

**Board of Commissioners
Township of Abington**

**County of Montgomery
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**



1955
Annual Report



YEAR ENDING JANUARY 2, 1956

COMMISSIONERS — 1956

Abington Ward No. 1

EDWIN U. SMILEY

2022 Susquehanna Street

Abington

Noble Ward No. 7

MARK J. HEIDELBERGER

731 Wyndale Road

Jenkintown

Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2

GEORGE I. GILSON

833 Norfolk Road

Jenkintown

Roslyn Ward No. 8

RAYMOND L. EARLE

2432 Radcliffe Avenue

Roslyn

Glenside Ward No. 3

TYRUS C. MACKLEER

359 Keswick Avenue

Glenside

Ardsley Ward No. 9

FRED W. GENTNER

676 Hamel Avenue

Ardsley

McKinley Ward No. 4

WILLIAM H. YOST

200 Forrest Avenue

Elkins Park 17

Roychester Ward No. 10

WILLIAM T. JORDAN

2027 Maplewood Avenue

Willow Grove

Crestmont Ward No. 5

JOHN E. GIBSON

2342 Hamilton Avenue

Willow Grove

Glenside Ward No. 11

ARNOLD P. ABBOTT

519 Louise Road

Glenside

Glenside Ward No. 12

CALVIN W. FOWLER

2158 Menlo Avenue

Glenside

North Hills Ward No. 6

EUGENE S. RILEY

365 Elm Avenue

North Hills

Glenside Ward No. 13

PERCY S. HARTZELL

320 Cliveden Avenue

Glenside

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 — TURNER 4-5000

For General Township Information
For Highway Information
For Health Information
For Sewer Information
For Building Information
For Zoning Information
For Tax Assessment Information
For Tax Collection Information
Business Hours 8 A.M. to 3 P.M., Monday through Friday
Closed Saturdays and Holidays

CALL THE INCINERATOR PLANT — TURNER 7-4291

For Garbage and Refuse Collection Service

FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE

CALL BUREAU OF POLICE

TURNER 4-2700

OFFICE ALWAYS OPEN

IN CASE OF FIRE

CALL TURNER 4-2700

Operators at Switchboard 24 hours of the day.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON:

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

The meetings of the Board of Commissioners and various Departments are open to the public and the citizens of our township are encouraged to attend the meetings and see first hand how the affairs of the township are being conducted. A schedule of the various meetings appears on the opposite page. As your elected representatives we invite honest criticism and constructive suggestions for the betterment of our township.

That the township is continuing its rapid growth may be seen by the following figures. Thirty-seven land subdivisions were approved in 1955 and 2232 transfers of real estate were processed. Of the 1858 Building Permits issued last year 1281 were for new dwellings having an estimated cost of more than sixteen million dollars, by far the greatest number in any one year in the history of the township. It is estimated the population of the township is now well in excess of 40,000 persons as compared to 28,988 in the 1950 Federal Census. To the many new families who have moved into the township since our last report, the Commissioners bid a hearty welcome.

The Township's new Refuse Incinerator was placed in operation on June 2, 1955. On June 3 the Police Department moved into its new and spacious headquarters. Construction of an addition and alterations to the Township Administration Building is expected to be completed early in 1956. It is planned to have these buildings, together with the Sewage Treatment Plant and other facilities of the township open for public inspection during the observance this Fall of the 50th Anniversary of Abington Township as a first-class township. We hope many of our residents will take advantage of this opportunity to inspect these facilities. Arrangements can be made by individuals or groups to tour the buildings daily throughout the year by calling the Township Manager's office.

The Board of Commissioners, officials and fellow employees were saddened by the untimely death on June 10, 1955, of Oliver L. King, Township Engineer for more than 25 years.

Personnel is an essential part of any organization whether it be in private industry or municipal government and we are justly proud and deeply grateful for the services of our employees who through the years have continued to perform their work ably, willingly and loyally.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners,

E. U. SMILEY, President.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

GEORGE I. GILSON, Director
EUGENE S. RILEY

CALVIN W. FOWLER
RAYMOND L. EARLE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

EUGENE S. RILEY, Director
WILLIAM H. YOST

ARNOLD P. ABBOTT
MARK J. HEIDELBERGER

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

RAYMOND L. EARLE, Director
TYRUS C. MACKLEER

PERCY S. HARTZELL

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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E. RAYMOND AMBLER, Secretary
DAVID E. GROSHENS, Solicitor

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MARQUIS D. BRUNNER

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WILLIAM N. FARRAN, JR., Secretary

GEORGE I. GILSON

TRUSTEES TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON PENSION PLAN AND TRUST

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GEORGE I. GILSON

E. RAYMOND AMBLER, Secretary

PERCY S. HARTZELL

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

EDWIN U. SMILEY, President
EUGENE S. RILEY, Vice-President

E. RAYMOND AMBLER,
Secretary-Manager
A. RUSSELL PARKHOUSE, Treasurer

DAVID E. GROSHENS, Solicitor

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MONROE C. ROBERTS,
Plumbing Inspector

JOHN MANZINGER, Fire Marshal
and Assistant Building Inspector

ROBERT M. BOLENIUS, Superintendent,
Sewage Treatment Plant

EDMUND A. BITTING,
Township Engineer

CHARLES F. HETTENBACH,
Superintendent, Incinerator Plant

GEORGE P. RAPP, Health Officer

ALBRIGHT & FRIEL, INC.
Consulting Engineers

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 1955.

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 \$7,699.68 in the General Fund and \$22,281.46 in the Investment Fund. Investments totaled \$119,267.60 in first mortgages, \$167,000.00 in United States Government Securities, \$18,067.00 in Common Stock Mutual Funds and \$18,225.00 in Federal Savings & Loan Associations.

The Township of Abington Employees Pension Plan and Trust, which was established for full time employees, other than those covered by the Police Pension Plan, ended its third year of operation, November 30, 1955, with a cash balance of \$6,070.74 and investments in U. S. Government Securities of \$55,000.

The Commissioners approved a contribution of \$500. to the Old York Road Public Health Nursing Center, Inc., and \$250. to the Montgomery County S.P.C.A. for the year 1955.

Sinking Funds

The bond tax levied and collected for the year 1955 amounting to \$95,000. was deposited into the sinking funds.

Orders were drawn on the sinking funds for the payment of coupon interest in the amount of \$57,385.00 and maturing bonds in the amount of \$382,000. Total outstanding bonds as of January 2, 1956, were \$3,494,000. with a sinking fund credit of \$567,420.01 or a net bonded indebtedness of \$2,926,579.99. Sewer assessment liens receivable amounting to \$358,238.22 when collected are applicable to the payment of the outstanding indebtedness.

Independent Audit

The firm of Charles S. Rockey & Company, Certified Public Accountants, Philadelphia, made independent quarterly audits during the year 1955 of the accounts and financial records of the Township and Township Treasurer's office for the benefit of the Commissioner members of the Board.

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.

Deed Transfer Tax

The 1% Stamp Tax Upon Deeds yielded the Township \$150,116.75 in 1955 and was re-enacted without substantial change for the year 1956 to provide revenue for highway purposes. The tax is anticipated to bring in \$125,000.

Amusement Tax

The 5% Amusement Tax which yielded \$47,423.59 in 1955 was permitted to expire at the end of the calendar year.

Sale of Bonds

The Board of Commissioners, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 800, adopted November 15, 1955, issued \$250,000 General Obligation Bonds of the Township of Abington, for and toward extensions to the sanitary sewer system of the Township, and the construction and equipment of an addition to the Township Municipal Building.

Harriman Ripley & Co., Philadelphia, was the successful bidder for the \$250,000 bond issue with an interest rate of 1-7/8% and a premium of \$347.50.

Township Building

The Board of Commissioners, on April 20, 1955, awarded the following Contracts for an addition and alterations to the Township Building:

General Contract to Drass & Stinitia, Ridley Park, in the amount of \$132,492.00.

Plumbing Contract to Raymond J. Tatlow, Inc., Philadelphia, in the amount of \$7,260.00.

Heating Contract to Raymond J. Tatlow, Inc., Philadelphia, in the amount of \$10,800.00.

Electrical Contract to McCollum Sheet Metal Company, Philadelphia, in the amount of \$6,652.00.

Probable occupancy date is set for April or May of 1956.

Penbryn Park

Two all-weather tennis courts were constructed in Penbryn Park under contract with Tri-County Constructors at a cost of \$7,422.32.

**SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS
DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCE**

General Funds

RECEIPTS	Received 1955	Estimated in Budget For 1956
Cash and Securities for appropriation	\$ 177,873.46	\$ 143,854.90
Taxes		
A. Current Levy	630,212.41	746,025.00
B. Prior years including penalties and interest	35,478.32	35,000.00
Licenses and permits	69,321.33	64,425.00
Fines and Forfeits	6,965.05	7,000.00
Departmental Earning	9,293.06	7,500.00
Other Revenue Receipts:		
Amusement and Deed Transfer Tax	197,540.34	153,000.00
Total miscellaneous non-revenue receipts	4,735.11	2,500.00
Total Receipts and Cash	\$ 1,131,419.08	\$ 1,159,304.90
EXPENDITURES	Expended 1955	Estimated in Budget For 1956
For Operation and Maintenance		
General Government	\$ 102,508.65	\$ 125,667.10
Protection to Persons and Property	289,551.63	354,184.00
Health and Sanitation	185,897.00	194,125.00
Highways	170,249.12	214,078.80
Library	1,500.00	1,500.00
Recreation	40,000.00	40,000.00
Miscellaneous	49,919.02	61,750.00
For Capital Outlay		
Highways	40,000.00	40,000.00
For Debt Service		
Interest	1,266.04	3,000.00
Transfers to Sinking Fund	95,000.00	125,000.00
For 2% Commission Land Liens	359.00	
For 2% Discount 1955 Taxes	11,313.72	
Total Expenditures	\$ 987,564.18	\$ 1,159,304.90
Unappropriated Balance, if any	\$ 143,854.90	

PROPERTY VALUATION AND TAX LEVY FOR 1955

	WARD	ASSESSMENT	TAX LEVIED
ABINGTON	No. 1	6,650,475.00	93,106.65
SAW MILL HILL	No. 2	8,493,300.00	118,906.20
GLENSIDE	No. 3	1,714,050.00	23,996.70
McKINLEY	No. 4	4,784,600.00	66,984.40
CRESTMONT	No. 5	2,086,325.00	29,208.55
NORTH HILLS	No. 6	2,560,025.00	35,840.35
NOBLE	No. 7	3,709,450.00	51,932.30
ROSLYN	No. 8	4,731,825.00	66,245.55
ARDSLEY	No. 9	2,138,025.00	29,932.35
ROYCHESTER	No. 10	2,783,500.00	38,969.00
GLENSIDE	No. 11	2,238,075.00	31,333.05
GLENSIDE	No. 12	3,075,500.00	43,057.00
GLENSIDE	No. 13	1,815,100.00	25,411.40
		46,780,250.00	654,923.50

	1953	1954	1955
Property Valuation	\$39,738,225.	\$42,983,200.	\$46,780,250.
Valuation Tax Exempt Property	4,722,600.	4,843,300.	13,124,245.

TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Fiscal Year 1st Monday January	Total Property Tax	Uncollected End Fiscal Year	Uncollected Latest Avail- able date Jan. 2, 1956
1952	\$542,635.43	\$24,910.01	None
1953	556,146.50	25,552.13	None
1954	601,598.20	27,627.81	None
1955	656,275.93	25,815.02	25,815.02

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 10-7/8 mills tax for the fiscal year beginning January 2, 1956, which will be billed July 15.

General Township Purposes—10-7/8 mills

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 1955, inclusive, had twenty-seven bond issues, totaling \$6,674,000 and has never defaulted in its debt obligation.

		Bonds		
		Outstanding	Sinking Funds	Net
January 1, 1956	.....	\$3,494,000.	\$567,420.01	\$2,926,579.99
January 1, 1955	.....	3,626,000.	627,912.81	2,998,087.19
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

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. 3, 1955	Received by Assessments, Agreements Transfer & Interest	Cash Paid Transfer, Coupon Interest & Redemption of Bonds	Securities & Bank Balance Jan. 2, 1956
1946	\$ 78,221.60	\$ 13,276.99	\$ 51,760.00	\$ 39,738.59
1949	114,644.02	11,829.79	31,875.00	94,598.81
1950	83,478.36	44,639.74	109,000.00	19,118.10
1951	138,353.88	36,624.66	82,200.00	92,778.54
1952	154,105.37	48,337.13	83,300.00	119,142.50
1953	57,942.85	198,814.23	71,250.00	185,507.08
1954	1,166.73	24,809.76	10,000.00	15,976.49
1955		559.90		559.90
	\$627,912.81	\$378,892.20	\$439,385.00	\$567,420.01

BANK DEPOSITORIES

The two depositories are--

Abington Bank and Trust Company, Abington, Pa.

Jenkintown Bank and Trust Company, Jenkintown, Pa.

Deposits are secured by Depository Agreement with security according to law.

Bank Balances and Investments as of January 2, 1956, are--

	Cash Balance	U. S. Gov't Securities
General Funds	\$143,854.90	\$
Park and Shade Tree Fund	88,279.45	
Permanent Improvement Fund	229,343.87	
Highway Aid Fund	12,892.47	
Incinerator Fund	1,357.31	
Sewer Fund	257,862.16	
Sewer Extension Fund	11,217.22	199,410.00
Sinking Funds	252,420.01	315,000.00

TOWNSHIP AUDITORS' REPORT
of the
TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1955

General Funds

CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES

BALANCE

Bank Balances, General Funds, January 3, 1955 \$ 177,873.46

RECEIPTS

Received Account of Miscellaneous Receipts	\$ 90,314.55
Received Account of 1954 Taxes and Penalties	17,528.83
Received Account of 1955 Taxes	630,088.95
Received Account of 1955 Penalties	123.46
Received Account of Land Liens	14,111.55
Received Account of Penalties and Interest on Land Liens ..	3,837.94
Received Account of Amusement Tax	47,423.59
Received Account of Deed Transfer Tax	150,116.75
	\$ 953,545.62
	\$ 1,131,419.08

DISBURSEMENTS

General Government	\$102,508.65
Protection to Persons and Property	289,551.63
Health	185,897.00
Highways	170,249.12
Library	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	49,919.02
Interest	1,266.04
Transfer to Sinking Funds (Special Tax)	95,000.00
Transfer to Park and Shade Tree Fund	40,000.00
Transfer to Permanent Improvement Fund	40,000.00
2% Commission on Land Liens Deducted by County Treasurer	359.00
2% Discount Deducted From 1954 Taxes	11,313.72
	\$ 987,564.18
Bank Balances, General Funds, January 2, 1956	\$ 143,854.90
	\$ 1,131,419.08

TAXES RECEIVABLE — 1955

(BY TOWNSHIP TREASURER)

	Total	Current	Delinquent
Taxes Receivable January 3, 1955			
Delinquent Taxes and Penalties	\$ 27,627.81		\$ 27,627.81
Add:			
1955 Tax (Adjusted)	\$654,923.50	\$654,923.50	
1955 Penalties	1,352.43	1,352.43	
Adjusted 1954 Duplicate	46.67		46.67
Total Additions	\$656,322.60	\$656,275.93	\$46.67
Total	\$683,950.41	\$656,275.93	\$ 27,674.48
Deduct:			
Net Craves by County Letters	\$ 248.50	\$ 248.50	
Collection Delinquent Taxes and Penalties, 1954	17,528.83		\$ 17,528.83
Liens Filed for 1954 Taxes	10,145.65		10,145.65
Collection 1955 Tax	630,088.95	630,088.95	
Collection 1955 Penalties	123.46	123.46	
	\$658,135.39	\$630,460.91	\$ 27,674.48
Taxes Receivable January 2, 1956	\$ 25,815.02	\$ 25,815.02	

TAXES RECEIVABLE

(BY COUNTY-LAND LIENS)

Year	Balance Jan. 3, 1955	Added	Penalties & Interest	Collected	Adjust- ments	Balance Jan. 2, 1956
1954 (Liened 1955)		\$ 10,254.17		\$ 4,024.05		\$ 6,230.12
1953	\$ 6,151.00	438.91		2,647.40		3,942.51
1952	3,582.64	303.03		1,047.51	\$ 2,838.16	
Prior Years		6,392.59	\$ 3,837.94	6,392.59		3,837.94
	\$ 9,733.64	\$ 17,388.70	\$ 3,837.94	\$ 17,949.49	\$ 2,838.16	\$ 10,172.63

SEWER EXTENSION FUND

CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES

BALANCE	
Cash in Bank, January 3, 1955	\$127,539.74
Investments, January 3, 1955	75,000.00
	\$202,539.74
RECEIPTS	
Sewer Assessment Liens	\$ 4,560.63
Penalty, Interest & Costs on Assessment Liens	1,947.24
Interest on Investments	1,579.61
Total Receipts	\$ 8,087.48
Total Receipts and Balance	\$210,627.22
DISBURSEMENTS — NONE	
BALANCE	
Cash in Bank January 2, 1956	\$ 11,217.22
Investments, January 2, 1956	199,410.00
	\$210,627.22

HIGHWAY AID FUND

CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 3, 1955	\$ 6,802.21
RECEIPTS	
State Motor License Fund Grants	\$ 34,564.40
Total Receipts	\$ 34,564.40
Total Receipts and Balance	\$ 41,366.61
DISBURSEMENTS	
Street Signs and Markings	\$ 2,232.14
Maintenance and Repair of Streets	21,054.82
Snow Removal	5,187.18
Total Disbursements	\$ 28,474.14

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 2, 1956	\$ 12,892.47
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PARK AND SHADE TREE FUND

CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 3, 1955	\$ 71,637.63
RECEIPTS	
Transfer from General Fund	\$ 40,000.00
Rent of Property	200.00
Interest on Investment	601.00
Total Receipts	\$ 40,801.00
Total Receipts and Balance	\$112,438.63
DISBURSEMENTS	
General Maintenance Expenses	\$ 14,265.75
Equipment	116.10
Maintenance Equipment	758.57
Capital: Improvement and Purchase of Land	9,018.76
Total Disbursements	\$ 24,159.18

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 2, 1956	\$ 88,279.45
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BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AND SINKING FUNDS

GROSS BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

	Outstanding Jan. 3, 1955	Bonds Issued Current Year	Bonds Paid Current Year	Outstanding Jan. 2, 1956
Councilmanic Authority	\$ 1,550,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$340,000.00	\$ 1,460,000.00
Electorate Authority	2,076,000.00		42,000.00	2,034,000.00
Total Gross Bonded Debt	\$ 3,626,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$382,000.00	\$ 3,494,000.00

SINKING FUNDS

CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 3, 1955	\$ 92,912.81
Investments, January 3, 1955	535,000.00
	\$627,912.81

RECEIPTS

Bond Tax	\$ 95,000.00
Accrued Interest on 1955 Bond Issue	559.90
Interest on Investments	8,425.85
Sewer Assessment Liens	245,815.05
Penalty, Interest and Costs on Assessment Liens	17,827.82
Sewer Agreements	11,203.58
	\$378,892.20
Total Receipts	\$378,892.20
Total Receipts and Balance	\$ 1,006,805.01

DISBURSEMENTS

Coupon Interest	\$ 57,385.00
Redemption of Bonds	\$382,000.00
	\$ 439,385.00

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 2, 1956	\$ 252,420.01
Investments, January 2, 1956	\$ 315,000.00
	\$ 567,420.01

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 3, 1955	\$143,298.34
Investments, January 3, 1955	200,000.00
	\$ 343,298.34

RECEIPTS

Improvement Liens	\$ 54,576.65
Penalties, Interest and Costs on Improvement Liens	676.74
Rental of Township Property	1,425.00
Interest on Investments	2,062.50
Transfer to Sidewalk Improvements	10,000.00
Transfer to Street Improvement Revolving Fund	20,000.00
Transfer to Street Improvement Matching Fund	10,000.00
State Grant	4,010.20
Proceeds: Bond Issue of 1955	75,000.00
Refunds	45,046.57
	\$ 222,797.66
Total Receipts	\$ 222,797.66
Total Receipts and Balance	\$ 566,096.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 1,228.29
Street Improvements	131,129.76
Engineering Expenses	14,156.78
Depository Expenses	323.39
Refund	1,695.02
Contracts:	
Township Buildings	95,199.30
Police Headquarters	65,476.49
Other Expenses	3,086.80
Transfer to Incinerator Fund	24,456.30
	\$ 336,752.13
Total Disbursements	\$ 336,752.13

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 2, 1956	\$ 229,343.87
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IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT LIENS

	Balance Jan. 3, 1955	Assessments Levied 1955	Assigned Nat'l Bank	1st Collected 1955	Balance Jan. 2, 1956
Permanent Improvement Fund	\$ 39,950.57	\$104,386.28		\$ 61,881.63	\$ 82,455.22
Sewer Fund	55,803.03	17,570.37	\$ 43,024.62	14,962.06	15,386.72
Sewer Extension Fund	19,037.74			14,560.63	14,477.11
Sinking Funds	350,820.63	253,232.64		245,815.05	358,238.22

SEWER FUND

CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCE

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 3, 1955	\$ 226,842.29
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RECEIPTS

Proceeds 1953 Bond Issue	\$175,347.50
Proceeds 1955 Bond Issue	625.00
Interest on Investments	97,927.82
Sewer Rentals	20,250.00
Sewer Connection Charges	14,962.06
Sewer Improvement Liens	306.04
Penalty, Interest and Costs on Improvement Liens	5,404.76
Refund, Operation Sewer System and Plant	2,888.25
Refund Account of Pump Station, Brentwood Manor	53,202.14
Sewer Plan Deposits—Refund Contract No. 39	53,202.14
	\$ 370,913.57
Total Receipts	\$ 370,913.57
Total Receipts and Balance	\$ 597,755.86

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$ 38,624.97
Office Expenses	2,276.93
Refund Sewer Rentals and Sewer Charges	7,519.10
Operation and Maintenance Township System	36,825.85
Engineering Fees	25,766.83
Sewer Connections	16,149.33
Contracts: Township Sewer System	179,246.84
Legal Expenses Including Bond Issue	4,117.38
Miscellaneous	28,841.47
Land Purchase	525.00
	\$ 339,893.70
Total Disbursements	\$ 339,893.70

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 2, 1956	\$ 257,862.16
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INCINERATOR FUND

CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCE

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 3, 1955	\$ 218,268.99
Investments, January 3, 1955	100,000.00
	\$ 318,268.99

RECEIPTS

Interest on Investments	\$ 750.00
Transfer from Permanent Improvement Fund	24,456.30
	\$ 25,206.30
Total Receipts	\$ 25,206.30
Total Receipts and Balance	\$ 343,475.29

DISBURSEMENTS

Debt Service	\$ 334.66
Office Equipment	793.85
Engineering Fees	15,227.96
Purchase of Trucks	29,226.00
Construction	296,535.51
	\$ 342,117.98
Total Disbursements	\$ 342,117.98

BALANCE

Cash in Bank, January 2, 1956	\$ 1,357.31
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CASH ASSETS

Bank Balances, General Fund	\$ 143,854.90
Bank Balance, Park and Shade Tree Fund	88,279.45
Bank Balance, Permanent Improvement Fund	229,343.87
Bank Balance, Highway Aid Fund	12,892.47
Bank Balance, Incinerator Fund	1,357.31
Bank Balance, Sewer Fund	257,862.16
Sewer Extension Fund	11,217.22
Taxes Receivable	25,815.02
Tax Liens Receivable	10,172.63
Improvement Liens Receivable	112,319.05
Government Securities:	
Sewer Extension Fund	199,410.00
	\$ 1,092,524.08

CASH ASSETS — BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Bank Balances, Sinking Funds	\$ 252,420.01
Government Securities	315,000.00
Improvement Assessment Liens Receivable	358,238.22
	\$ 925,658.23

LIABILITIES — BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Bonds, Electorate	\$ 2,034,000.00
Outstanding Bonds, Councilmanic	1,460,000.00
	\$ 3,494,000.00

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, 1955, and ending on the First Monday of January, 1956, 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 13, 1956

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 2,284 arrests during the year 1955, of which 1,357 were for violation of Township Ordinances, 654 for violations of the State Motor Code. Two hundred twenty-nine lodgers were accommodated.

The value of stolen goods recovered amounted to \$30,873.27.

Felonies	224
Misdemeanors	99
Miscellaneous	123
Juveniles	59
Prisoners Fingerprinted and Photographed	163
Cases reported to Coroner	32
Accidents investigated by Police	557
Persons reported injured in accidents	226
Pedestrians injured in automobile accidents	12
Persons killed in accidents	9
Dangerous conditions reported in roads	48
Wires and trees reported down	9
Street Lights reported out	430
Fires reported	327
Dogs picked up and detained by Police	305
Number of Summons	1,304

New Police Headquarters

The Police Department occupied its new headquarters at 1166 Old York Road, Abington, on Friday, June 3, 1955. The former automobile sales and service building just south of the Township Building was acquired in 1945 and has been converted into one of the most modern and spacious police stations to be found anywhere. The Township accepted the contracts completed as of June 15, 1955 at a total construction cost of \$152,548.54.

Traffic Signals

Traffic Signals were installed during the year 1955 at the following locations:
Easton Road and Woodland Road, Roslyn
Old York Road and Madeira Avenue, Jenkintown
Limekiln Pike and North Hills Avenue, North Hills

School Crossing Guards

Ordinance No. 776 was enacted the early part of the year Establishing School Crossing Guards and Fixing Their Qualifications, Duties, Compensation and Allowances. The Board of Commissioners on June 13, 1955, appointed six women guards who began active duty at the opening of school in September.

Fire Drill Tower

The Board of Commissioners granted permission to the volunteer fire companies of the Township to use an area in the former Florey Brick Works property, now the Public Works Storage Yard, for a fire training grounds and the erection of a drill tower.

Civil Defense

The Federal Civil Defense Administration approved request for matching funds in the amount of \$4,990.00, one-half of which is to be paid by the Federal Government, in connection with the proposed purchase and installation of four (4) electric air raid warning sirens at various locations in the Township.

Under the direction of the Police Department, Lieutenant Robert E. Murray, Liason Officer, a squad of 18 Auxiliary Police Officers was formed and trained. This unit will constitute a standby reserve to the security of the Township. It will continue to be active by taking additional practical training in police work. The unit will be uniformed and ready for active duty on or about May 1, 1956.

BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION

Fire Companies Audit

The Township appropriated the sum of \$8,280.00 to each of the five fire companies in 1955.

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 1955 follows:

	Abington	McKinley	Weldon	Edge Hill	Roslyn
Balance in General Fund 1/1/55	\$ 3,291.93	\$ 1,519.32	\$ 10,980.12	\$ 13,703.38	\$ 3,561.39
Received during year including Transfers	13,658.54	16,299.31	25,885.69	11,851.75	13,947.44
Total Receipts and Balance	16,950.47	17,818.63	36,865.81	25,555.13	17,508.83
Expenditures during the year	\$ 8,058.82	\$ 7,496.56	\$ 27,550.18	\$ 9,368.27	\$ 7,332.90
Transfer to Special Accounts	6,020.25		5,000.00	10,000.00	6,000.00
Total Expenditures and Transfers	\$ 14,079.07	\$ 7,496.56	\$ 32,550.18	\$ 19,368.27	\$ 13,332.90
Balance in General Fund 12/31/55	\$ 2,871.40	\$10,322.07	\$ 4,315.63	\$ 6,186.86	\$ 4,175.93
Cash held in Special Funds & Investments	\$ 42,785.71	\$ 3,729.83	\$ 9,765.89	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 18,987.46
Assets	\$ 82,829.31	\$ 86,551.90	\$ 81,481.52	\$ 75,939.92	\$ 97,463.39
Liabilities	None		None	\$ 1,500.00	None
Ambulance Fund					\$ 7,430.55

FIRE HYDRANTS

Six fire hydrants were installed during the year making a total of 376 hydrants in the Township service.

BUREAU OF BUILDING REGULATION & ZONING

Building Activity

One thousand eight hundred fifty-eight (1858) applications were received and Building Permits issued during the year 1955 at an estimated cost as follows:

1281	Dwellings	\$16,347,150.00
289	Alterations, Additions and Repairs	946,323.00
94	Garages	109,237.00
137	Oil Burners	107,964.00
27	Signs	10,746.00
1	Carpenter Shop	6,000.00
1	Tool Shed	200.00
1	Office Building	20,000.00
1	Car Wash Laundry	22,000.00
1	Four-Family Apartment Building	18,000.00
1	Auto Showroom and Shop	180,000.00
1	Restaurant	10,000.00
1	Store and Apartments	112,000.00
1	Studio Building	2,500.00
2	Church Buildings	290,000.00
1	Electric Transforming Substation	15,000.00
1	Bath House and Recreation Building	5,567.00
1	Multiple Dwelling	30,000.00
2	Food Markets	485,000.00
1	Apartment Building	50,000.00
2	Store and Office Buildings	57,000.00
1	Garden Center Building	500.00
1	Apartment-Hotel-Office-Store Building	1,800,000.00
1	Store Building	10,000.00
2	Service Stations	27,500.00
1	Dressing Room	4,700.00
1	Auto Repair Shop	12,000.00
1	Dwelling and Garage Demolished	—
2	Dwellings Demolished	—
1	Club House Demolished	—
1858		\$20,679,387.00

	DWELLINGS		SEPARATE GARAGES AND SERVICE STATIONS
1951	733 Estimated Cost ... \$ 8,004,201.00	1951	74 Estimated Cost ... \$110,570.00
1952	699 Estimated Cost ... \$ 8,890,930.00	1952	98 Estimated Cost ... \$ 95,715.00
1953	724 Estimated Cost ... \$ 9,137,300.00	1953	92 Estimated Cost ... \$112,155.00
1954	847 Estimated Cost ... \$10,628,950.00	1954	96 Estimated Cost ... \$ 97,165.00
1955	1281 Estimated Cost ... \$16,347,150.00	1955	96 Estimated Cost ... \$136,737.00

ZONING

The Zoning Board of Adjustment held public hearings during the year on thirty applications as follows: Special exception, 21 (Granted); Appeal from decision of the Building Inspector, 8 (7 Granted, 1 Withdrawn); Variance, 1 (Granted).

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

No. 55-4. Petition to extend the existing "F" Commercial District abutting the Northeasterly side of Jenkintown Road, Southeast of Easton Road, a distance of approximately 375 feet, for a depth of approximately 135 feet, now 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 Secretary's Office. Refused.

No. 55-5. Petition to extend the existing "F" Commercial District abutting the Easterly side of Huntingdon Pike, North of Rockledge Avenue, a distance of approximately 375 feet, for the full depth of the property to Henrietta Avenue, now zoned in the "T" Residence District, in the Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Secretary's Office. Approved.

No. 55-6. Petition to change the "N" Residence District to "F" Commercial District for the property abutting the Southeasterly side of Highland Avenue between Keith Road and Rockwell Road, for the full depth of the property to an existing right-of-way, in the Abington Ward No. 1 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Secretary's Office. Refused.

No. 55-7. That Section 801 of Article VIII, "F" Commercial District of the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Abington, Ordinance No. 643, enacted December 8, 1949, be amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

29. Retail shop for the sale of pets and animals authorized as a special exception by the Board of Adjustment after public hearing, provided that no such use shall be noxious or hazardous as provided in Section 1008 hereof. Approved.

No. 55-12. Petition to change the "V" Residence District to "F" Commercial District for the property abutting the Westerly corner of Baeder Road and Hilltop Road, having a frontage of 146.62 feet on Baeder Road, and a frontage of 224.36 feet on Hilltop Road, being Part of Lot 94. Plan of Baederwood, in the Noble Ward No. 7 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Secretary's Office. Withdrawn.

No. 55-13. Petition to extend the existing "F" Commercial District abutting the Southwesterly side of Brentwood Road, Southeast of Old York Road, a distance of 69.37 feet, for the full depth of the property to the existing "F" Commercial District, in the Abington Ward No. 1 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Secretary's Office. Refused.

No. 55-15. Petition to change the "H" Residence District to "F" Commercial District for the property abutting the Northeast side of Jenkintown Road between Cadwalader Avenue and Osceola Avenue, for a depth of 125 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.

No. 55-16. Petition to extend the existing "F" Commercial District abutting the Easterly side of Huntingdon Pike, South of Rockledge Avenue, a distance of approximately 336 feet, for the full depth of the property to proposed Vansant Road, Ainslie Road and Scott Road, now 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 Secretary's Office. Approved.

No. 55-17. Petition to change the "T" Residence District to "H" Residence District for the property abutting the Northeast side of Mt. Carmel Avenue between Roberts Avenue and Lynnwood Avenue, for a depth of 150 feet, in the Glenside Ward No. 13 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Secretary's Office. Approved.

No. 55-18. Petition to extend the existing "F" Commercial District abutting the Southwesterly side of Trotter Avenue Southeast of Tyson Avenue, a distance of approximately 69 feet, for the full depth of the property to the existing commercial district, now 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 Secretary's Office. Approved.

No. 55-26. Petition to extend the "F" Commercial District for an additional depth of approximately 35 feet at the rear of the Weldon Auto Supply Company property, 509 Easton Road, Glenside Ward No. 11 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on plan filed in the Secretary's Office. Approved.

No. 55-27. Petition to extend the existing "F" Commercial District abutting the Easterly side of Huntingdon Pike, from an existing commercial district to an existing commercial district, for the full depth of the property to Shady Lane, approximately 7 acres, now 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 Secretary's Office. Approved.

No. 55-28/34 Petition to change the zoning classification of the George Blaetz property, approximately 31 acres more or less, having a frontage of approximately 565 feet on the Southeasterly side of Huntingdon Pike opposite Meetinghouse Road, from "V" Residence District to "F" Commercial District, in the Saw Mill Hill Ward No. 2 of the Township of Abington, and as shown on the plan filed in the Secretary's Office. Refused.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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

Bureau of Health

Physicians during the year reported to the Bureau of Health 222 cases of communicable diseases.

The Health Officer investigated 150 nuisance complaints and directed the owners to correct same. Written notice was served on 37 property owners to clean cesspools.

Milk Dealer's Permits were issued to 17 dairies serving milk in the Township of Abington during the year 1955. The Health Officer made 275 inspections of the dairies and 180 inspections of farms supplying milk to these dairies 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 65 public eating and drinking places within the Township. A total of 290 inspections were made during the year.

There were 95 certificates for dog bites filed with the Health Department during the year 1955.

Plumbing Inspection

The Plumbing Inspector reported Certificates of Registration were issued to 286 Master Plumbers and 44 Journeyman Plumbers, and 1,592 plans of Plumbing work were approved and Permits issued during the year 1955.

Six hundred thirty-eight (638) leaching drainage wells and combination septic tank seepage pit and septic tank tile field installations were installed under the supervision of the Plumbing Inspector.

An additional 657 house sewers were connected to the Township Sanitary Sewer System during the year.

There were six (6) violations of the Plumbing Code during the year. The individuals concerned were brought before the Magistrate and fined for the violation.

INCINERATOR PLANT

The Township of Abington Incinerator Plant, located on Fitzwatertown Road south of Susquehanna Street Road, and Jefferson Avenue west of Penn Avenue, Ardsley, started operation on June 2, 1955.

The contracts for the construction of the Incinerator, Scale House, Garage, Access Roads, Fence and Utilities, totaling \$584,862.27 were accepted as completed as of August 29, 1955.

The Board of Commissioners, on February 10, 1955, adopted Ordinance No. 774 and Rules and Regulations for the storage, collection and disposal of refuse, a copy of which was delivered together with a collection schedule to each household in the Township.

The following is a summary of operations from June 2 to December 31, 1955:

Refuse collected by our trucks	4,238 tons
Refuse collected by Upper Dublin Township	542 tons
(Upper Dublin Township started using the facilities of the Incinerator July 5, 1955)	
Refuse collected by the Borough of Jenkintown	117 tons
(The Borough of Jenkintown started using the facilities of the Incinerator October 3, 1955)	
Refuse received (Private)	104 tons
TOTAL INCINERATION	5,001 tons
Man Hours (Drivers and Collectors)	27,782
Truck Miles	23,810
Truck Hours	7,635
Gasoline Used	10,045 gals.
Fuel Oil Used (for incineration, domestic hot water and building heat)	19,522 gals.

SANITARY SEWERS

The Board of Commissioners, on November 30, 1955, awarded the following sewer contract:

Contract No. 40 to John J. Kelly, Jenkintown, in the amount of \$132,966.80:

Location "A"—Branch sewers in Maple, Monroe, Hamel, Harrison and Jackson Avenues and intercepting sewers connecting above mentioned streets in Ward 5, consisting of approximately 8,600 lineal feet of 8" and 10" diameter sanitary sewer, manholes and miscellaneous appurtenances.

Location "B"—Branch sewers in Susquehanna Street and Johnston Avenue in Ward 8, consisting of approximately 850 lineal feet of 8" diameter sanitary sewer, manholes and miscellaneous appurtenances.

Location "C"—Branch sewers in Limekiln Pike and Ruscombe Avenue in Ward 6, consisting of approximately 2,850 lineal feet of 8" diameter sanitary sewer, manholes and miscellaneous appurtenances.

Location "D"—Branch sewers in Franklin Avenue in Ward 5, consisting of approximately 340 lineal feet of 8" diameter sanitary sewer, manholes and miscellaneous appurtenances.

Contract No. 35 for the installation of branch and intercepting sewers in Wards 1, 10 and 5 was completed February 14, 1955. The assessable portion of the cost thereof charged against the abutting property owners was \$8.32 per front foot.

Contract No. 5-B for the construction of a glass enclosure and sludge removal equipment for the sludge drying beds at the Sewage Treatment Plant was completed February 7, 1955 at a cost of \$49,525.00.

Contract No. 39:

Location "A" for the installation of branch sewers in North Hills Avenue, Ward 6, was completed October 21, 1955. The assessable portion of the cost thereof charged against the abutting property owners was \$12.61 per front foot.

Location "B" for the installation of branch sewers in Garfield Avenue, Ward 9, was completed July 15, 1955. The assessable portion of the cost thereof charged against the abutting property owners was \$5.27 per front foot.

Location "C" for the installation of branch sewers in Wards 8 and 10 was completed October 21, 1955. The assessable portion of the cost thereof charged against the abutting property owners was \$4.95 per front foot.

Location "D" for the installation of branch sewers in Baeder Road, Ward 7, was completed October 21, 1955. The assessable portion of the cost thereof charged against the abutting property owners was \$9.88 per front foot.

Location "E" for the installation of branch sewers in Edgewood Avenue, Ward 8, was completed April 16, 1955. The assessable portion of the cost thereof charged against the abutting property owners was \$5.78 per front foot.

Location "F" for the installation of branch and intercepting sewers in Ward 6 was completed October 21, 1955. The assessable portion of the cost thereof charged against the abutting property owners was \$10.88 per front foot.

SANITARY SEWAGE WORKS

Since 1947, when the construction of an extensive sewerage system was started, the sewer utility of the Township of Abington has been continuously expanding. At the end of 1955, in addition to the necessary sewer system, the sanitary sewage works of the Township consisted of:

- (a) five sanitary sewer measuring devices used to meter that portion of the sewage flow discharging into Cheltenham Township;
- (b) six sewage pumping stations; and
- (c) a modern sewage treatment plant.

During 1955 the five measuring devices were serviced and inspected weekly. The total annual sewage flow recorded at each was as follows:

Stewart Ave. Meter	140,019,000 gallons
Highland Ave. Meter	39,909,000 gallons
Township Line-Foxcroft Fd. Meter	19,759,000 gallons
Cadwalader Ave. Meter	11,402,000 gallons
Fisher-Holmecrest Meter	6,092,000 gallons

The six sewage pumping stations discharge into the Township of Abington Sewage Treatment Plant. During 1955, these stations were serviced and inspected daily. A regularly scheduled preventive maintenance program resulted in trouble-free operation of these stations. The total annual sewage flow discharged from each was as follows:

North Hills Pumping Station	55,808,000 gallons
Willow Grove Pumping Station	36,798,000 gallons
Highland Ave. Pumping Station	28,257,000 gallons
Rydal Pumping Station	33,425,000 gallons
Huntingdon Road Pumping Station	11,486,000 gallons
Brentwood Pumping Station	34,837,000 gallons

The gravity sewer system discharged a total of 403,012,000 gallons into the treatment plant.

The Township of Abington Sewage Treatment Plant is located on Fitzwater-town Road south of Susquehanna St. It provides complete treatment of the sewage by means of a biochemical process and discharges the resultant clean water into Sandy Run, a tributary of Wissahickon Creek.

In accomplishing complete treatment of the sewage, the following basic processes are employed:

- (a) Preliminary Treatment — accomplishing the shredding of large solids to avoid stoppage or clogging of the various pumps and other mechanical equipment used later in treatment;
- (b) Primary Treatment — accomplishing the removal of that portion of the sewage solids that may be separated from the sewage by settling or flotation;
- (c) Secondary Treatment — accomplishing the removal and oxidation of the remaining colloidal 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.

In 1955 a total of 603,623,000 gallons of sewage was so treated. From this sewage 618,206 cubic feet of solids were removed. The digestion of these solids resulted in the production of 6,386,304 cubic feet of gas which was collected and used as fuel. The only chemicals required in treatment were air and chlorine. The air was used to maintain proper environment for the beneficial micro-organisms upon whose activities the process depends. It was applied at an average rate of 1.26 cubic feet per gallon of sewage treated. The chlorine was used to provide disinfection of the treated sewage prior to its discharge into Sandy Run. It was applied at the rate of 51 pounds per day and resulted in a residual chlorine content of 0.5 part per million in the final treated sewage.

A regularly scheduled preventive maintenance program at the treatment plant resulted in trouble-free operation of mechanical equipment and treatment units.

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 the discharged water from the sewage treatment plant was consistently of good quality with an average relative stability of 97%.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

Real Estate Registry

Two thousand three hundred thirty-two (2332) real estate deeds were classified, checked, plotted, registered and added to the records.

Building Numbers

Plotted, checked and assigned one thousand two hundred sixty-five (1265) official numbers to new dwellings.

Highway Permits

Four hundred sixty-eight (468) 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

As regulated by Ordinance No. 705 the Commissioners of the Township of Abington approved a total of thirty-seven (37) land sub-divisions as captioned below:

PLAN OF PROPERTY MADE FOR WILLIAM F. ERRIG, Noble Ward 7;
PLAN OF SECTION NO. 5 WOODRIDGE FARMS, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
PLAN OF PROPERTY MADE FOR E. S. GRISCOM, Roslyn Ward 8;
ADDITIONAL SUBDIVISION TO SECTION NO. 2, SUBDIVISION PLAN AN
ADDITION TO FAIRACRES, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
PLAN OF BRENTWOOD MANOR SECTION NO. 2, Abington Ward 1;
PLAN OF BRENTWOOD MANOR SECTION NO. 5, Abington Ward 1;
SECTION NO. 3 OF SECTION NO. 4 WUNDERLAND, Roslyn Ward 8;
AMENDED PLAN OF BRIARWOOD GARDENS, Glenside Ward 11;
SECTION NO. 1 MEADOWBROOK MANOR, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
SECTION NO. 1 COLONIAL HILLS, Crestmont Ward 5;
PLAN OF SECTION NO. 6 WOODRIDGE FARMS, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
PLAN OF WOODRIDGE MANOR, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
AMENDED PLAN OF LEWIS ROAD, Abington Ward 1;
PLAN OF SECTION NO. 2 HUNTINGDON MANOR, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
PLAN OF PROPERTY OF JOSEPH H. REESE, Abington Ward 1;
PLAN OF HUNTINGDON PARK SUPPLEMENT, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
PLAN OF PENN'S MANOR, McKinley Ward 4;
PLAN OF PROPERTY MADE FOR WILLIAM R. & INNES CROSS, Abington
Ward 1;
PLAN OF SECTION NO. 1 MEADOWBROOK ESTATES, Saw Mill Hill Ward
2;
PLAN OF SECTION NO. 4 MEETINGHOUSE TRACT, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
PLAN OF PROPERTY MADE FOR REV. MEREDITH KLINE, Crestmont
Ward 5;
PLAN OF PROPERTY OF HENRY S. LOUCHEIM, Abington Ward 1;
PLAN OF PROPERTY OF THE FORMER JOHN S. NEWBOLD ESTATE
MADE FOR SAMUEL Y. GIBBON, Noble Ward 7;
PLAN OF PROPERTY MADE FOR WILLIAM DAUTEL, JR., Ardsley Ward 9;
PLAN OF PROPERTY MADE FOR MRS. EMMY LOU ELSROAD, Abington
Ward 1;
PLAN OF PROPERTY MADE FOR MRS. K. ELSA SELLERS, McKinley
Ward 4;
PLAN OF LOTS SECTION NO. 2 ABINGTON WOODS, Roslyn Ward 8;
PLAN OF SECTION 4 OF SECTION 4 WUNDERLAND, Roslyn Ward 8;

PLAN OF LOTS ON LOT "X" PART OF SECTION 3 WUNDERLAND, Roslyn Ward 8;
 PLAN OF LOTS MADE FOR OWEN OSBORNE, JR., Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
 PLAN OF SECTION NO. 2 MEADOWBROOK ESTATES, Saw Mill Hill Ward 2;
 PLAN OF PROPERTY MADE FOR FRED'K M. BAKER, McKinley Ward 4;
 PLAN OF SECTION NO. 2 COLONIAL HILLS, Crestmont Ward 5;
 PLAN OF LOTS MADE FOR WILLIAM DANDO, Abington Ward 1;
 PLAN OF PROPERTY OF FRED'K D. OGILBY, Abington Ward 1;
 AMENDED PLAN OF CASTLEWOOD, Glenside Ward 3;
 PLAN OF PROPERTY ON PLAN OF YORK ROAD HEIGHTS MADE FOR ALBERT LAMBERT, Roychester Ward 10.

Construction of Streets — Assessment Method

Under Ordinance No. 751 construction was completed in 1955 on the following streets:

CROSS ROAD from Hillcrest Avenue to a point 140 feet West thereof, Glenside Ward 11;
 CROSS ROAD from Crescent Avenue to a point 140 feet East thereof, Glenside Ward 11;
 WISTERIA AVENUE from Garden Road to Fern Road, Glenside Ward 11;
 HILLCREST AVENUE from Pleasant Avenue to Charles Street, Glenside Ward 11;
 FERN ROAD from Pleasant Avenue to a point 125 feet Southwest of Wisteria Avenue, Glenside Ward 11;
 CHARLES STREET from Fern Road to Abington Avenue, Glenside Ward 11;
 ABINGTON AVENUE from Pleasant Avenue to a point 150 feet North of Charles Street, Glenside Ward 11;
 CRESCENT AVENUE from Pleasant Avenue to Abington Avenue, Glenside Ward 11;
 FORTUNE ROAD from Crescent Avenue to a point 160 feet South thereof, Glenside Ward 11;
 HAMILTON AVENUE from Easton Road to Reservoir Avenue, Wards 5 and 8;
 GROVANIA AVENUE from Clearview Avenue to Rockwell Road, Roychester Ward 10;
 MYRTLEWOOD AVENUE from Grovania Avenue to Rockwell Road, Roychester Ward 10;
 GROVANIA AVENUE from Keith Road to Wayne Avenue, Roslyn Ward 8.

Under Ordinance No. 767 and Ordinance No. 768 construction was completed in 1955 on the following streets:

GARFIELD AVENUE from Woodrow Avenue to Jefferson Avenue, Ardsley Ward 9;
 WOODROW AVENUE from Garfield Avenue Eastwardly to a point approximately 120 feet, and Westwardly to a point approximately 120 feet, Ardsley Ward 9;
 SPEAR AVENUE from Garfield Avenue Eastwardly to a point approximately 120 feet, and Westwardly to a point approximately 120 feet, Ardsley Ward 9;
 LINCOLN AVENUE from Garfield Avenue Eastwardly to a point approximately 120 feet, and Westwardly to a point approximately 120 feet, Ardsley Ward 9;

JEFFERSON AVENUE from Garfield Avenue Eastwardly to a point approximately 120 feet and Westwardly to a point approximately 120 feet, Ardsley Ward 9.
 Under Ordinance No. 767 the following streets are being constructed 1955-1956:

GROVANIA AVENUE from Wayne Avenue to Ridgeview Avenue, Roslyn Ward 8;
 WAYNE AVENUE from Grovania Avenue to Edge Hill Road, Roslyn Ward 8;
 RIDGEVIEW AVENUE from Grovania Avenue to Edge Hill Road, Roslyn Ward 8;
 KEITH ROAD from Grovania Avenue to Edge Hill Road, Wards 8 and 10.

Surface Treatment

The Department surface treated 12.0 miles of streets in various wards of the Township.

New Equipment

The following new equipment was delivered to the Township:

47 STREET NAME SIGNS

3 INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS (1 dump and 3 closed body trucks were transferred to the Department of Health.)

1 REMINGTON TYPEWRITER

Parks and Playgrounds

The usual routine maintenance was performed at the various parks and playgrounds throughout the Township.

Refuse Collection

The trucks of the Department traveled a total of 13,803 miles in the collection of refuse, and the approximate 10,605 cubic yards of refuse collected was deposited on township property in Ardsley. The truck-hours on refuse collection numbered 3,518 and 11,755 man-hours were required for the task.

Miscellaneous Work

The Department erected 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.

A driveway was constructed from the Municipal Building grounds to Guernsey Avenue.

Routine work was performed in connection with the maintenance of streets, storm water sewers, storm water inlets and other drainage appurtenances. Streets were plowed during snow periods and abrasives were spread on slippery street conditions.

The following is a mileage tabulation of roads in the Township of Abington:

TOWNSHIP

Improved — 129.0 miles

Unimproved — 16.0 miles

Plotted but not opened — 25.0 miles

STATE HIGHWAYS

Improved — 34.79 miles

COUNTY HIGHWAYS

Improved — 3.63 miles

Bureau of Street Lighting

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

1596—1000 lumen lights, an increase of 15

27—2500 lumen lights, an increase of 11

52—6000 lumen lights, an increase of 12

The Philadelphia Electric Company was requested to make a survey and submit recommendations for improved street lighting on the main highways in the Township which could be accomplished on a progressive basis as funds become available. It is expected the first step under this program will be the replacement in 1956 of the present lighting on Old York Road through the Township of Abington from Township Line Road to Moreland Road with ninety-three 20,000 lumen mercury lamps at a net yearly increased cost of approximately \$8,000.

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 Rd. 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 Rd. opposite Canterbury Rd., Abington.	1.26	Memorial	Donated 1944
Penbryn Park	Houston Ave. and Egerton Avenue, North Hills.	16.80	Ball Diamonds and Playground Equipment.	1944 Ordinance No. 525
TOTAL 110.17				

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

HAMILTON AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2450 Hamilton Avenue
Roslyn, 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

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PAROCHIAL SCHOOL
1500 Marian Road
Abington, Pennsylvania

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
OGONTZ CENTER
1600 Woodland Road
Rydal, Pennsylvania

ST. BASIL ACADEMY
710 Fox Chase Road
Philadelphia 11, Pennsylvania

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PAROCHIAL SCHOOL
2827 Woodland Road
Roslyn, 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
142 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
234 Cedar Road
Elkins Park, Pennsylvania
- ORTHODOX FRIENDS MEETING
1055 Jenkintown Road
Elkins Park, Pennsylvania
- OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
1500 Marian Road
Abington, 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
2827 Woodland 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
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