102,505.11 in first mortgages and $167,000 in United States Government Securities.

The Township of Abington Employees Pension Plan and Trust, which was established December 1, 1952 for full time employees, other than those covered by the Police Pension Plan, ended its first year of operation, November 30, 1953, with a cash balance of $4,755.11 and Investments in U. S. Government Securities of $15,000.

The Commissioners approved a contribution of $500 to the Old York Road Public Health Nursing Center, Inc., for the year 1953.

Sinking Funds

The bond tax levied and collected for the year 1953 amounting to $66,500 was deposited into the sinking funds. Orders were drawn on the sinking funds for $35,850.00 for the payment of coupon interest.

Bonds maturing in the amount of $362,000 were paid. The total outstanding bonds as of January 4, 1954, were $3.488,000 with a sinking fund credit of $502,414.53 or a net bonded indebtedness of $2,985,585.47. Sewer assessment liens receivable amounting to $293,391.46 when collected are applicable to the payment of the outstanding indebtedness.

Investment of Funds

Investment of accumulated or reserve funds in the special accounts and sinking funds in U. S. Goverment Securities and Certificate of Bank Deposit pending activity in the accounts, totalled $410,000 at the close of the fiscal year.

Net earnings from investments amounted to $24,241.74 for the year 1953.

Loyalty Oath

The loyalty oath was administered to all new employees of the Township as required by the Pennsylvania Loyalty Act No. 463 approved December 22, 1951.

Independent Audit

The firm of Charles S. Rockey & Company, Certified Public Accountants, Philadelphia, made independent quarterly audits during the year 1953 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 $38,725.02 in 1953 was re-enacted without substantial change for the year commencing January 1, 1954 and is estimated to yield $38,000 for general township expenses.

Deed Transfer Tax

The 1% Stamp Tax Upon Deeds based on the value of real estate transferred within the township in 1953 yielded $96,650.25 and was re-enacted without substantial change for the year 1954 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 conform with those of the School District of Abington and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who likewise levy a realty transfer tax.

Roychester Park Community House

A new oil burner and air heating system was installed in the Community House at Roychester Park including construction of a new chimney and alterations to the heating room.

Sale of Bonds

The Board of Commissioners, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 736 adopted December 10, 1953, issued $1,000,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds of the Township of Abington of which amount $600,000 had been authorized by favorable vote of the electorate for and toward the construction and equipment of an Incinerator, and $400,000 represented bonds issued under councilmanic authority for and toward the construction of a complete sanitary sewer system for the Township, and the alteration, improvement and equipment of an existing garage building at 1166 Old York Road, Abington, for Police Headquarters.

A syndicate headed by The First Boston Corporation, Philadelphia, was the successful bidder for the entire issue with an interest rate of 2-1/8 % and a premium of $6,490.00.

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS,

DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCE

General Funds

RECEIPTS	Received 1953	Estimated in Budget for 1954
Cash and Securities for appropriation	$139,056.57	$179,980.11
Taxes		
A. Current Levy	532,046.88	529,200.00
B. Prior years including penalties and interest	39,820.19	40,000.00
Licenses and permits	49,866.20	36,700.00
Fines and Forfeits	6,138.00	3,000.00
Other Revenue Receipts,		
Amusement and Deed Transfer Tax	135,375.27	98,000.00
Total miscellaneous non-revenue receipts	7,332.24	1,500.00
Total Receipts and Cash	$909,635.35	$888,380.11

EXPENDITURES	Expended 1953	Estimated in Budget for 1954
For Operation and Maintenance		
General Government	$ 88,525.58	$114,156.11
Protection to Persons and Property	245,728.45	286,860.00
Health and Sanitation	75,165.72	122,800.00
Highways	126,964.88	149,064.00
Library	1,500.00	1,500.00
Recreation	38,000.00	40,000.00
Miscellaneous	47,744.27	40,000.00
For Capital Outlay		
Highways	27,682.32	51,000.00
For Debt Service		
Interest	1,743.11	3,000.00
Transfers to Sinking Fund	66,500.00	80,000.00
For 2% Commission Land Liens	541.02	
For 2% Discount 1953 Taxes	9,559.89	
Total Expenditures	$729,655.24	$888,380.11
Unappropriated Balance, if any	$179,980.11	

PROPERTY VALUATION AND TAX LEVY FOR 1953

	Ward	Assessment	Tax Levied
ABINGTON	No. 1	$ 5,276,850.00	$ 73,875.90
SAW MILL HILL	No. 2	6,421,325.00	89,898.55
GLENSIDE	No. 3	1,630,850.00	22,831.90
McKINLEY	No. 4	4,111,025.00	57,554.35
CRESTMONT	No. 5	1,714,700.00	24,005.80
NORTH HILLS	No. 6	2,408,000.00	33,712.00
NOBLE	No. 7	3,396,250.00	47,547.50
ROSLYN	No. 8	3,955,125.00	55,371.75
ARDSLEY	No. 9	1,646,750.00	23,054.50
ROYCHESTER	No. 10	2,428,875.00	34,004.25
GLENSIDE	No. 11	2,118,175.00	29,654.45
GLENSIDE	No. 12	2,812,250.00	39,371.50
GLENSIDE	No. 13	1,818,050.00	25,452.70
		39,738,225.00	556,335.15

	1951	1952	1953
Property Valuation	$33,730,000.	$36,096,750.	$39,738,225.
Valuation Tax Exempt Property	4,540,000.	4,567,950.	4,722,600.

TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Fiscal Year 1st Monday January	Total Property Tax	Uncollected End Fiscal Year	Uncollected Latest Available date Jan. 4, 1954
1950	$455,720.00	$25,283.38	NONE
1951	507,368.74	23,860.51	NONE
1952	542,635.43	24,910.01	NONE
1953	556,146.50	25,552.13	$25,552.13

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 4, 1954, which will be billed July 15.

General Township Purposes—10-1/4 mills
Special Bond Tax—1-3/4 mills
Park and Shade Tree Tax—3/4 mill
Fire Tax—3/4 mill
Pension Tax—1/2 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 1953 inclusive, had twenty-five bond issues, totaling $5,924,000. and has never defaulted in its debt obligation.

	Bonds Outstanding	Sinking Funds	Net
January 1, 1954	$3,488,000.	$502,414.53	$2,985,585.47
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

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

2% under councilmanic authority.

5% under electorate authority.

SINKING FUND

Loan	Securities Bank Balance Jan. 5, 1953	Received by Assessments, Agreements Transfer & Interest	Cash Paid Transfer, Coupon Interest & Redemption of Bonds	Securities & Bank Balance Jan. 4, 1954
1946	$113,253.15	$ 36,025.83	$ 52,600.00	$ 96,678.98
1948	110,652.24	19,576.47	130,228.71	
1949	117,392.02	35,559.90	32,625.00	120,326.92
1950	87,632.85	150,009.90	112,000.00	125,642.75
1951	96,369.54	171,464.02	114,812.50	153,021.06
1952		11,557.32	4,812.50	6,744.82
	$525,299.80	$424,193.44	447,078.71	$502,414.53

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

The 1953 Tax Anticipation Note of $200,000. dated February 25, 1953, was sold to Jenkintown Bark and Trust Co., Jenkintown, at an interest rate of 1.10% per annum. This note was paid September 25, from the 1953 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 4, 1954 are—

	Cash Balance	U. S. Gv'ı Securities
General Funds	$179,980.11	$
Park and Shade Tree Fund	49,241.42	
Permanent Improvement Fund	42,470.01	
Highway Aid Fund	11,042.82	
Incinerator Fund	20,000.00	
Sewer Fund	171,697.28	
Sewer Extension Fund	41,172.96	125,000.00
Sinking Funds	217,414.53	285,000.00

TOWNSHIP AUDITORS' REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1953

General Funds

CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES

BALANCE

Bank Balances, General Funds, January 5, 1953		$139,056.57

RECEIPTS

Received account of Miscellaneous Receipts	$ 63,336.44	
Received account of 1952 Taxes and Penalties	14,209.47	
Received account of 1953 Taxes	531,803.46	
Received account of 1953 Penalties	243.42	
Received account of Land Liens	19,607.96	
Received account of Penalties and Interest on Land Liens	6,002.76	
Received account of Amusement Tax	38,725.02	
Received account of Deed Transfer Tax	96,650.25	
		$770,578.78
		$909,635.35

DISBURSEMENTS

General Government	$ 88,525.58	
Protection to Persons and Property	245,728.45	
Health	75,165.72	
Highways	143,874.22	
Library	1,500.00	
Miscellaneous	47,744.27	
Interest	1,743.11	
Transfer to Sinking Funds (Special Tax)	66,500.00	
Transfer to Park & Shade Tree Fund (Special Tax	38,000.00	
Transfer to Permanent Improvement Fund	10,000.00	
Transfer to Highway Aid Fund	772.98	
2% Commission on Land Liens deducted by County Treasurer	541.02	
2% Discount deducted from 1953 Taxes	9,559.89	
		$729,655.24
Bank Balances, General Funds, January 4, 1954		$179,980.11
		$909,635.35

TAXES RECEIVABLE — 1953

(BY TOWNSHIP TREASURER)

Taxes Receivable January 5, 1953:	Total	Current	Delinquent
Delinquent Taxes and Penalties	$ 24,910.01		$ 24,910.01
Add:			
1953 Tax (adjusted)	$556,146.50	$556,146.50	
1953 Penalties	1,452.51	1,452.51	
Adjusted 1952 Duplicate	275.63		275.63
Total Additions	$557,874.64	$557,599.01	$ 275.63
Total	$582,784.65	$557,599.01	$ 25,185.64
Deduct:			
Collection Delinquent Taxes and Penalties 1952	$ 14,209.47		$ 14,209.47
Liens filed for 1952 Taxes	10,976.17		10,976.17
Collection 1953 Tax	531,803.46	531,803.46	
Collection 1953 Penalties	243.42	243.42	
	$557,232.52	$532,046.88	$ 25,185.64
Taxes Receivable January 4, 1954	$ 25,552.13	$ 25,552.13	

TAXES RECEIVABLE

(BY COUNTY — LAND LIENS)

Year	Balance Jan. 5, 1953	Added	Collected	Adjustments	Balance Jan. 4, 1954
1952 (Liened May 5, 1953)	$10,976.17	$ 216.16	$ 5,320.02		$ 5,872.31
1951	4,789.59	897.74	2,515.86		3,171.47
1950	2,648.00	1,333.04	1,555.10		2,425.94
1949	1,021.84	1,620.25	1,347.41		1,294.68
Prior Years					
1944-1947 Inclusive	8,640.27	7,922.53	8,869.57	$7,693.23	
Penalties and Interest		6,002.76	6,002.76		
	$28,075.87	$17,992.48	$25,610.72	$7,693.23	$12,764.40

SEWER EXTENSION FUND

CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 5, 1953	$ 31,416.12	
Investments, January 5, 1953	70,000.00	
	$101,416.12	

RECEIPTS

Sewer Assessment Liens	$ 10,946.77	
Penalty, Interest and Costs on Assessment Liens	2,744.09	
Interest	1,837.27	
Transfer from Sinking Funds	49,228.71	
Total Receipts	$ 64,756.84	
Total Receipts and Balance		$166,172.96

DISBURSEMENTS

NONE

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 4, 1954	$ 41,172.96
Investments, January 4, 1954	125,000.00

HIGHWAY AID FUND

CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES

BALANCE		
Cash in Bank, January 5, 1953	$ 18,815.95	
RECEIPTS		
State Motor License Fund Grants	$ 28,102.80	
Transfer from General Fund Account of Match Money	772.98	
Refund Match Money	3,000.00	
Total Receipts	$ 31,875.78	
Total Receipts and Balance		$ 50,691.73
DISBURSEMENTS		
Street Signs and Markings	$ 2,337.95	
Maintenance and Repair of Streets	29,012.78	
Snow Removal	4,798.18	
Construction for Surface Drainage—Match Money	3,500.00	
Total Disbursements		$ 39,648.91
BALANCE		
Cash in Bank, January 4, 1954		$ 11,042.82

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES

BALANCE		
Cash in Bank, January 5, 1953	$ 60,122.21	
Investments, January 5, 1953	40,000.00	
	$100,122.21	
RECEIPTS		
Improvement Liens	$ 35,795.16	
Penalties, Interest and Costs on Improvement Liens	28.22	
Rental of Township Property	5,900.00	
Interest on Investments	769.82	
Transfer to Sidewalk Improvements	10,000.00	
Total Receipts	$ 52,493.20	
Total Receipts and Balance		$152,615.41
DISBURSEMENTS		
Sidewalk Improvements	$ 56,980.62	
Street Improvements	52,455.10	
Depository Expense	93.93	
Other Expenses	7.00	
Incinerator	608.75	
Total Disbursements		$110,145.40
BALANCE		
Cash in Bank, January 4, 1954		$ 42,470.01

IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT LIENS

	Balance Jan. 5, 1953	Assessments Levied, 1953	Collected 1953	Balance Jan. 4, 1954
Permanent Improvement Fund	$ 7,009.99	$ 46,097.85	$ 35,795.16	$ 17,312.68
Sewer Fund	3,254.38	2,006.98	459.43	4,801.93
Sewer Extension Fund	28,363.95	*17,775.67	10,946.77	35,192.85
Sinking Funds	388,349.80	249,554.68	326,737.35	293,391.46

Transferred from Loan 1948 to Sewer Extension Fund..... $ 17,775.67

SEWER FUND

CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCE

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 5, 1953	$ 73,275.88	
Investments, January 5, 1953	400,000.00	
		$473,275.88

RECEIPTS

Proceeds 1952 Bond Issue	$343,311.92	
Interest on Investments	12,632.55	
Sewer Rentals	70,908.46	
Sewer Connection Charges	23,600.00	
Sewer Improvement Liens	508.16	
Refund, Operation Sewer System and Plant	3,250.67	
Total Receipts		$454,211.76
Total Receipts and Balances		$927,487.64

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	$ 30,479.17	
Office Expenses	1,195.98	
Refund Sewer Rentals and Sewer Charges	7,025.90	
Operation and Maintenance Township System	29,496.76	
Engineering Fees	51,422.67	
Sewer Connections	38,152.52	
Contracts: Township Sewer System	594,359.35	
Legal Expenses	2,882.25	
Bond Issue	775.76	
Total Disbursements		$755,790.36

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 4, 1954	$171,697.28

PARK & SHADE TREE FUND

CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 5, 1953	$ 39,498.39

RECEIPTS

Transfer from General Fund Special Tax	$ 38,000.00	
Rent of Property	275.00	
Total Receipts	$ 38,275.00	
Total Receipts and Balance		$ 77,773.39

DISBURSEMENTS

General Maintenance Expenses	$ 12,135.98	
Maintenance Equipment	793.26	
Capital:		
Improvement and Purchase of Land	15,602.73	
Total Disbursements		$ 28,531.97

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 4, 1954	$ 49,241.42

INCINERATOR FUND

CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCE

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 5, 1953	$

RECEIPTS

Deposit on 1953 Bond Issue	$ 20,000.00
Total Receipts and Balance	$ 20,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS
NONE

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 4, 1954	$ 20,000.00

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AND SINKING FUNDS

GROSS BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

	Outstanding Jan. 5, 1953	Bonds Issued Current Year	Bonds Paid Current Year	Outstanding Jan. 4, 1954
Councilmanic Authority	$1,290,000.00	$400,000.00	$320,000.00	$1,370,000.00
Electorate Authority	1,560,000.00	600,000.00	42,000.00	2,118,000.00
Total Gross Bonded Debt	$2,850,000.00	$1,000,000.00	$362,000.00	$3,488,000.00

SINKING FUNDS

CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 5, 1953	$315,299.80
Investments, January 5, 1953	210,000.00
	$525,299.80

RECEIPTS

Bond Tax	$ 66,500.00	
Interest on Investments	9,002.10	
Sewer Assessment Liens	325,961.74	
Sewer Agreements	11,203.58	
Penalty, Interest and Costs on Assessment Liens	11,526.02	
Total Receipts	$424,193.44	
Total Receipts and Balance		$949,493.24

DISBURSEMENTS

Coupon Interest	$ 35,850.00	
Redemption of Bonds	362,000.00	
Transfer to Sewer Extension Fund	49,228.71	
Total Disbursements		$447,078.71

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 4, 1954	$217,414.53
Investments, January 4,1954	285,000.00

CASH ASSETS

Bank Balances, General Funds	$ 179,980.11
Bank Balance, Park and Shade Tree Fund	49,241.42
Bank Balance, Permanent Improvement Fund	42,470.01
Bank Balance, Highway Aid Fund	11,042.82
Bank Balance, Incinerator Fund	20,000.00
Bank Balance, Sewer Fund	171,697.28
Bank Balance, Sewer Extension Fund	41,172.96
Taxes Receivable	25,552.13
Tax Liens Receivable	12,764.40
Improvement Liens Receivable	57,307.46
Government Securities:	
Sewer Extension Fund	125,000.00
	$736,228.59

CASH ASSETS — BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Bank Balances, Sinking Funds	$ 217,414.53
Government Securities	285,000.00
Improvement Assessment Liens Receivable	293,391.46
	$795,805.99

LIABILITIES — BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Bonds, Electorate	$2,118,000.00
Outstanding Bonds, Councilmanic	1,370,000.00
	$3,488,000.00

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, 1953 and ending on the First Monday of January, 1954, 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.

Abington, Pennsylvania
February 23, 1954

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 1002 arrests during the year 1953, of which 205 were for violations of Township ordinances, 544 for violations of the State Motor Code. One hundred and thirty one lodgers were accommodated.

The value of stolen goods recovered amounted to $25,965.70

Felonies	20
Misdemeanors	65
Miscellaneous	142
Juveniles	26
Prisoners Fingerprinted and Photographed	63
Cases reported to Coroner	26
Accidents investigated by Police	472
Persons reported injured in accidents	201
Pedestrians injured in automobile accidents	21
Persons killed in accidents	2
Dangerous conditions reported in roads	58
Wires and trees reported down	24
Street Lights reported out	427
Fires reported	257
Dogs picked up and detained by Police	366

Police Personnel

Five new patrolmen were added to the Police Department as of March 1, 1953 and two patrolmen were advanced to the position of Sergeant. Detective-Sergeant Frank S. Jackson, Jr., was appointed Lieutenant of Police in June. The force now numbers 32 officers and two mechanicians.

Traffic Regulations

Standard corner post traffic signals were installed at the intersection of North Hills Avenue and Mt. Carmel Avenue, North Hills; and at the intersection of Township Line Road and Cadwalader Avenue, McKinley. Abington joined with the Township of Cheltenham in the installation of traffic signals at Township Line Road and Church Road in the East Elkins Park area, with the cost being shared by the two townships on a 50-50 basis.

School zone, cross-walk, and safety lines were painted on the highways at various locations in the township.

Police Automobiles

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

Dogs

The Commissioners, in June of 1953, set up a full time program for the control of dogs running at large. A full time employee, dog truck and kennels were provided. The gift of two kennels from the local chapter of the Montgomery County SPCA is appreciated. The dogs that are caught are cared for and fed until recovered by their owners or turned over to the SPCA.

Since the program was put into operation the service rendered has proven satisfactory to the township at large.

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 and
3—Communications ..... Eugene S. Riley
DIVISION 4—Engineering and Public Works ..... Oliver L. King
DIVISION 5—Medical and Health Services ..... Dr. Robert M. Packer, Jr.
DIVISION 6—Evacuation and Transportation ..... Mrs. Eugene Stull
DIVISION 7—Technical Defense ..... Earle Webster
DIVISION 8—Auxiliaries ..... Joseph McMahon
Other member of Council ..... General L. W. T. Waller

BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION

Fire Companies Audit

The annual audit of the accounts of the five volunteer fire companies by the Township Auditors again indicates to the Township they have a well managed and financially sound fire department. A summary of the audit for 1953 follows:

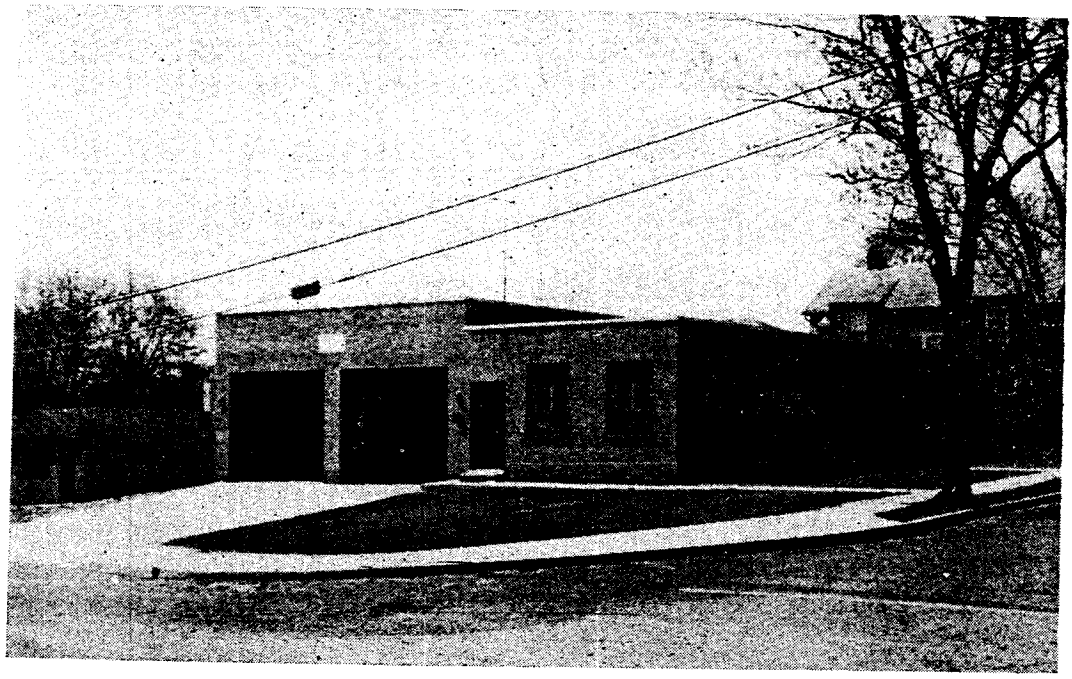
	Abington	McKinley	Weldon	Edge Hill	Roslyn
Balance in General Fund 1/1/53	$ 3,405.81	$ 8,735.00	$ 2,805.80	$ 8,750.16	$ 4,678.98
Received during year	17,896.56	9,546.53	13,400.50	11,676.74	14,355.76
Total Receipts and Balance	$21,302.37	$18,218.53	$16,206.30	$20,426.90	$19,034.74
Expenditures during the year	8,695.54	11,916.41	5,536.35	9,401.17	5,022.81
Transfer to Special Accounts	3,505.00	800.22	7,600.00		9,324.26
Total Expenditures and Transfers	$12,200.54	$12,716.63	$13,136.35	$ 9,401.17	$14,347.09
Balance in General Fund 12/31/53	$ 9,101.83	$ 5,564.90	$ 3,069.95	$11,025.73	$ 4,687.67
Cash held in Special Funds	$ 2,109.29	$ 5,840.16	$18,113.43	$	$ 7,479.89
Assets	$74,225.10	$84,000.56	$74,883.38	$78,531.26	$66,867.56
Liabilities		$15,000.00		$ 9,500.00	
Ambulance Fund					$ 2,516.73

BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION

The annual audit of the accounts of the five volunteer fire companies appear on page 19 and again indicates to the township they have a well managed and financially sound fire department.

Fire Hydrants

Nine fire hydrants were installed during the year making a total of 343 hydrants in the township service.



NEW HOME OF THE McKINLEY FIRE COMPANY

BUREAU OF BUILDING REGULATION & ZONING

Building Activities

One thousand one hundred and twenty-seven (1127) applications were received and Building Permits issued during the year 1953 at an estimated cost as follows:

724	Dwellings	$ 9,137,300.00
183	Alterations, Additions & Repairs	1,121,291.00
90	Garages	87,155.00
74	Oil Burners	50,361.50
30	Signs	7,161.50
2	Sheds	1,575.00
2	Service Stations	25,000.00
1	Show Room	6,000.00
1	Ice Cream Stand	4,800.00
3	Office Buildings	31,500.00
1	Office Building & Store	26,900.00
1	Fire House	28,128.00
2	Greenhouses	1,691.00
1	Aluminum Foundry	2,000.00
2	Storage Buildings	12,800.00
1	Swimming Pool	6,000.00
1	Barber Pole	100.00
3	Apartment Buildings	52,500.00
1	School and Auditorium	200,000.00
1	Duplex Building	12,000.00
2	Stores	19,000.00
1	Luncheonette	4,500.00
1127		$10,837.763.00

DWELLINGS

1949	331 Estimated Cost	$3,485,676.00
1950	547 Estimated Cost	5,968,483.00
1951	733 Estimated Cost	8,004,201.00
1952	699 Estimated Cost	8,890,930.00
1953	724 Estimated Cost	9,137,300.00

SEPARATE GARAGES AND SERVICE STATIONS

1949	59 Estimated Cost	$82,353.00
1950	69 Estimated Cost	54,525.00
1951	74 Estimated Cost	110,570.00
1952	98 Estimated Cost	95,715.00
1953	92 Estimated Cost	112,155,00

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. 53-1 — Appeal of Herman Koppelman, Applicant and Owner, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect one one-car attached garage, a 9'6" x 10' addition to rear of dining area, and a 3'9" x 5'4" enclosed vestibule at the front entrance of existing dwelling (garage to encroach 3.05 in the front yard restricted area and 2.80 feet in the side yard restricted area, addition to rear to encroach 2.80 feet in the side yard restricted area, and the enclosed vestibule to encroach 3.55 feet in the front yard restricted area), on premises situate on the Southwest side of Wharton Road, 278.77 feet Northwest of Highland Avenue (known as 2024 Wharton Road), 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. Granted.

Application No. 53-2 — Application of Evangelical Luthern Church of the Living Word, for a special exception, to use the existing dwelling as and for a Church, on the premises situate on the Northwest corner of Easton Road and Norwood Avenue (known as 1250 Easton Road), 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. 53-3 — Application of Philip Kind, Jr., Applicant and Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, being an interior lot having a frontage of 30.01 feet on the Northwest side of Old Ford Road, 844.86 feet Southwest of the c/l of Moredon 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. 53-4 — Application of Paul Wackes, Applicant and Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, situate on the Northwest corner of Harrison Avenue and Woodrow Avenue, being Lots 563 and 564, 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. 53-7 — Application of James O. W. Shoemaker, Applicant and Owner, for a special exception to convert the existing one-family dwelling for a two-family occupancy, on the premises situate on the Northeast side of Mt. Carmel Avenue, 300 feet southeast of Lynnwood Avenue, being Lots 55 and 56, Plan of Glenside Highlands (known as 2355 Mt. Carmel Avenue), zoned in the "T" Residence District in the Glenside Ward No. 13 of the Township of Abington and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 53-8 — Application of Rosemore Building Co., Applicant, and Charles H. Helms, Owner, for a variance from the terms of the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Abington, to permit the erection of two one-family dwellings on two contiguous lots fronting on a 20 foot right-of-way. Property 1 situate on the Northeast side of a 20 foot right-of-way, 218.35 feet Southeast of the c/l of Huntingdon Road, Property 2 situate on the Northeast side of 20 foot right-of-way, 318.85 feet Southeast of the c/l of Huntingdon 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. 53-9 — Application of H. O. MacCulloch, Applicant and Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, situate on the Southeast side of Cricket Avenue, 160 feet Southwest of Spear Avenue, being Lots 1308 and 1309, 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. 53-10 — Application of Paul G. Wackes, Applicant and Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, situate on the Northwest side of Tennis Avenue, 188.60 feet Southwest of the c/l of Jenkintown Road, being Lots 2169 and 2170, 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. 53-11 — Application of John W. Dunworth, Applicant and Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, situate on the Southeast side of Meetinghouse Road, 119 feet Southwest of Glenbrook Road, being Lot No. 20, Plan of Kings 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. 53-12 — Application of Pasquale Peronace, Applicant and Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a nonconforming lot, situate on the Southwest side of Avondale Avenue, 240 feet Northwest of Johnston Avenue, being Lots 1334 and 1335, Plan of Roslyn Park 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. 53-13 — Application of Pasquale Peronace, Applicant and Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a non-conforming lot, situate on the Northeast side of Belmont Avenue, 140.31 feet Northwest of Johnston Avenue, being Lots 1355 and 1356, Plan of Roslyn Park 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. 53-15 — Appeal of Calvin C. Shaller, Applicant and Owner, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect a 9′ 7″ x 19′10″ two-story addition to front of existing dwelling for the purpose of a one-car garage and additional bedroom (addition to encroach 2.5 feet in the one side yard restricted area), on premises situate on the Southwest side of Wharton Road, 217.68 feet Northwest of Highland Avenue, being Lots 506 and 507, Plan of Ferguson and Johnson Tract (known as 2020 Wharton Road), 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. Granted.

Application No. 53-16 — Appeal of Merle N. Thompson, Applicant and Owner, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect a 14′ x 20′ addition to side of existing dwelling (addition to encroach 2.83 feet in the front yard restricted area), on premises situate on the Northeast side of Fern Road, 113.61 feet Northeast of Pleasant Avenue, being parts of Lots 202, 203, 204, and 205, and all of Lots 206 and 207, Plan of Glenside Gardens (known as 714 Fern 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. 53-17 — Appeal of Coleman A. Beeson, Applicant and Owner, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect a 6′ x 10′ addition to rear of existing dining area, and an 18′ x 26′ addition to the rear of existing dwelling (one addition to encroach 3 feet in the one side yard restricted area and the other addition to encroach 2.6 feet in the other side yard restricted area), on premises situate on the Southwest side of Wharton Road, 437.68 feet Northwest of Highland Avenue, being Lots 498 and 499 Plan of Ferguson and Johnson Tract (known as 2039 Wharton Road), 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. Granted.

Application No. 53-18 — Appeal of Glenside Methodist Church, Applicant and Owner, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect a Church Building (building will encroach at two points into the rear yard restricted area, greatest encroachment being 17 feet), on premises situate on the Northeast corner of Easton Road and Menlo Avenue, being Lots 1 to 7, inclusive, Section C, Plan of Roslyn Terrace, 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. Granted.

Application No. 53-19 — Appeal of Roland W. Evleth, Applicant and Owner, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect one one-family dwelling (to encroach 5 feet in the Washington Lane front yard restricted area), on premises situate on the Northeast corner of Washington Lane and Fairy Hill 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. 53-20 — Appeal of William A. Dando, Applicant and Walter N. Gay, Owner, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect one one-family dwelling (to encroach 3.16 feet in the Lambert Road front yard restricted area), on premises situate on the Northeast corner of Glen Road and Lambert Road, being Lot 18, 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. 53-21 — Application of Paul Wackes, Applicant and Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a nonconforming lot, situate on the Northeast corner of Jenkintown Road and Monroe Avenue, being Lots 997 and 998, Plan of Ferguson No. 2, 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. 53-22 — Application of Paul Wackes, Applicant and Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a nonconforming lot, situate on the Northwest side of Tennis Avenue, 420 feet Southwest of Woodrow Avenue, being Lots 1584 and 1585, 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. 53-23 — Application of Michael A. and Lillian G. Conway, Applicant and Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a nonconforming lot, being an interior lot having a frontage of 38.05 feet on the Northeast side of Fox Chase Road, 476.03 feet Northwest of the c/l of Forrest Avenue, 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. 53-24 — Appeal of Joseph Bach, Applicant and Owner, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect two additions to existing store building (one addition to encroach 5 feet in the San Diego Avenue front yard restricted area, and the other addition to encroach 5 feet in the Gibson Avenue and San Diego Avenue front yard restricted areas), on premises situate on the Westerly corner of Gibson Avenue and San Diego Avenue (known as 548 Gibson Avenue), zoned in the "H" 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. Refused.

Application No. 53-25 — Application of Paul Wackes, Applicant and Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a nonconforming lot, situate on the Northwest corner of Edge Hill Road and Hawthorne Road, being Lot 23, Plan of 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. 53-26 — Application of Paul Wackes, Applicant and Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a nonconforming lot, situate on the Northeast corner of Tennis Avenue and Spruce Avenue, being Lot 339, Plan of Wm. Penn Real Estate Company, 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. 53-27 — Appeal of Arthur N. Godorecci, Applicant and Owner, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect an addition and two-car attached garage to rear of existing dwelling (garage to encroach 5.60 feet into the rear yard restricted area), on premises situate on the Easterly corner of Spruce Avenue and Penn Avenue, being Lots 260, 261 and Part of 262, Plan of William Penn Real Estate Company (known as 2945 Spruce Avenue), 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. 53-28 — Application of Reverend Michael P. G. McMahon, of St. John of the Cross R. C. Parish, Applicant and Owner, for a special exception to use the property bounded by Woodland Road, Pershing Avenue and Thomson Road as and for Church and School purposes, 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. 53-29 — Application of Henry O. MacCulloch, Applicant and Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a nonconforming lot, situate on the Northwest side of Maple Avenue, 491.24 feet Northeast of the c/l of Jenkintown Road, being Lots 1856 and 1857, 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. No Action.

Application No. 53-30 — Application of Augustine J. Masi, Applicant and Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-car attached garage on a nonconforming lot, situate on the Northeast side of Parkdale Avenue, 75 feet Northwest of Edgley Avenue, being Lots 110 and 111, Plan of Ferguson and Johnson Tract (known as 2109 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. 53-31 — Application of Cyril F. Conway, Applicant and Anne H. Conway, Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a nonconforming lot, situate on the Southeast side of Hamel Avenue, 391.36 feet Northeast of Jenkintown Road, being Lots 231 and 232, Plan of Ferguson's North Glenside No. 2, zoned in the "H" Residence District in the Ardsley Ward No. 9 of the Towship of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 53-32 — Appeal of Wharton Avenue Baptist Church, Applicant and Owner, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect a New Church Building (New Church Building will encroach 15 feet in the Weldon Avenue front yard restricted area and 30 feet in the rear yard restricted area), on premises situate on the Northeast corner of Keswick Avenue and Weldon Avenue, being Lots 981, 982, 983, 984 and 1016, Plan of Glenside Highlands, zoned in the "T" and "H" Residence Districts, in the Glenside Ward No. 3 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 53-33 — Appeal of R. G. Zimmerman, Applicant and Owner, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect an addition to side of existing dwelling and store building (addition will encroach 5 feet 8 inches into the Easton Road front yard restricted area), on premises situate on the Southwest corner of Easton Road and Weldon Avenue, zoned in the "F" Commercial District in the Glenside Ward No. 3 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Granted.

Application No. 53-34 — Application of Otto Eggert, Applicant and Paul R. Eggert, Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a nonconforming lot, situate on the Southwest side of Harte Road, 210 feet Northwest of Glen Road, being Lot 32, Plan of the 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. 53-35 — Appeal of J. M. Smith, Applicant and Robert W. Drummond, Owner, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect a two-car garage and breezeway on existing foundation (garage will encroach 22.30 feet into the Meetinghouse Road front yard restricted area), on premises situate on the Easterly corner of Crosswicks Road and Meetinghouse Road (Known as 620 Crosswicks 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. 53-36 — Application of Catherine Donohue, Applicant and Dora L. Seery, Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a nonconforming lot, situate on the Southeast side of Hamel Avenue, 376.36 feet Northeast of c/l of Jenkintown Road, being Lots 233 and 234, Plan of Ferguson's North Glenside Plot No. 2, 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. 53-38 — Appeal of Howard L. Boetsch, Applicant and Owner, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect a one-story addition to rear of existing dwelling (addition to encroach 3 feet into the one side yard restricted area), on premises situate on the Southeast side of Cottage Road, 340.43 feet Southwest of Charles Street, being Lots 194 and 195, 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. 53-39 Appeal of Richard F. Wardner, Applicant and Owner, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect one one-car attached garage, garage to encroach 3 feet into the one side yard restricted area), on premises situate on the Southwest side of Hazel Avenue, 135.75 feet Northwest of Locust Road, 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. 53-40 — Appeal of Amabile E. Aletti, Applicant and Owner, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect one one-car attached garage (garage to encroach 8.30 feet into the Parkdale Avenue front yard restricted area), on premises situate on the Southwest side of Parkdale Avenue, 123.60 feet Southeast of Edgley Avenue, being Lots 440 and Parts of 439 and 441, Plan of Ferguson and Johnson Glenside Tract, 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. 53-41 — Application of Harry B. Stein, Applicant and Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-car attached garage on a nonconforming lot, situate on the Northeast side of Parkdale Avenue, 115.48 feet Southeast of Edgley Avenue, being Lot 430 and Parts of Lots 429 and 431, Plan of Ferguson and Johnson Glenside Tract, 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. 53-42 — Application of Anna Mae Lyons, Applicant, and Richard Chapman, Owner, for a special exception, to use the existing dwelling as and for a Convalescent Home for the Aged, on premises situate on the Northwest side of Robinson Avenue, 68 feet Southwest of Rothley Avenue (known as 1572 Robinson Avenue), zoned in the "L" Residence District in the Crestmont Ward No. 5 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Township Office. Refused.

Application No. 53-43 — Application of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, Applicant, and Brentwood Manor Homes, Inc., Owner, for a special exception, to use premises as and for church and school purposes bounded by proposed Elkins Avenue, proposed Crater Road, proposed Folly Road and proposed Davidson 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 No. 53-44 — Appeal of Suburban Home Builders, Applicant, and William M. Hatton, Owner, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect one one-family dwelling (dwelling to encroach 9.31 feet into the rear yard restricted area), on premises situate on the Southerly side of Brookdale Avenue, 205.57 feet East of c/l of Arlington Avenue, being Lot 106, Plan of Roslyn Park, 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. 53-45 — Application of Suburban Home Builders, Applicant, and W. Eugene Wild, Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a nonconforming lot, situate on the Northwest side of Monroe Avenue, 320 feet Northeast of Woodrow Avenue, being Lots 304 and 305, Plan of Ferguson's North Glenside Tract, 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. 53-46 — Appeal of Paul S. Vollrath, Applicant and Owner, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect 19 store buildings with apartments on second floor, and 5 offices (buildings to encroach 4 feet into the Keswick Avenue front yard restricted area, one building at the North end to encroach 10 feet into the Keswick Avenue front yard restricted area), on premises situate on the Westerly side Keswick Avenue, 361.84 feet Southwardly from 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. 53-47 — Application of Dominic LaRosa, Applicant and Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a nonconforming lot, situate on the Southeast side of Tyson Avenue, 214.81 feet Northeast of Susquehanna Street, 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 No. 53-48 — Appeal of Harley A. Shriver, Jr., Applicant and Owner, from the decision of the Building Inspector, to erect one one-family dwelling (dwelling to encroach 2 feet in the Wheatsheaf Lane front yard restricted area, and 3 feet in the side yard restricted area), on premises situate on the Easterly corner of Susquehanna Street and Wheatsheaf Lane, being Lot 497, Plan of Highland Farm, zoned in the "T" 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. 53-49 — Application of Paul B. Sloat, Applicant, and Frank T. Comly, Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a nonconforming lot, situate at the Southerly dead end of Locust Road, South of Hawthorne Road, 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. 53-50 — Application of Olivet Presbyterian Church, Applicant, and the Trustees of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, Owner, for a special exception, to use premises as and for Church and Sunday School purposes, on property situate on the Northwesterly side of Cedar Road, 723.69 feet Northeastwardly from Jenkintown Road, zoned in the "V" 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. 53-51 — Application of Noel T. Haldeman, Applicant and Owner, for a special exception, to erect one one-family dwelling on a nonconforming lot, situate on the Northwest side of Central Avenue, 262.12 feet Southwest of Jenkintown Road, being Lot 2215 and Part of Lot 2217, and Lot 2216, Plan of Ferguson's North Glenside Tract, 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.

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

Application No. 53-5 — Petition to change the "H" Residence District to "F" Commercial District for the property abutting the Northeasterly side of Jenkintown Road, extending from Forrest Avenue to Tulpehocken Avenue, for a depth of 250 feet, in the McKinley Ward No. 4, of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Secretary's Office. Refused.

Application No. 53-6 — Petition to change the "H" Residence District to "F" Commercial District for the property abutting the Northwesterly side of Johnston Street, extending from Avondale Avenue to Barnes Avenue, for a depth of 120 feet, in the Roslyn Ward No. 8 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Secretary's Office. Refused.

Application No. 53-14 — Petition to change the "F" Commercial District to "H" Residence District of the entire tract known as Plan of Willow Park Homes, being Lots 1 to 115 inclusive, Plan of Willow Park Homes, abutting portions of Old Welsh Road, Coolidge Avenue, Preston Avenue, Columbia Avenue and Moreland Road, in the Crestmont Ward No. 5 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Secretary's Office. Granted.

Application No. 53-37 — Petition to extend the "F" Commercial District into the "H" Residence District to include the property situate on the Southeast side of Houston Avenue, 59.5 feet Northeast of Mt. Carmel Avenue, having a frontage of 560 feet on Houston Avenue, for the depth of the lots to the Reading Company right-of-way in North Hills Ward No. 6 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 387 cases of Communicable diseases.

The Health Officer received 40 complaints of overflowing cesspools and directed the owners to abate the nusiance.

Milk Dealer's Permits were issued to 15 dealers during the year 1953. The Health Officer made 60 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 57 public eating and drinking places within the Township.

Plumbing Inspection

The Plumbing Inspector reported Certificates of Registration were issued to 232 Master Plumbers and 36 Journeyman Plumbers, and 1029 plans of Plumbing work were approved and permits issued during the year 1953.

Four hundred (400) leaching drainage wells and combination septic tank and tile field systems were installed under the supervision of the Plumbing Inspector.

Six hundred and twenty-nine house sewers were connected to the Township sewer system during the year 1953.

There were 15 violations of the plumbing code during the year 1953. The individuals concerned were brought before the magistrate and fined for the violation.

Health Automobiles

The Department replaced one 1946 automobile with a new automobile during the year.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

For many years the Township of Abington has employed a contractor to collect and dispose of the garbage from the Township. This Contractor has hauled the garbage away from the Abington area and has fed it to swine on what might be termed "hog feeding farms." The present contractor, Riddle Farms of Westville, New Jersey, is completing the third year of a three-year contract which will expire March 31, 1954.

Recent epidemic outbreaks among swine, attributable to their being fed raw garbage, has resulted in the enactment of Federal and State legislation and regulations making it unlawful to feed raw garbage to swine. Because of these new regulations the garbage collecting contractor for the Township of Abington is now required to cook and treat the raw garbage before it is fed to hogs. This requirement caused the contractor to substantially increase his charges to the Township. As a result, the Commissioners were required to renegotiate the contract from a basis of $21,000. per year to a basis of $30,000. per year effective August 1, 1953 for the balance of the contract which runs to March 31, 1954.

Indications are that the Commissioners will advertise for bids early in January, 1954, probably for a one year contract from April 1, 1954 to March 31, 1955, in anticipation that the long awaited Incinerator Plant for the burning of combustible refuse and garbage will be in operation by April 1, 1955.

Bureau of Sanitary Sewers

The Board of Commissioners, on January 29, 1953, awarded the following sewer contracts:

Contract No. 31 to John Meehan & Son, Philadelphia, in the amount of $449,979.50 for branch and intercepting sewers in the Noble and Rydal areas.

Contract No. 33 to McCabe Brothers, Bala-Cynwyd, in the amount of $33,092.75 for branch sewers in the Glenside Gardens area.

Contract No. 34 to McCabe Brothers in the amount of $21,706.25 for branch sewers in a portion of the McKinley area.

The following contracts were completed during the year:

Contract No. 27 for the installation of branch sewers in the Willow Grove area was completed July 14, 1953. The assessable portion of the cost thereof charged against the abutting property owners was $9.99 per front foot.

Contract No. 28 for the construction of a Sewage Pumping Station on Davisville Road north of Moreland Road, Willow Grove, was completed December 1, 1953.

Contract No. 29 for the installation of an Intercepting sewer and cast iron force main in the Abington Village and Rydal areas was completed July 14, 1953.

Contract No. 30 for the construction of a Sewage Pumping Station in the Township of Abington Bird Sanctuary on Valley Road, Rydal, was completed December 1, 1953.

Contract No. 34 for the installation of branch sewers in the McKinley area was completed September 16, 1953. The assessable portion of the cost thereof charged against the abutting property owners was $7.09 per front foot.

Contract No. 5A for the construction of sludge collectors in the existing primary and secondary settling tanks at the Township of Abington Sewage Treatment Plant was completed March 11, 1953.

The Board authorized bids to be received in January of 1954 on seven contracts for extensions to the township sanitary sewer system and additions to the Sewage Treatment Plant:

Contract No. 32: Branch and intercepting sewers in the Ardsley and North Hills areas, Wards 9 and 6, consisting of approximately 6,600 lineal feet of 8″ diameter sanitary sewer.

Contract No. 35: Branch and intercepting sewers in the Ferndale, Rockwell and Prospect Avenue areas, Wards 1, 5 and 10, consisting of approximately 17,000 lineal feet of 8″ diameter sanitary sewer.

Contract No. 36: Proposal "A": Branch and intercepting sewers in the Willow Park Homes Development, Ward 5, consisting of approximately 6,400 lineal feet of 8″ diameter sanitary sewer. Proposal "B": Branch sewer in Moreland Road, connecting sewers in Willow Park Homes Development to existing sewer west of Easton Road, Ward 5, consisting of approximately 1,600 lineal feet of 10″ and 12″ diameter sanitary sewer.

Contract No. 37: Proposal "A": Branch and intercepting sewer in Washington Lane and connection to existing sewer in Rydal Road, Wards 2 and 7, consisting of approximately 3,200 lineal feet of 8″ diameter sanitary sewer. Proposal "B": Branch sewer in Valley Road, from Cox Road to Rydal Pumping Station, Ward 2, consisting of approximately 650 lineal feet of 8″ diameter sanitary sewer.

Contract No. 38: Sewage Pumping Station and miscellaneous appurtenances located on Old Welsh Road (former Davidson Farm), Ward 1, consisting of a Sewage Pumping Station, approximately 1,300 lineal feet of 10″ diameter cast iron force main, and approximately 150 lineal feet of 8″ and 10″ diameter sanitary sewers.

Contract No. 5-B: Sewage Treatment Plant—Furnish and install Glass Enclosure and Dry Sludge Removal Equipment for the existing open Sludge Drying Bed and Dry Sludge Removal Equipment for the existing covered Sludge Drying Bed.

Contract No. 5-C: Sewage Treatment Plant—Furnish and install floating cover on one existing Sludge Digester.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM

At the end of 1953 the sewerage system consisted of a modern Sewage Treatment Plant, five Sewage Pumping Stations and approximately 65 miles of sanitary sewer, ranging in size from 5 inch laterals to 30 inch intercepting sewer.

The five 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 total metered or estimated flows from each station were calculated and were as follows:

Highland Avenue Pumping Station—48.142 million gallons
North Hills Pumping Station—30.790 million gallons
Huntingdon Road Pumping Station—11.355 million gallons
Willow Grove Pumping Station—7.180 million gallons
Rydal Pumping Station—1.456 million gallons

Four sanitary sewer meters discharging into Cheltenham Township were serviced and inspected weekly throughout the year. The quantities measured by each meter were calculated and were as follows:

Stewart Avenue—149.691 million gallons
Highland Avenue—25.990 million gallons
Cadwalader Avenue—9.985 million gallons
Fisher Road—5.907 million gallons

Sewage Treatment

During 1953 the entire sewage flow entering the Sewage Treatment Plant received complete treatment. In providing such 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 amendable 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 consisted of: a comminutor for shredding large solids; two sewage pumps with pumping rates ranging from 750 to 4,000 gallons per minute; two rectangular primary settling tanks with straight line sludge collectors and scum troughs; two aeration tanks with swing diffusers; four rectangular secondary settling tanks with straight line sludge collectors; two chlorine contact tanks; one heated sludge digestion tank with floating cover for gas collection; one unheated secondary sludge digestion tank; and two sludge drying beds. In addition to these plant units, the following appurtenances and systems were also utilized: (a) the various pumps, blowers, and piping essential to activated sludge treatment and heated separate sludge digestion; (b) a gas collecting and burning system utilizing sewage gas as fuel for heating the contents of the primary sludge digestion tank, for building heat, and to provide hot water supply; (c) a chlorine application system; (d) a utility water system, using the treated sewage for all flushing connections and for wash-down of the various tanks; (e) various metering equipment as required for operations control; 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 mechanical adjustment, lubrication, pump packings, checking and adjusting of automatic controls and meters, and routine cleaning and adjusting of all treatment units and devices. During the year all exposed piping and metal work and all interior wood-work and trim was painted by plant personnel.

Record of Accomplishment and Operations

During 1953 the entire sewage flow entering the Sewage Treatment Plant, a total of 488.029 million gallons, received complete treatment. From this sewage 282,177 cubic feet of sludge solids were removed and charged into the sludge digestion tanks. The temperature of the contents of the primary digester was maintained at an average of 90 degrees Fahrenheit. The digestion of these solids resulted in the production of 4,138,057 cubic feet of gas which was utilized as fuel. An average of 1.19 cubic feet of air per gallon of sewage treated was applied in the aeration tanks. The settled activated sludge, containing the beneficial micro-organisms essential to the process, was returned to the aeration tanks at an average rate of 37% of the incoming sewage flow. An average of 0.46 parts per million of residual chlorine was maintained in the final effluent to provide for disinfection. The chlorine dosage required to maintain this residual content averaged 26.5 pounds per million gallons of sewage treated.

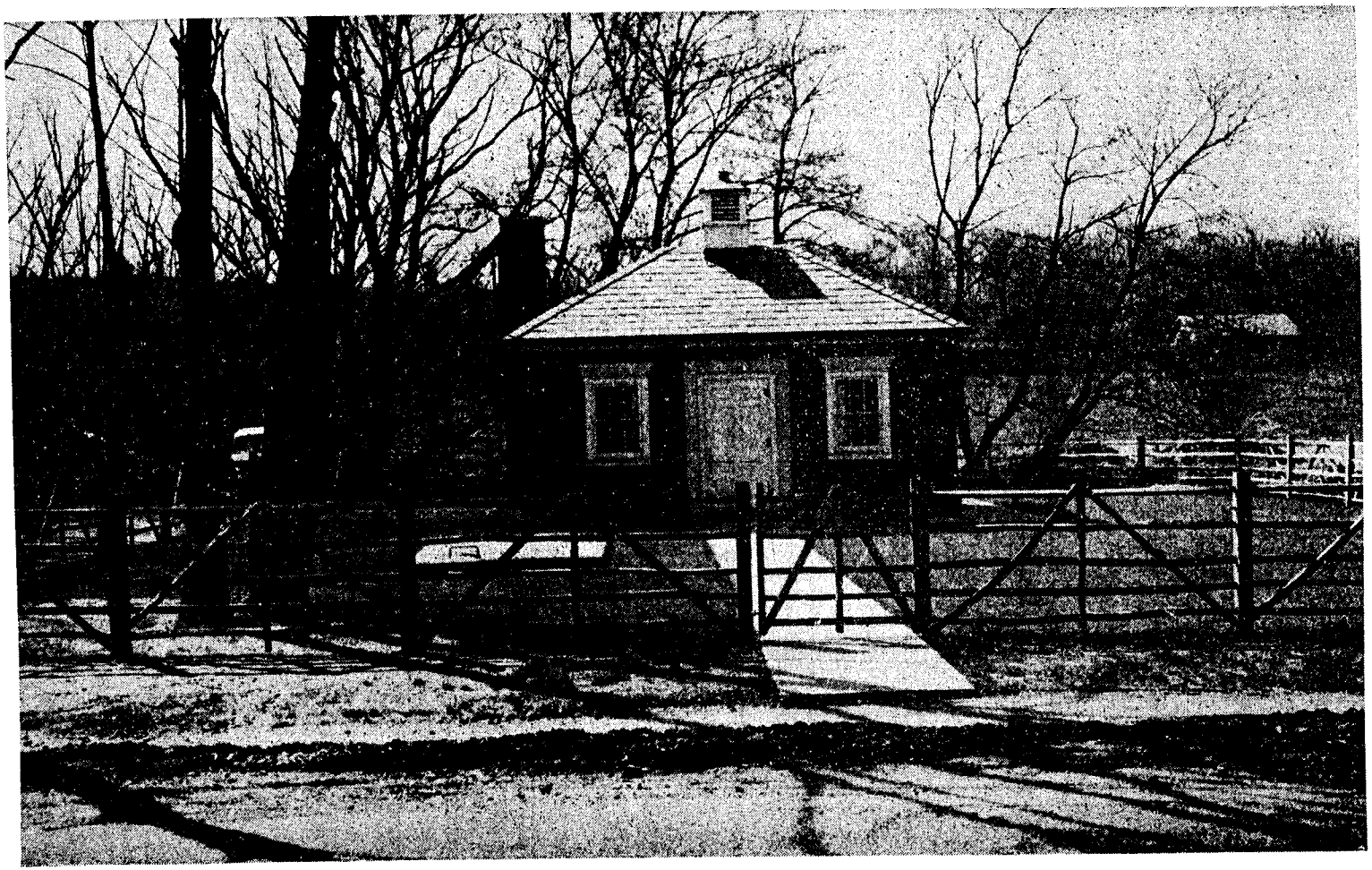
An average of 85 routine laboratory determinations were made daily with the results being utilized to control the various treatment processes and to measure plant loadings and efficiencies. The results of these tests show that a stable, oxidized effluent with an average relative stability of 95% was produced by the Sewage Treatment Plant. This effluent — clean, sparkling, chlorinated for disinfection, and free of obnoxious materials — was discharged into Sandy Run.

Visitors

During the year 110 visitors were conducted on inspection tours through the Sewage Treatment Plant. Of these visitors: 98 were from Pennsylvania, 3 from New Jersey, 2 from Illinois, 2 from New York, 2 from Virginia, 1 from the State of Washington, and 2 from Canada.

Personnel

Supervision of operations and maintenance was under the direction of the Township Engineer. Operating personnel consisting of a Superintendent, a Chief Operator, and five Attendants provided control of operations around the clock.



SEWAGE PUMP STATION — 1251 VALLEY ROAD

INCINERATOR

The Commissioners, August 9, 1945, prior to purchasing the Incinerator site, located in the Township of Upper Dublin, entered into an agreement with Upper Dublin approving the site to be purchased for the purpose of the construction and operation of an Incinerator for the burning of garbage and combustible rubbish.

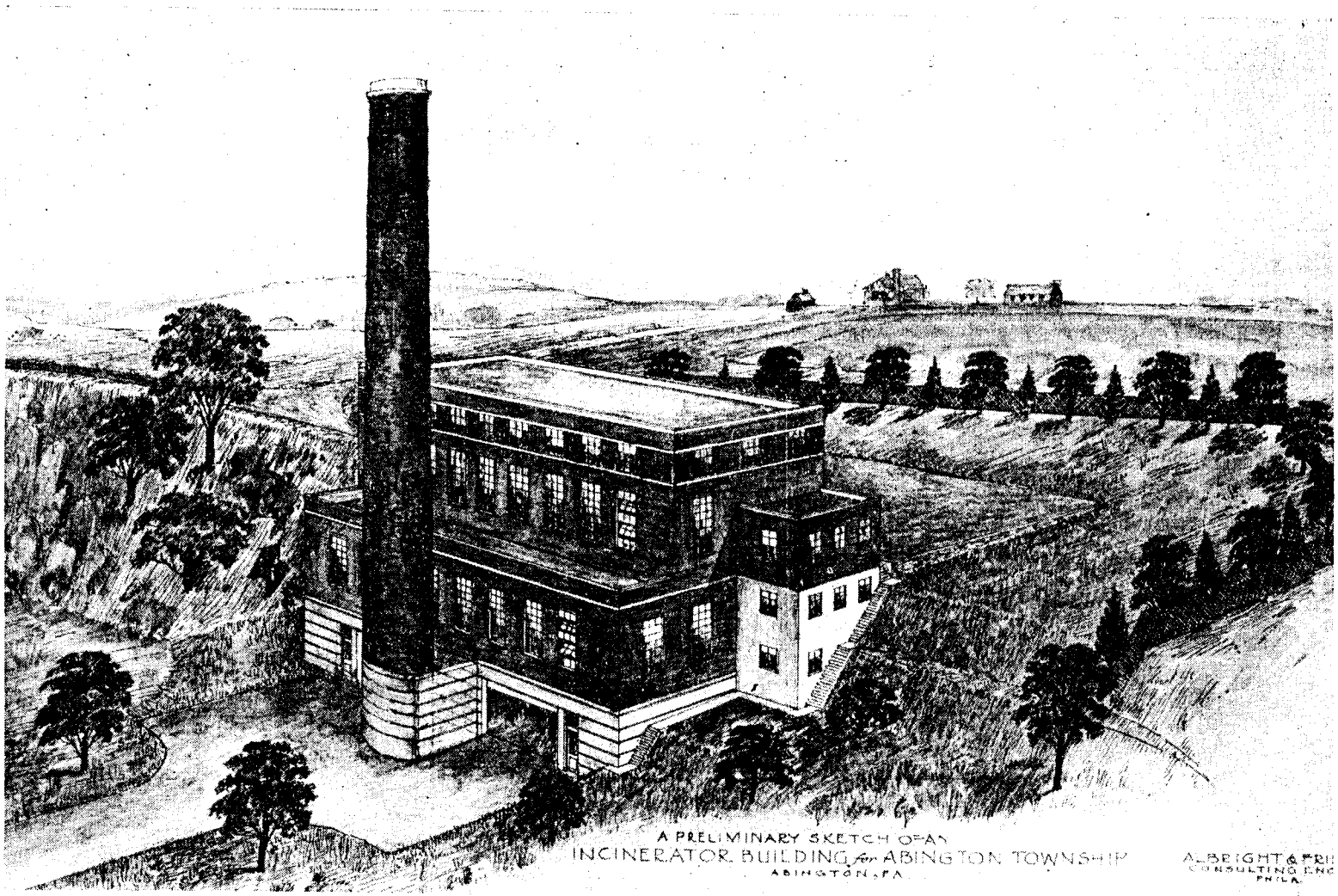
Letter April 19, 1944 was received from the President of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham, which reads in part: "a resolution was approved requesting Abington to appoint a committee to meet with a similar committee from Cheltenham with a view to formulating plans for the erection and maintenance of a joint incinerator, using the present joint sewage disposal plan as a basis." Abington appointed its Committee and also extended the invitation to the Township of Springfield and Borough of Jenkintown. Numerous meetings were held until 1946 at which time the basis of the plan proposed by Cheltenham collapsed.

The enactment of Federal and State laws and regulations requiring garbage to be cooked before feeding to swine placed upon many municipalities a very heavy financial expenditure. Abington is justly proud that it could negotiate satisfactory contracts for the collection and removal of garbage pending the time when the Incinerator will be constructed and the garbage will be completely disposed of by incineration.

The electorate gave the Board of Township Commissioners its vote of confidence in approving the $600,000. increase in indebtedness for Incinerator purposes.

The Board of Commissioners, realizing the ten adjacent municipalities were facing the same problem as Abington extended its offer to them to participate in the Incinerator plan using the original joint sewage disposal plan basis. The participating municipalities to contribute to the capital cost on the 1950 population percentage and to its operational cost on the proportionate share of the full amount of tonnage delivered to the plant.

Several meetings were held with representatives of the municipalities and of necessity Abington was required to exact a definite acceptance of the plan on or before the dead-line date in January 1954. Since no affirmative acceptance of participation was received at the time specified, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington authorized Albright and Friel, Inc., to proceed with the preparation of plans and specifications for an Incinerator with a 2-100 ton rectangular type mechanically charged and mechanically stoked furnaces together with all appurtenances, with a probable operation date of April 1, 1955.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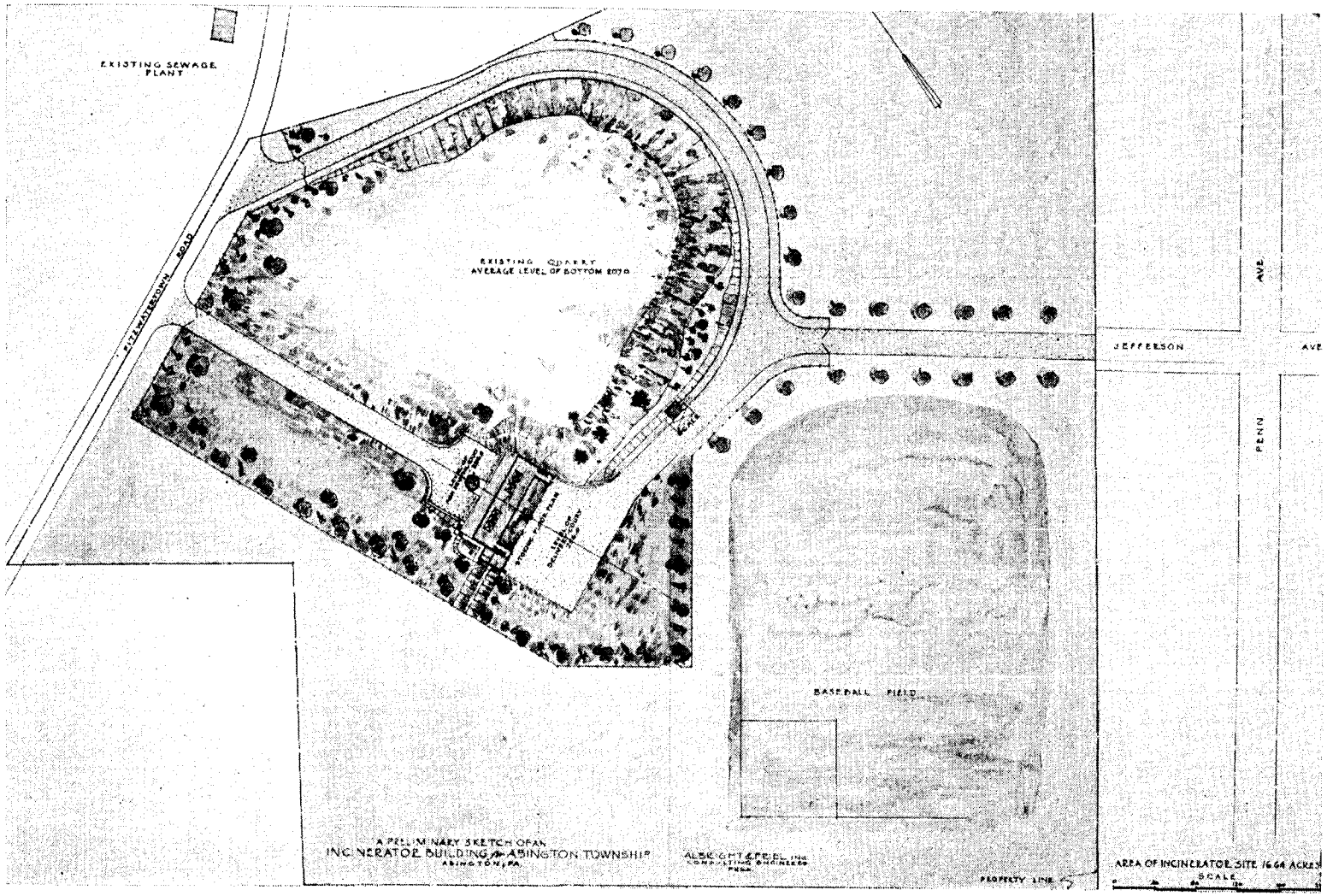
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

Real Estate Registry

Two thousand one hundred ninety-six (2,196) real estate deeds were checked, officially registered, and necessary changes made to the Real Estate Registry Maps.

Building Numbers

Assigned eight hundred two (802) official numbers to new dwellings throughout the Township.

Highway Permits

Five hundred fifty-nine (559) 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.

Subdivisions

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

PLAN OF HUNTINGDON PARK, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2 ;
PLAN OF PROPERTY MADE FOR GILBERT P. HIGH, Abington Ward 1;
PLAN OF PROPERTY MADE FOR BEN W. INGBER & LOUIS PHILLIPS, Noble Ward 7;
PLAN OF WUNDERLAND SECTION 3, Roslyn Ward 8;
PLAN OF CROSSWICKS SECTION 3, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
PLAN OF CROSSWICKS SECTION 4, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
PLAN OF CROSSWICKS SECTION 5, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
AMENDED PLAN OF CROSSWICKS SECTION 4, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
PLAN OF PROPERTY MADE FOR PENNA. CO. U/W WM. G. SERRILL, McKinley Ward 4;
PLAN OF WOODED ACRES, McKinley Ward 4;
PLAN OF PORTION of PROPERTY OF THE EDWIN E. MARSHALL ESTATE, Abington Ward 1;
PLAN OF PROPERTY MADE FOR SHEBLE & DAGER, Abington Ward 1;
AMENDED PLAN OF PROPERTY MADE FOR SHEBLE DAGER, INC., Abington Ward 1;
PLAN OF PROPERTY MADE FOR ANTHONY PAPALE, Glenside Ward 3;
SECTION 1 OF WOODRIDGE FARMS, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
PLAN OF PROPERTY MADE FOR WM. DAUTEL, JR., Ardsley Ward 9;
PLAN OF SECTION NO. 1 HUNTINGDON PARK, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
PLAN OF SECTION NO. 2 SUNNYCREST HOMES, Crestmont Ward 5;
PLAN OF BRENTWOOD MANOR SECTION NO. 1, Abington Ward 1;
PLAN OF PROPERTY MADE FOR XANTHUS R. SMITH, Glenside Ward 3;
PLAN OF PROPERTY MADE FOR WALTER F. BEHR, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
PLAN OF RYDAL VISTA, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
SUBDIVISION PLAN AN ADDITION TO FAIRACRES, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
PLAN OF SECTION 2, WOODRIDGE FARMS, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
PLAN OF PORTION OF SECTION 3, BRENTWOOD FARMS, Abington Ward 1;
PLAN OF PART OF FERGUSON & JOHNSON GLENSIDE TRACT MADE FOR PAUL S. VOLLRATH, Glenside Ward 12;
PLAN OF PART OF CROSSWICKS FARM MADE FOR RUSSELL A. AND MARY MUTH, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
SECTION NO. 1 OF PART OF SECTION NO. 4, WUNDERLAND, Roslyn Ward 8;
PLAN OF BAEDERWOOD HILLS, Noble Ward 7;

PLAN OF RYDAL VISTA SECTION NO. 1, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
AMENDED PLAN OF BRYN-TUN, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
AMENDED PLAN OF GLENMORE FARMS, Glenside Ward 3;
PLAN OF SECTION NO. 1, LORIMER HEIGHTS, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
PLAN OF WALNUT HILLS, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
PLAN OF PROPERTY MADE FOR EDWARD TAXIN, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
PLAN OF PROPERTY MADE FOR WM. A. LELL, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
PLAN OF HUNTINGDON MANOR SECTION NO. 1, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2.

Acceptance of Streets

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

IVY LANE, extending from Elm Avenue, formerly Fairview Avenue to Hamel Avenue, North Hills Ward 6, under Ordinance No. 724;

HOLME AVENUE, extending from Shelmire Street to Chancellor Avenue, McKinley Ward 4, under Ordinance No. 724;

CLEARVIEW AVENUE, extending from Edge Hill Road to Grovania Avenue, Roychester Ward 10, under Ordinance No. 724;

COX ROAD, formerly Prospect Avenue, extending from Washington Lane to Valley Road, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2, under Ordinance No. 724;

MORELAND ROAD, abutting Plan of Willow Park Homes, Crestmont Ward 5, under Ordinance No. 729;

COLLIDGE AVENUE, extending from Moreland Road to Old Welsh Road, Crestmont Ward 5, under Ordinance No. 729;

OLD WELSH ROAD, abutting Plan of Willow Park Homes, Crestmont Ward 5, under Ordinance No. 729;

PRESTON AVENUE, extending from Coolidge Avenue approximately 200 feet from Moreland Road to Coolidge Avenue approximately 215 feet from Old Welsh Road, Crestmont Ward 5, under Ordinance No. 729;

COLUMBIA AVENUE, extending from a point approximately 115 feet north of Coolidge Avenue to a point approximately 115 feet South of Preston Avenue, Crestmont Ward 5, under Ordinance No. 729;

WARNER ROAD, extending from Moredon Road to a point approximately 160 feet South from Bryant Lane, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2, under Ordinance No. 730;

BRYANT LANE, extending from Warner Road to Moredon Road, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2, under Ordinance No. 730;

FORTUNE ROAD, extending from a point approximately 160 feet Southeastwardly from Louise Road to a point approximately 160 feet Northwestwardly from Edgley Avenue, Glenside Ward 11, under Ordinance No. 731;

CROSS ROAD, extending from a point approximately 150 feet Southeastwardly from Louise Road to a point approximately 125 Northwestwardly from Edgley Avenue, Glenside Ward 11, under Ordinance No. 731;

EDGLEY AVENUE, extending from Cross Road to Fortune Road, Glenside Ward 11, under Ordinance No. 731;

LOUISE ROAD, extending from a point approximately 200 feet Northeastwardly from Cross Road to Jenkintown Road, Glenside Ward 11, under Ordinance No. 731;

OKLAHOMA ROAD, extending from Fitzwatertown Road to a point approximately 132 feet Westwardly from Smith Avenue, Crestmont Ward 5, under Ordinance No. 732;

SMITH AVENUE, extending from a point approximately 116 feet Southwestwardly from Oklahoma Road, Northeastwardly a distance of approximately 551 feet to a point, Crestmont Ward 5, under Ordinance No. 732;

GOENTNER ROAD, extending from Smith Avenue Westwardly approximately 135 feet to a point in the Crestmont Ward No. 5, under Ordinance No. 732;

GLENBROOK ROAD, extending from Meetinghouse Road to Lenore Road, Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2, under Ordinance No. 735;

MICHAEL ROAD, extending from Warner Road to Stephen Road, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2, under Ordinance No. 735;

STEPHEN ROAD, extending from Michael Road to Carol Road, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2, under Ordinance 735;

CAROL ROAD, extending from Warner Road to Moredon Road, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2, under Ordinance No. 735;

WARNER ROAD, extending from Michael Road to a point approximately 152 feet North of Lenore Road, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2, under Ordinance No. 735;

LENORE ROAD, extending from Warner Road to Glenbrook Road, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2, under Ordinance No. 735.

Construction of Streets — Assessment Method

CLEVELAND AVENUE from Corinthian Avenue to Silver Avenue and SILVER AVENUE from Cleveland Avenue to Edge Hill Road, were improved with combined concrete curb and gutter and the cost 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, were 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.

HOLME AVENUE from Shelmire Street to Chancellor Avenue was improved with combined concrete curb and gutter and the cost assessed to the owners of the abutting properties, under Ordinance No. 724, McKinly Ward 4.

IVY LANE from Elm Avenue to Hamel Avenue was improved with combined concrete curb and gutter and the cost assessed to the owners of the abutting properties under Ordinance No. 724, North Hills Ward 6.

Contracts have been executed for the construction of the following:

CLEARVIEW AVENUE from Edge Hill Road to Grovania Avenue 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. 724, Roychester Ward 10.

Surface Treatment

The Department surface treated 13 miles of streets in various wards of the Township.

New Equipment

The following new equipment was delivered to the Township:

50 STREET NAME SIGNS;
1 1953 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK, equipped with ROTO-PAC BODY;
1 SNOW PLOW;
1 CASE TRACTOR with attachments;
1 CINDER SPREADER;
1 4-door PLYMOUTH SEDAN;
1 PLYMOUTH STATION WAGON.

Parks and Playgrounds

During the year the double all weather tennis court equipped with backstops were completed at the Roychester Park, Ward 10; a baseball backstop was erected at the Penbryn Park ball field, Ward 6; and a baseball park was made at the Incinerator Site.

In addition to the above the usual routine maintenance was performed in the various Township Parks and Playgrounds.

Refuse Collection

The trucks of the Department traveled a total of 22,243 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 16,500 cubic yards of unsorted ashes and non-combustible rubbish collected were deposited on township property in Ardsley. The truck-hours on refuse collection numbered 5,339 and 20,528 manhours were required for the task.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON 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:

1509—1000 lumen lights, an increase of 42
15—2500 lumen lights, an increase of 2
36—6000 lumen lights, an increase of 3

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
876 Jenkintown Road
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

ABINGTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
970 Highland Avenue
Abington, Pennsylvania

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

ARDSLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2828 Spear Avenue
Ardsley, Pennsylvania

CEDAR ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
700 Cedar Road
Hollywood, Pennsylvania

GLENSIDE-WELDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
409 Easton Road
Glenside, Pennsylvania

HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1301 Edge Hill Road
Abington, Pennsylvania

McKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
241 Cadwalader Avenue
Elkins Park 17, Pennsylvania

NORTH HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
300 Central Avenue
North Hills, Pennsylvania

OVERLOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2001 Old Welsh Road
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1722 High Avenue
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

ROSLYN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2565 Susquehanna Street
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

OTHER SCHOOLS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

ABINGTON FRIENDS SCHOOL
1220 Greenwood Avenue
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

MEADOWBROOK SCHOOL
1641 Hampton Road
Meadowbrook, Pennsylvania

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY OGONTZ CENTER
1600 Woodland Road
Rydal, 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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Y.M.C.A. Building
1073 Old York Road
Abington, Pennsylvania

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
855 Old Huntingdon Pike
Hollywood, Pennsylvania

CARMEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
100 Edge Hill Road
North Hills, 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 METHODIST 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 FREE METHODIST CHURCH
1128 Bradfield Road
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1052 Easton Road
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

ROYCHESTER PARK METHODIST 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
Temporary Chapel
1552 Easton Road
Roslyn, Pennsylvania

ST. LUKE'S THE EVANGELIST
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 BAPTIST CHURCH
447 Keswick Avenue
Glenside, Pennsylvania

WILLOW GROVE GOSPEL TABERNACLE
1802 Lycoming Avenue
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

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ORDINANCE No. 742

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING CERTAIN NUISANCES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES

The Board of Township Commissioners of the Township of Abington hereby enact and ordain:

SECTION 1: That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, either directly or indirectly, or by its agents, to do, authorize, aid or abet any of the following described regulations or restrictions, intended to promote the general safety, health, comfort and convenience of the Township.

(a) To injure or destroy any property, either owned by the Township or by other persons, in or along any public highway or place of the township.

(b) To start, or cause or permit to be started, any bonfire or fire for the purpose of burning any paper, debris, rubbish, straw, shavings or leaves, or any other substances, within the limits of any public street in the Township.

(c) To build, or cause to permit to be built, any bonfire or fire for the purpose of burning any paper, rubbish, debris, straw, shavings and leaves, or any other substance, between sunset and sunrise within the Township.

(d) To cast any paper boxes or store wastes, earth, brick, stone, coal, wood, ashes, lime, shavings, rubbish or any substance of any kind, except for the purpose of immediate loading or removing, on any public highway or sidewalk within the Township.

(e) Drive any wagon, cart, automobile, or other vehicles; to ride any bicycle, or motorcycle, or to coast or sled ride upon any sidewalk within the Township, provided that this section shall not be construed to prohibit the use of entrances from the public highway to private property.

(f) To throw, drop, or place, or cause to be thrown, dropped or placed, upon any of the public highways, sidewalks, or public places within the Township, or upon any porch, step or yard of any house or store along any of the public highways within the Township any posters, circulars, bills, handbills, or other advertising matter of any kind or description whatever.

(g) To throw, drop or place, or cause to be thrown, dropped or placed, upon any of the highways, sidewalks or other public places within the Township, any paper, paper boxes, or literature of like kind or nature, or waste matter of any kind whatsoever.

(h) To nail, tack, hang, or otherwise append, any sign, notice or advertisement of kind whatsoever on any tree, post, or pole of any description within the Township, except on private property, and then only by permission of the owner.

(i) To drive, or cause to be driven any car or wagon or motor vehicle containing garbage, earth, rubbish, or any materials of like character, through any public highway in the Township, unless such cart, wagon or motor vehicle has a good and sufficient tail board and body sufficiently tight and closed at the sides and bottom to prevent the contents from dropping off the vehicle and a cover to eliminate odors or prevent contents from blowing off vehicle.

(j) To ride horseback upon sidewalks or sidewalk areas, school ground or recreation areas, or to gallop, canter, or trot a horse upon streets in built-up areas, but may walk a horse only upon streets in the built-up areas.

(k) To harbor a dog or dogs which continually bark.

(l) To blow horns of motor vehicles where such horn blowing is unnecessary and only serves to annoy residents.

(m) To use the public streets as a proving ground, amusement thoroughfare, or other objectionable practices by operators of motor vehicles.

(n) To permit the growing and accumulation of grass, weeds, plants and shrubbery in any sidewalk area.

(o) Any person, firm or corporation, or their agents, violating this ordinance, shall be subject to a fine of not less than Five Dollars ($5.00) for each offense, and in default of the payment of the fine to be committed to the Township Lock-up for a period not exceeding forty-eight (48) hours.

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Enacted into an Ordinance this 11th day of February, A. D. 1954.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

By GEORGE E. MAURER,
President.

Attest:
E. RAYMOND AMBLER,
Secretary.

W. L. Auch Printing
Glenside, Pa.