

A 50-Year Chronology of the Development of the Government of Upper Moreland

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The information contained in this work begins with a general overview of the limited need for government in the early 1700's up to the period when the requirements of a growing population and expansion of business and industry made it necessary for centralized control.

The chronology that follows covers a period of seventeen years when the Township of Upper Moreland was governed by a Board of Road Supervisors and thirty-seven years of a Commissioner form of government. The information has purposely been kept brief as the tremendous volume of data contained in the very detailed minutes books of both entities makes it prohibitive to list every subject and the ensuing discussions and decisions. The entries in this account not only include items perceived to be important in the development of the community, but at times include some items thought to be rather humorous in nature.

The Board of Road Supervisor's Minutes Books dated January 25, 1917 to July 11, 1927 and August 8, 1927 to December 29, 1929 were donated to the Historical Association by the Township Manager and are outstanding records of that period. These two books, beautifully handwritten with quill pen and ink, are a wealth of information.

The Fifty Year Chronology is completed with information from seventeen volumes of minutes from the Board of Commissioners meetings from 1930 to 1967. The minutes always included the Township's current expenses, but not always the annual budget; the need for stop signs, traffic lights and parking meters; requests to have homes connected to the new sewer system and in some cases, the Board threatening action if a resident did not connect to the system; requests by residents to be added to the list for the new rubbish collection program or the Board advising the rubbish collector that a fine of fifty-cents will be deducted from his invoice for every house missed; countless requests for streets to be repaired and orders cited for slag, stone and dust oil to do the repair work; countless bids for equipment and materials; complaints about overflowing cesspools; and many complaints concerning water in residents cellars caused by the new curbs and sidewalks. The record clearly covers the tremendous growth of the Township through tract development following the second World War; the construction and expansion of a sewage system; water piped to homes to replace wells; and the initiation of the Township's park system.

No subject was too small to be brought before the Board. Subjects such as the owner of Silver Lake Farm complaining about boys swimming in her new lake; merchants throwing trash on the sidewalks; a request for a new badge for the Chief of Police and for the purchase of a loose-leaf binder for the Township Office. Residents were also free to approach the Board with complaints about neighborhood cats and dogs running loose; neighbors raising chickens and pigs; the movie theater being open on Sunday; and concern about the quality of films being shown at the Art Cinema. Significant or minute, all matters received the proper attention of the Board and its various committees.

This record then, is confined to items thought to be of interest in defining the challenges faced by a new government in establishing a community with laws and direction, and instituting "modern" enhancements to improve the quality of life of its citizens. The information from both the Road Supervisor's records and the Board of Commissioner's records is set down in chronological order and categorized for ease of following the progress and growth of the government as the challenges the leaders faced became larger and more complex.

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In Theodore W. Bean's history of 1884, he writes: "The subject of township and borough formation and the history of local government has as yet been almost entirely overlooked." Owing to sparse population, even county boundaries were not addressed until 1685 when the Provincial Council recognized the need to levy and collect taxes, and adjust the limits of Sheriff's duties.

Moreland Township

While the Manor of Moreland was established in 1684, it was not referred to as a township much before 1718. The minutes of the County Commissioners commence in 1718, at which time **Assessors** and **Collectors** of taxes had been appointed for Moreland Township.

The boundaries of Moreland Township are: *on the southwest side*, Welsh and Moreland Roads; *on the northwest side*, Township Line and Blair Mill Roads; *on the northeast side*, County Line Road; and *in the southeast*, from a point at the intersection of Moreland and Pine Roads, the boundary extends cross country in a northeast direction to County Line Road. Originally, an irregular tract of land within the Township extended well into present-day Philadelphia County nearly reaching the Delaware River. In 1784, upon the formation of Montgomery County, this lower part remained inside Philadelphia County and was called Moreland Township. However, in 1854, it was merged into Philadelphia and lost its separate identity.

Local Officers

Immediately upon the formation of a township, the court would appoint a **Constable** and one or two **Overseers of Highways** and the same number of **Overseers of the Poor**; these constituting the only local officers until near the time of the Revolution.

Previous to 1760 in some of the smaller townships, one **Overseer of Highways** would be appointed; after that, two appear to have been the general number. An act passed in 1771 provided for the appointment of two **Overseers of the Poor** in each township by the **Justices of the Peace** at a yearly meeting convened for that purpose. As homes for the poor came into being, the position of Overseer of the Poor was abolished. There is no indication as to how Justices of the Peace were appointed.

County Authority

As a second class township, Moreland relied on the county for much of its political, financial, and legal authority. Justices of the Peace were limited in their jurisdiction, and taxation originated or was supervised at the county level. *Rural communities did not need services until their population increases demanded them. So long as the roads were in good repair, the businessmen and local residents were willing to regulate themselves by voluntary cooperation.*

The act to establish Montgomery County was enacted on September 10, 1784 with the first Orphan's Court meeting at Trappe on December 10; the first Court of Quarter Sessions meeting at the house of John Shannon on December 12; and the first Courthouse and Prison erected at Norristown in 1787.

The entire Manor of Moreland in 1776 had a scattered population of 1,320. This grew to 1,692 in 1810; 1,890 in 1820; 2,044 in 1830; 2,162 in 1840; and 2,351 in 1850.

The village of Willow Grove in 1776 consisted of a store, a tavern, a blacksmith shop, and five dwellings. By 1850, it had two hotels, two stores, a post office, several manufacturing establishments and mechanic shops, a railroad station, and twenty dwellings.

Township Representatives

By an act dated April 6, 1802, two **Supervisors of Public Roads** are elected annually in several townships. To this was added in 1807, an **Assessor** and two **Inspectors**.

Township Formation and Change

An act passed on March 24, 1803, granted the Courts of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, upon application by petition, to erect new townships, divide existing townships or alter township boundary lines to suit the convenience of the inhabitants. This law applied to the division of Moreland Township in 1917.

Return to Colonial System

An act of March 20, 1810, permitted the election of two **Constables**, with the Court of Quarter Sessions appointing one of them. This was a return to the Colonial system of the Penn family.

New County Constitution

Through the new constitution of 1839, the offices of **Justice of the Peace, Constable, two Supervisors, Assessor, Assistant Assessor, Auditor, Treasurer, and Clerk** were established in every township and elected by the voters. **School Directors** were added later. The first elections were held in March of 1840. Power of government was now in local hands.

Election Polling Places

Elections for Moreland Township were held at the home of George Eckhart at Whitmarsh for twelve years beginning in 1784; then in Abington in 1797; in Hatboro in 1813; and in Bethayres in 1838. By order of the court on March 4, 1878, voting districts were established into Upper and Lower Election Districts, the former voting at Willow Grove and the latter at Bethayres.

Some Early Officials

<i>Collectors:</i> Henry Comly, 1718	<i>Supervisors:</i> Philip Wynkoop, 1767
Joseph Hall, 1719	John Hancock, 1767
Marcus Huling, 1720	Isaac Cadwallader, 1773
Thomas Parry, 1723	John Sommer, 1773
William Britain, 1724	Garrett Van Buskirk, 1785
Walter Comly, 1742	John Rhoads, 1785
	Amos Addis, 1810
	Charles Johnson, 1810

<i>Constable:</i> Joseph Butler, 1767	<i>Sheriff:</i> Jeremiah Larzalere, 1872-75
John Wynkoop, 1774	

Justice of the Peace: George Rex, Sr., before 1838

School Director: John Lloyd, late 1800s

Division of Moreland Township

Hatboro was incorporated as a borough on August 26, 1871 and removed from Moreland Township. Bryn Athyn residents applied for separate government in 1915 and on February 8, 1916, Judge Aaron S. Swartz decided in their favor on secular grounds such as taxes, land titles, and self-management, although the residents were clear in their determination to establish a religious community. Bryn Athyn was then removed from Moreland Township.

An article in the Hatboro Public Spirit circa 1916 contained the following: "A largely attended meeting of citizens of Moreland Township was held on Wednesday evening in the firemen's hall, Willow Grove, to consider the advisability of dividing the township. The former committee, consisting of Henry W. Hallowell, Israel Hallowell, Harry G. Ely, of the lower end; Clement Keightly, C. A. Patterson, C. W. Morgan and Mr. Rollins, of the upper end, was continued, to have a survey made and a petition prepared to be presented to the court so the citizens can vote on same at the next election, or some date the court may specify."

The article goes on to briefly describe a possible dividing line. Then more about the meeting: "George W. Quigley presided and H. Benton Leedom was secretary, pro tem. Remarks were made by Israel Hallowell, Harry G. Ely, Harry Hallowell, H. Benton Leedom, C. W. Morgan, J. Dyre Moyer, C. A. Patterson and P. P. Gheen.

"The agitation for division of the township follows an unsuccessful movement to incorporate Willow Grove as a borough, which has been temporarily held up, but which is likely to come forward again later on.

"There has long been more or less friction between upper and lower Moreland over the proper division of the tax money raised in the township.

The upper end, about Willow Grove, is growing in population more rapidly than the lower end, and the advocates of division use the argument that it will sooner be ready for first-class township honors if rid of the slower progressing lower end. The lower end seems to be willing to get rid of the upper end, which they claim wants most of the tax money.”

On January 2, 1917, Aaron S. Swartz, President Judge of the Court of Montgomery County, decreed that Moreland Township be divided into two townships to be known as Upper Moreland and Lower Moreland. He appointed three men from each township to the office of **Road Supervisor**. The three from Upper Moreland were John J. Beady, W. L. Kentner, and Newton Duffield. *The early Road Overseers became Road Supervisors, and later, after assuming many administrative duties for services other than road maintenance, became the forerunners of the present day, township commissioner form of government.* The Road Supervisors of the Morelands that year agreed on a division of existing road equipment, assets and indebtedness.

The Board of Road Supervisors

The first official meeting of the Road Supervisors was a special meeting held on January 25, 1917, at which time John J. Bready was elected President, W. L. Kentner was elected Secretary, L. Newton Duffield was elected Treasurer, Alfred White was appointed Roadmaster, and Samuel H. High was appointed Attorney at an annual salary of \$2,500. A tax rate of 5 _ mills was levied, men’s wages were set at 25 cents per hour or \$2.25 per day; horse and wagon prices were set at \$1.75 for a 9-hour day, and the salary of the Roadmaster was fixed at \$3.50 per day since he had to transport workers to their work location. The meetings of the Board were held in Mr. Kentner’s office. In 1926, the meetings were moved to the Murphy Building on York Road.

Board of Road Supervisor’s Minutes Books, 1917 to 1929 (*Upper Moreland*)

Board of Road Supervisors:

Jan. 25, 1917. John J. Bready, President
W. L. Kentner, Secretary
L. Newton Duffield, Treasurer*
Alfred White, Roadmaster
Samuel H. High, Solicitor

Dec. 3, 1917. Frank M. Raab, President**
W. L. Kentner, Secretary
C. S. Kinsey, Treasurer
Alfred White, Roadmaster

**Duffield resigned May 14, and Frank M. Raab was appointed by the Court of Quarter Sessions and was sworn in at this meeting.*

*** Frank Raab was elected Vice President of the Board on June 11, 1917. It is the only mention of a Vice President.*

Dec. 2, 1918. Frank M. Raab, President
W. L. Kentner, Secretary
Charles S. Kinsey, Treasurer
Alfred White, Roadmaster

Mar 18, 1919. Clinton W. Morgan, Pres.
May 12, 1919. Theo Lane Bean, Solicitor*
Dec. 8, 1919. Arthur Shipton, President
W. L. Kentner, Secretary
C. S. Kinsey, Treasurer**
Alfred White, Roadmaster

** Mr. Bean was appointed Township Solicitor on May 12, 1919.*

*** Kinsey resigned as Treasurer, Clinton Morgan was elected to replace him on Aug. 10, 1920.*

Dec. 6, 1920. Arthur Shipton, President
W. L. Kentner, Secretary
Clinton W. Morgan, Treasurer
Alfred White, Roadmaster
Theo Lane Bean, Solicitor

Dec. 5, 1921. Arthur Shipton, President
W. L. Kentner, Secretary
Clinton W. Morgan, Treasurer
Alfred White, Roadmaster
Theo Lane Bean, Solicitor

Dec. 4, 1922. Clarence Ely, President
W. L. Kentner, Secretary
Clinton W. Morgan, Treasurer
Alfred White, Roadmaster
Theo Lane Bean, Solicitor

Dec. 3, 1923. T. Frank Miller, President
Clarence Ely, Secretary*
Clinton W. Morgan, Treasurer
Alfred White, Roadmaster
Samuel H. High, Solicitor

**Mr. Ely was appointed to the Board to fill the unexpired term of Arthur Shipton who died.*

Dec. 1, 1924. T. Frank Miller, President
Clarence Ely, Secretary
Clinton W. Morgan, Treasurer
Alfred White, Roadmaster
Samuel H. High, Solicitor

Dec. 7, 1925. T. Frank Miller, President
Clarence Ely, Secretary
Clinton W. Morgan, Treasurer
Alfred White, Roadmaster
Samuel H. High, Solicitor

Dec. 6, 1926. T. Frank Miller, President
Clarence Ely, Secretary
Clinton W. Morgan, Treasurer
Alfred White, Roadmaster
Samuel H. High, Solicitor

Dec. 5, 1927. T. Frank Miller, President
Clarence Ely, Secretary
Clinton W. Morgan, Treasurer
Alfred White, Roadmaster
Samuel H. High, Solicitor

Dec. 3, 1928. T. Frank Miller, President
Clarence Ely, Secretary
Clinton W. Morgan, Treasurer
Alfred White, Roadmaster
Samuel H. High, Solicitor

Street and Road Acquisitions

May 14, 1917. John F. McEvoy, esq., turned over deeds for Dallas and Bartram Roads on the Ferguson Tract.

Jan. 13, 1920. Clement Keightly asked the Board to take over Summit Avenue from Center to the Doylestown Pike and Cedar to Summit.

Sept. 14, 1920. All streets in the Ferguson Tract taken over by the Township.

Feb. 13, 1923. Letter received from E. N. Johnson requesting the Board to take over the Willow Grove Tract.

Mar. 14, 1927. Petition was presented for the Township to take over Patterson Avenue and Sherman Avenue in the Schull Tract.

May 9, 1927. A delegation from Magnolia Avenue requested the Township take over their street. John Schull offered \$250 to complete Sherman and Maple Avenues on the Schull Tract which was accepted by the Supervisors.

June 13, 1927. The Township will take over the streets of the Willow Grove Highlands Tract of E. N. Johnson.

Aug. 8, 1927. The Board accepted the following streets in the Willow Grove Highlands Tract of Mr. E. N. Johnson: Division Avenue, Silver Avenue, Frazier Avenue, Quigley Avenue, Inman Terrace, Krewson Terrace, and Woodlawn Avenue.

Mar. 11, 1929. John Schull requested the Board to accept Grant Avenue. (Did so on May 13, 1929) Also Henry Specht, Jr., requested the Board accept three streets on the Moreland Heights Tract.

June 3, 1929. The Board accepted Evans Avenue, Nash Avenue and Church Street.

Street and Road Repairs

Apr. 9, 1917. A delegation of taxpayers, A. Mills, Floyd Miller, Owen Hollowell, A. Pratt, E. Todd petitioned the Board to widen Davisville Road. The Board agreed to do as much as money would permit.

Feb. 25, 1920. A resolution was passed to drain and cinder Pioneer Road.

Jan. 11, 1921. McKinley Church on Lakeview Avenue asked the Board to cinder Lakeview. John Schull asked that more cinders be put on Lincoln Avenue.

Feb. 8, 1921. Mr. Pearson asked for repairs to Creek Road.

June 13, 1921. The Board rejected Walter Rothwell's request to change the water course on the former Rittenhouse property.

Apr. 10, 1922. Mr. F. C. Valentine and a delegation requested improvements to Gilpin Road.

Mar. 12, 1923. A motion was passed that Davisville Road and Fitzwatertown Road be resurfaced with trap rock and Lincoln Avenue be rebuilt with slag.

July 10, 1923. Sixteen car loads of slag to be put on Davisville, Pioneer and County Line Roads.

Dec. 10, 1923. A letter was sent to the State Highway Department calling attention to the dangerous condition of Cherry Street caused by Frank Nash.

Feb. 11, 1924. Mrs. Easterday of Bartram and Madison Roads called on the Board to complain about water in her cellar. Roadmaster recommended widening the gutters on Madison and

Lawnton to carry water away. A delegation from the Schull Tract complained about the dangerous condition of Grant Avenue. (*Not yet a Township street.*)

Mar. 11, 1924. Two taxpayers from Grove Avenue complained about the condition of their street. The Board “promised to do something in the spring after frost gets out of ground.”

June 9, 1924. Roadmaster was authorized to rebuild Park Avenue.

July 14, 1924. The Board decided to oil and chip Lincoln Avenue, also Davisville from Byberry to Pioneer and Pioneer to County Line and County Line to Mr. Bryant’s entrance.

Sept. 8, 1924. Mr. Todd called on the Board requesting Highland Avenue be repaired. To be done later in the season with slag.

Oct. 13, 1924. Roadmaster White submitted report showing cost of rebuilding Perry (Parry?) Road, a distance of 5800 feet at a cost of \$7,556.10.

Nov. 10, 1924. Mr. Frankland of Lawnton Road requested that something be done to this street to enable him to get in and out with a machine. The Board promised to cinder from Terrace Road to his driveway. Roadmaster White was authorized to buy several carloads of cinders for repairing streets on the Ferguson Tract, also at north Willow Grove.

Feb. 16, 1925. Mr. Fenzel visited the Board with a request that something be done to Bartram Road from Fitzwatertown to Dallas. The Board would do so if the property owners would make a respectable donation.

Apr. 13, 1925. Roadmaster White and Mr. Monroe Fesmire of Southampton Township discussed the division of the care of County Line Road owing to the change made by the division of Upper and Lower Moreland Townships. Upper Moreland’s responsibility will be from Huntsman’s Gate to Orangeman’s Road. Hatboro to assume responsibility for the tract taken from the Township. Warminster to assume responsibility from Orangeman’s Road to Bryant’s Corner. A delegation from Allison Road petitioned for repairs to their street. The residents donated \$500 for the work.

July 13, 1925. Property owners objected to the widening of Davisville Road and the matter was dropped.

June 14, 1926. Roadmaster White was authorized to rebuild Berrell and Cameron Roads on the Ferguson Tract with slag bottom and grit top.

July 12, 1926. Roadmaster White to rebuild a street on the Grossman Tract and one for Hobensack & Mason. The Board authorized macadamizing Edge Hill Road from Sam Nice’s Gate to Pennypack Bridge.

Sept. 13, 1926. County aid received to do roadwork on Edge Hill from Perry Road to Johnson Road and Johnson to Michener’s Gate. Gilpin Road, Grove and Cedar Aves. to be resurfaced.

Nov. 8, 1926. Cherry Street still having water problems. New drain pipes to be installed.

Jan. 10, 1927. Pennypack Bridge problems on Davisville Road referred to the County as it is a County Bridge. The Board to petition the County Commissioners for county aid in the amount of \$10,000 to macadamize Davisville Road from York to Morgan’s Mill.

May 9, 1927. Several taxpayers from New Street agreed to raise \$120 to improve their street.

Oct. 10, 1927. Repairs to be made to Ellis, Pioneer, Shoemaker, Davisville, County Line Roads; a new culvert in Cherry Street and two grate inlets.

Apr. 9, 1928. A committee from the Women’s Civic Club called on the Board relative to having the trolley rails removed on the west side of York Road and suitable paving laid between the present concrete and the curb line.

May 14, 1928. Two members of the Willow Grove Board of Trade called on the Supervisors re having trolley rails removed on the south bound track in Willow Grove and the space paved.

Feb. 11, 1929. Petitions made to improve Willow Avenue, Mill Road, and Elm Avenue. The Board asked the residents to help pay.

Street Signs and Lights

Apr. 9, 1917. The sign committee reported J. Dyre Moyer’s bid to do signs is 50 cents for yellow pine and 60 cents for cedar. A. Heaton to do chestnut posts at 30 cents a piece. Dutton reported the Auto Club will furnish 50 signs free to the Township.

Oct. 9, 1922. A motion was made to install a red light at the junction of York and Davisville Roads. Also speed signs.

July 10, 1923. “No Parking” signs to be placed on Easton Road between Moreland Road to Willow Grove and south side of York Road between Church Street and Easton Road.

June 9, 1924. Signs to be erected prohibiting parking of autos on Easton Road between York and Moreland Roads.

Jan. 12, 1925. Mr. Morgan called attention to the fact that a great many automobiles were parking on Davisville Road near York Road alongside the Rothwell property. Roadmaster White, therefore, was instructed to procure a sign and place same on Davisville Road 60 feet from York Road with proper notice thereon forbidding the parking of automobiles in this space.

July 13, 1925. No parking signs were put on York Road opposite the new swimming pool and one at each end of Grove Avenue.

Mar. 8, 1926. W. B. Edmondson representing the Board of Trade filed petitions for street lights and fire plugs.

Sept. 17, 1928. Supervisors to take steps to secure signal lights at the junction of Easton and York Roads.

Oct. 14, 1929. Officer Swayze was instructed to look into the question of placing speed limit signs along Easton Road.

Nov. 11, 1929. The Supervisors authorized Officer Swayze to place speed limits and warning signs throughout the Township. These signs will be furnished free of cost by the Keystone Automobile Club.

Sidewalks and Curbs

Apr. 12, 1921. The Roadmaster was instructed to lay sidewalks on York Road "between the present walk and the post office."

May 12, 1924. The Board applied to the State Highway Department for permission to ordain sidewalks along York Road for 990 feet, more or less. And also to establish curb lines on Moreland Road from Fitzwatertown Road to Edge Hill Road; on York Road from Moreland Road to the top of Sampson's Hill; on Davisville Road from York Road to Perry Road; on Easton Road from Mineral Springs Hotel to the P.R.R., bridge.

Aug. 11, 1924. Application was made to the State Highway Department to establish sidewalks and curbs along York Road north of Moreland Road, approximately 1263 feet, fronting the property of Henry Specht, Jr. as per plan submitted by Wm. J. Muldrew of Jenkintown.

Township Equipment

Feb. 12, 1917. The Roadmaster presented an inventory of tools and machinery belonging to Moreland Township in the upper end. (*The list was not recorded.*) It was decided that all teams hauling on Township work shall be drop bottom wagons and that the rate per horse shall be 20 cents per hour.

Jul. 8, 1918. The State Highway Department hired the Upper Moreland steam roller to roll York Road.

Sept. 9, 1918. The Township's fire insurance policy covered a steam roller, sprinkler, two road scrapers and other tools and equipment.

Apr. 13, 1920. A Federal Motor Dump Truck with dump gate and hydraulic hoist was purchased for \$3,600.

May 9, 1927. The Board agreed to borrow \$4,000 from Mr. Alfred White to purchase a Mack Truck.

Law Enforcement

(While there is no mention of elections in the Township for Constable, they are mentioned in the minutes as follows):

Mar. 12, 1917. Constable Dutton brought up the question of placing road signs such as "Run Slow", "Dangerous", "15 Mile Limit" and signs to protect school children. His motion passed.

Nov. 13, 1922. Constable Slugg was authorized to enforce speed laws.

May 8, 1922. Raymond Ambler and Mr. Chesterman representing the Chamber of Commerce requested having a traffic cop at the junction of the two state highways in Willow Grove during the Willow Grove Park's season.

Oct. 13, 1924. Fines received from Cornelius L. Corson for overweight on trucks.

Aug. 10, 1925. On motion made by Mr. Clinton Morgan, the Board voted to employ a Township policeman.

Nov. 9, 1925. A report was read from Constable Slugg in which he stated that a great deal of rowdyism and disorderly conduct around the town is caused by persons outside of the Township who hang around the two "all night" restaurants and suggested that steps be taken to have these restaurants closed at midnight. The solicitor was called upon to rule whether the Supervisors have the authority to compel the business places to close at midnight.

Jun. 14, 1926. On motion, Mr. Irvin C. Anderson of Willow Grove was appointed police officer for Upper Moreland Township as soon as approved by Montgomery County Court. He refused the appointment. Mr. Frank Wright of Hatboro was later appointed.

Aug. 9, 1926. Charles N. Shaffer of the Board of Trade stated that he succeeded in getting the Keystone Motor Club to detail one of their traffic men to check up and enforce traffic laws in the Township on Saturdays and Sundays until our new officer is installed. C. W. Morgan made a motion to appoint Mr. Earl Swayze of Willow Grove police officer for Upper Moreland Township at a salary of \$150 per month effective upon receipt of papers from the Court. The Secretary is to advise Mr. Wright of Hatboro that an appointee must be a qualified elector of Upper Moreland Township thereby preventing his appointment.

Sept. 13, 1926. Earl Swayze went on duty as Township police officer on August 31, 1926.

Mar. 14, 1927. A petition was received from a number of taxpayers for additional policemen, but the Board felt they couldn't afford it at the present time. The Secretary was instructed to write to the State Highway Department for authority to purchase a motorcycle for our police department.

Sept. 12, 1927. The police officer's salary was increased to \$175 per month.

Aug. 13, 1928. A group of taxpayers called on the Board and presented a petition on behalf of Earl V. Swayze for his reappointment as police officer for Upper Moreland for another year.

Sept. 10, 1928. Resolved: "That the police officer be appointed at a monthly salary of \$175.00. All uniforms and personal attire to be paid out of this monthly salary by the police officer appointed."

Nov. 12, 1928. Two young ladies of Patterson Avenue called on the Board and complained of boys in the neighborhood committing nuisances about their property as well as annoying them. The Board to look into the matter.

Oct. 14, 1929. A motion was made and carried that the Supervisors purchase a suit and overcoat for the Chief of Police, also an overcoat for the extra policeman.

Taxes and Finances

The Hatboro National Bank was the depository for the Township from 1917 to 1929. On Feb. 11, 1929, the Board decided to transfer their bank account to the Willow Grove Trust Company.

May 17, 1917. Auditors for the Township were C. W. Morgan, Raymond Crawford and John B. Rollins.

Jun. 2, 1917. Harry G. Ely was appointed Tax Collector.

Jul. 13, 1920. The payroll for the Township included Alfred White, Harry Wright, Frank Chappell, Harry Conrad, Edwin Gilbert, Horace Conrad, William Blythe, George Repler, Hedley Roads, Luken & Yerkes, and W. L. Kentner.

Dec. 8, 1924. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Hatboro Borough Council asking for road taxes collected previous to the annexation. The Supervisors replied thereto stating that the Borough of Hatboro was entitled to the school taxes, but the road taxes belong to Upper Moreland since the road tax was fixed prior to the annexation.

Mar. 9, 1925. The following resolution was adopted: "We the Board of Road Supervisors agree to provide for the payment to the State of Pennsylvania from Township funds as provided in Act of 1911, Section 29, 50% of the total expenses of maintenance and repairs of State Aid Road – Application 26". Estimated cost for 1925 being \$830.00."

Mar. 8, 1926. The road tax was set at 8 mills with a 1 mill additional tax for fire purposes.

Mar. 12, 1928. The road tax was increased to 8 _ mills and the fire tax reduced to _ mill.

Township Maintenance Building

Dec. 10, 1923. The Township purchased from William F. Morgan, a piece of land on the west side of the N.E.P.R.R. above the Willow Grove station for \$1,000 including use of right of way to and from the tract and that Mr. Morgan to have a right of way as long as the dam is owned by him. The land to be used for the erection of an unloading trestle and storage bin as well as for a Township building for tools, machinery, etc.

Fire Company

June 12, 1922. A resolution was proposed for Springfield Water Co. to place fire plugs at the corner of Grove Avenue and Easton Road. And a standpipe for Township use in front of the Robinson property on Easton Highway.

Feb. 16, 1925. A delegation from the Fire Company composed of D. Wood, Henry Evans and Floyd Miller approached the Board for a donation. The Board proposed a 1 mill tax to fund the Fire Company.

Mar. 14, 1927. Mr. Silas Morris agreed to pay a rental charge of \$60 per year for a fire hydrant on Grove Avenue at Easton Road.

School Board

Apr. 8, 1929. A committee of the School Board requested the Real Estate Assessor place a number of properties omitted from the Road and School Duplicates, on the tax books for the year.

Sewage Disposal Plant

Sept. 17, 1928. In the matter of a sewage treatment plant and a system of sewers for Upper Moreland Township, Mr. Morgan to take it up with Mr. High regarding a special election for same.

Oct. 8, 1928. The Secretary was instructed to take up with Mr. D. C. Stackpole the question of employing an engineer to prepare plans for a system of sewers for the Township.

Nov. 12, 1928. The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board: "That we the Board of Road Supervisors of Upper Moreland Township engage Mr. Charles F. Mebus as Sanitary Engineer for this township to prepare necessary plans and data for presentation and acceptance by the state authorities for a system of sanitary sewers and disposal plant for the Township of Upper Moreland for the sum of \$1,500, in accordance with estimates received."

Apr. 8, 1929. Mr. Charles Mebus discussed progress made on a sanitary sewerage system.

Jun. 3, 1929. A letter was received from the Hatboro Council relative to use of a joint sewerage disposal plant by the borough and this Township. The Secretary was directed to answer that this Township would be glad to have Hatboro go along with us, and that we expect to have all plans and estimates ready for a vote of our people at the November elections and until that time we could not give them anything more definite.

Aug. 12, 1929. The Secretary was ordered to write a letter to the County Commissioners relative to the question of placing before the voters at the November election the matter of sewers and disposal plant in Upper Moreland Township.

First Class Township Status Requested

Jun. 13, 1927. A motion was made by C. W. Morgan and seconded by C. M. Ely to petition the Court of Quarter Sessions of Montgomery County to change Upper Moreland Township from Second Class to First Class.

Oct. 10, 1927. Mr. Howard B. Baker, representing the Board of Trade, called on the Board of Supervisors and presented a petition of 434 taxpayers for changing Upper Moreland Township to a First Class Township.

Jan. 14, 1929. The Board decided to advise their attorney to have the Court enter the final decree declaring Upper Moreland a First Class Township, so that the necessary officers will be elected at the next general election taking place in November of this year, and that new officers would then take office as of January 1, 1930.

Dec. 29, 1929. The business of settling this year's accounts was taken up and all outstanding bills were ordered paid. On motion the meeting adjourned and the Board dispersed as a Second Class Township.

Clarence M. Ely, Secretary

Influence of the Willow Grove Board of Trade

The Hatboro Spirit newspaper of July 10, 1925 noted a discussion was held in Willow Grove to form a Board of Trade. Then in the July 17th issue the headline read, "William H. Jones is president of new organization to boom growth in Willow Grove." This was followed on July 24th with an account of the Board's first meeting, at which 87 people joined the new organization.

Among their accomplishments were: erecting signs identifying Willow Grove, fire zoning, street lighting, property assessments, house numbering, street name changes to avoid repetition, placed No Parking signs along York Road, repaired the intersection of York and Easton Roads twice, circulated petitions for fire plugs and electric lights, considered widening Davisville Road, and held meetings on township government, borough government, civic improvements, as well as a debate on the value of changing from a second class township to a first class township.

In the July 17, 1925 Hatboro Spirit, in an article regarding widening Davisville Road, it states that the *Commissioners of Upper Moreland Township* circulated a petition among taxpayers to ask permission of the Montgomery County Court to use Township funds for the project. The term Commissioners was not officially used until the first elections in 1929.

Need for Police in Willow Grove

The July 14, 1925 issue of the Hatboro Spirit carried this headline, "Seek Police for Willow Grove. Leading Business Men Incensed at Recent Outbreaks in Village. Rowdiness Must Stop." The text read, "Leading business men of Willow Grove, incensed at recent outbreaks between a crowd of self-styled "bad men" and Negroes, are planning to stop once for all time the occurrences which, if continued, will give Willow Grove a bad name."

Apparently, during earlier incidents, the *State Police* were called in and it was thought at the time that a State Policeman might be stationed in Willow Grove.

The July 17, 1925 news contained the following, "Seek Traffic Cop. Commissioners circulating petition in township asking permission of Montgomery County Courts to permit employment of a traffic policeman to direct traffic on weekends and holidays at York and Easton Roads." Then the August 14 issue of the Spirit cited, "Regular Policeman Will Be Secured," and the article went on to say the Township Commissioners voted unanimously to take this action.

Upper Moreland Police Department

The August 13, 1926 issue of the Hatboro Spirit featured the following information: "Name Policeman at Willow Grove. Earl Swayze, Fire Chief, Appointed Township's First Policeman. To Assume Duties Soon." This was announced at a regular monthly meeting of the Upper Moreland Township Supervisors.

The Name of Frank Wright of Hatboro was first submitted to the Court for approval, but before he could take office he became ill and relinquished the appointment. Earl Swayze's name was then submitted and approved by the Court. Swayze was a resident of Willow Grove for more than twenty years, was an ex-serviceman, was Chief of the Willow Grove Fire Department at the time, and was one of the organizers of American Legion Liberty Post 308. The news continued, "Officer Swayze will assume his new duties as soon as possible. A uniform and other requisites have been ordered." Swayze's office was to be at his home and "a telephone will be installed and arrangements made to have the telephone answered at all times." Part of Swayze's duties was to direct traffic at the intersection of York and Easton where 4,000 cars a day traveled past.

Officer Irvin Anderson joined the Police Department on February 10, 1930 and left the Department on January 15, 1932. On January 22, 1932, twelve applications were received to replace Anderson. Eleven of these came from Upper Moreland and one from Philadelphia. The one from Philadelphia was discarded because the Board wanted to hire from within the Township. On January 26, 1932, Lawrence Shores was appointed Patrolman as recommended by the Police Committee.

First Class Township

A headline in the April 19, 1928 Hatboro Spirit proclaimed, "Moreland Now First Class. No Objections Filed. Many Improvements Now Possible. To Name Commissioners. In accordance with the decree of the Montgomery County Courts, Upper Moreland became a township of the first class. Rapid growth in population warranted the change. Township Commissioners to be named by the Court." As it turned out, the Commissioners were elected by the voters, not appointed. Upper Moreland officially became a first class township on January 1, 1930.

First Board of Commissioners

The August 8, 1929 Hatboro Spirit carried the following, "Seek Offices In Moreland. Change To First Class Brings Out Many Candidates. Primaries September 17." The article pointed out that Upper Moreland would become first class in 1930 and with the change in government, five Commissioners were to be elected to replace the Township Supervisors. Early candidates for Commissioner were O.E.C. Robinson, Clinton W. Morgan, Arthur Hill, Max Marschner, T. Frank Miller, and James Weston. Five others filed as candidates later.

At the time, Upper Moreland was divided into two districts. District 1 would elect a Commissioner for a four-year term, while District 2 would elect for a two-year term. In addition, there would be three "at-large" candidates elected jointly by both districts for four-year terms.

The Hatboro Spirit of September 19, 1929 ran the results of the election:

Commissioner, 1st District: James W. Weston

Commissioner, 2nd District: John Riley

Commissioners-At-Large: Arthur Hill, Francis Ball, Clinton W. Morgan

Treasurer: W. L. Kentner

School Director: Frank C. Valentine
Assessor: Russell Sherman
Assistant Assessor: Leowen M. Olt

(In the minutes of the first meeting of the new Board, it is apparent the newspaper's report that Francis Ball was elected was false. The minutes indicate that it was T. Frank Miller who won the election.)

Board of Commissioner's Minutes Books, 1930 to 1967

Township Board of Commissioners:

James W. Weston. Jan. 1, 1930; Vice Pres. 1932; Pres. 1934
John H. Riley. Jan. 1, 1930; Vice Pres. 1938, to 40; Pres. 41, to, 45; Retired Dec. 28, 1945 after serving 16 years on the Board.
Arthur Hill. Jan. 1, 1930; Vice Pres. 1930, to 35; Pres. 36, 37
T. Frank Miller. Jan. 1, 1930; Pres. 1930 to 32. Retired Dec. 28, 1933. Served the Township for 13 years as Township Auditor, Road Supervisor and Commissioner. Died Feb. 1939.
Clinton W. Morgan. Jan. 1, 1930; Resigned June 15, 1931.
Max A. Marschner. Appt. by court Nov. 9, 1931; Elected 1932 to 34; Vice Pres. 44, 45; Died Dec. 1946. Honored. Commissioner nearly 15 years.
Warren L. Millham, Sr. Jan. 1, 1934; Died Feb. 28, 1937.
J. Russell Sonneborn. Jan. 6, 1936; Vice Pres. 1936; Pres. 1938 to 40.
William W. Banger. Apr. 12, 1937 *(See below)
LeRoy Mahan. Jan. 3, 1938; Died Nov. 1962.
Warren S. Bolay. Jan. 1942 to 45; Resigned Feb. 45.
Clement F. Kneezel. Jan. 1942; Vice Pres. 42, to 48
Harmon Y. Bready. Appt. by Court May 10, 1943; Fulmor Hts. Gov't. Project. (Temp.)
Thomas E. Waters. Appt. by Court May 10, 1943; Fulmor Hts. Gov't. Project. (Temp.)
C. Raymond Weir. Appt. by Court May 10, 1943; Fulmor Hts. Gov't. Project. (Temp.)
Harry F. Betz. Jan. 1944, 45, 46; Died Nov. 10, 1947. Honored for service.
Norman G. Fritz. Appt. Feb. 1945; Pres. 46, to 51; Resigned Jan. 1, 1952.
Peter H. DePree. Jan. 1946; Resigned Apr. 14, 1947.
Dr. Harold B. Shaw. Appt. Dec. 28, 1946 to 48.
John C. Campbell. Appt. May 5, 1947 to repl. DePree; Resigned Jul. 12, 1948.
Allan F. Shmidheiser. Appt. Nov. 29, 1947
J. W. Tarkington. 1948, 49; Vice Pres. 1950 to 52; Resigned Dec. 1, 1952
Elmer R. Fischer. Appt. Aug. 10, 1948
Theodore O. Bjornson, Jr. Nov. 14, 1949
Conrad G. Moffett. Nov. 14, 1949; Pres. 1950; Resigned Oct. 26, 1951; Died Nov. 1964.
William P. Abbott. Nov. 14, 1949
Robert C. McNickle. Appt. Oct. 26, 1951; Pres. 1954
William W. Banger. Appt. Jan. 21, 1952 *
Andrew R. Argue, Jr. Appt. Dec. 1, 1952
Irvin C. Anderson. Jan. 4, 1954; Died May 1962.
Karl L. Meyer. Jan. 4, 1954; Vice Pres. 54; Pres. 1956 to 65; Member 1966, 1967, etc.
Lloyd T. Myers. Jan. 4, 1954; Vice Pres. Mar. 12, 1957; Died Nov. 1957.
Martin R. Turner. Jan. 4, 1954; Vice Pres. 1956 to 65; Member 1966 & 1967; etc.
Dewey L. Yoder, Sr. Jan. 10, 1956; Died Mar. 24, 1958.
James J. Cunningham, Jr. Jan. 10, 1956; Retired Jan. 6, 1964.
Francis A. Sargent. Nov. 12, 1957; Vice Pres. Jan. 4, 1960 to 62 & again in 1964; Pres. 1966 & 67; etc.
Norbert E. MacDonald. Apr. 21, 1958
Dominic LaRosa. Jan. 4, 1960; Vice Pres. Jan. 2, 1962; Retired Jan. 6, 1964.
David H. Uhlmann, Jr. Jan. 6, 1964 to Dec. 31, 1967.
Robert J. Curtis. Jan. 6, 1964 to 1967, etc.
Rudolph A. Guenzel. Appt. May 12, 1964; Vice Pres. Jan. 5, 1966 & 1967, etc.
Charles G. Nicholson. Appt. May 12, 1964; Resigned Jan. 12, 1965.
Donald M. Woodring. Appt. Jan. 12, 1965; Resigned Jan. 3, 1966
Daniel C. Bready. Appt. Jan. 3, 1966 to 1967; etc..

Other Township Personnel:

Edward V. Schiesser. Secretary, Feb. 1930; Relieved Dec. 1931. Appt. Health Off. & Plumbing Inspector Jan. 4, 1960 to 1964.

W. L. Kentner. Treasurer, Jan. 1929 to 45. Resigned Dec. 28, 1945. Treasurer for 16 years.

Samuel H. High. Solicitor, Jan. 25, 1917 to July 9, 1945. Died 1945. Honored.

Alfred H. White. Road Foreman, Mar. 1930, to, 35.

Harry Wright. Roller Man, Feb. 1930, to 35; Road Foreman Jan. 1936, to 41; Died Oct. 1941.

Charles F. Mebus. Township Engineer, Mar. 1930, to 40; Died Feb. 1940. Honored.

Clarence M. Ely. Secretary, Jan. 1932, to 43.

Albert Geiger. Township Auditor, Jan. 1932;

Dr. J. K. Williams Wood. Health Officer, Feb. 1932, 33, 34; Resigned Aug. 1935.

John E. O'Neill. Plumbing & Sewer Inspector, Feb. 1932, to 38; Also appt. Health Officer 1940 to 56; Resigned Jul. 10, 1956.

Sallie M. Shaffer. Office Assistant, Dec. 1938.

George B. Mebus. Appt. Twp. Engineer Aug. 12, 1940 to succeed his father. 1941 to 67; etc.

Stuart A. Epler. Appt. Highway Engineer Aug. 15, 1940; Resigned Jan 1, 1942.

Erwin Nice. Promoted to Road Foreman Oct. 13, 1941.

T. Powell Dutton. Appt. Highway Foreman Jan. 5, 1942, 43.

Sallie Riley. Appt'd. Office Assistant Jan. 5, 1942; Resigned Mar. 1942.

Miriam L. Daly. Hired as Office Asst. Mar. 21, 1942; Resigned Aug. 10, 1942.

Florence L. Collier. Appt. Office Asst. Jan. 11, 1943.

Eleanor Saldutti. Hired as Office Asst. Nov. 1, 1943; Asst. Sec. 1944, to 49; Res. Jan. 9, 1950.

Loewen M. Olt. Appt. Secretary Jan. 3, 1944 to 54; Resigned Oct. 11, 1954; Appt. Asst Sec. 1955.

William Dietrich. Appt. Health Officer, Plumbing & Bldg. Inspector Jan. 3, 1944 to 56; Resigned Apr. 10, 1956.

Earl Haggerty. Appt. Township Engineer Apr. 24, 1944.

Samuel H. High, Jr. Appt. Township Solicitor July 9, 1945 to replace his father; 46 to 67; etc.

Roy Sellers. Appt. Treasurer Dec. 29, 1945 to 67; etc.

Samuel H. Ramsey, Jr. Auditor Jan. 7, 1946 to 48.

William H. Krickbaum. (?) Resigned Feb. 11, 1946.

Allan F. Shmidheiser. Appt. Auditor by Court Feb. 11, 1946; Resigned Nov. 29, 1947 to become Commissioner.

Frank R. Riordan. Auditor, 1945 to 48.

Ronald G. Pugh. Hired as permanent full-time Township Assessor, May 26, 1947 to 55; Appt. Office Asst. Mar. 14, 1955.

George A. Nees, Sr. Appt. Highway Foreman Jan. 5, 1948.

Harmon Webb. Solicitor; Resigned Sept. 5, 1950.

John S. Yaun. Auditor; Resigned Dec. 11, 1950.

John W. Donahue. Health Officer, Feb. 12, 1951; Resigned, Nov. 15, 1951.

John Warsow. Appt. Highway Foreman, Aug. 10, 1953 to 55. Died 1955.

Thelma W. Harrison. Appt. Office Assistant Jan. 4, 1954, 55; Resigned Apr. 10, 1956.

John Heintz. Appt. Asst. Secretary Jan. 4, 1954; Appt. Sec. Feb. 28, 1955, 56.

F. T. Sippel. Appt. Office Asst. Mar. 14, 1955.

Ruth N. Broughton. Appt. Office Asst. Mar. 14, 1955; Asst. Sec. Oct. 9, 1962 to 66; Appt. Acting Administrator, Sept. 6, 1966; Appt. Township Administrator Feb. 14, 1967.

H. Lyle Houpt, Esq. Appt. Solicitor Jan. 10, 1956 to 64.

Joseph Adams. Acting Building Inspector Apr. 10, 1956 to 64; Temp. Plumbing Insp. Jul. 10, 1956.

Lawrence Shores. Temp. Health Officer Jul. 10, 1956.

Lloyd T. Myers. Appt. temp Health & Plumbing Insp. Sept. 11, 1956.

Harris, Henry, Lantz & Potter. Appt. Twp. Engineers Jan. 10, 1956 to 60.

Ella Dahms. Office Asst. & Sec. of Zoning Board; Resigned Feb. 1, 1957. Rehired as Sec. in Admin. Dept. Jan. 14, 1964.

John M. Hohenwarter. Appt. Township Manager Jan. 1, 1958; Appt. Sec. Apr. 8, 1958 to 60; Resigned Jan. 6, 1964.

Virginia Benninghoff. Appt. Asst. Sec. Jan. 6, 1958 to 62.

Francis X. Walsh. Appt. Committing Magistrate Feb. 9, 1960.

Allen Helveston. Highway Superintendent, Jan. 1960 to 1967, etc.
 Mrs. Pearson. Bookkeeper, Jan. 6, 1964.
 Judith Brooks. Office Secretary, Jan. 6, 1964.
 Norbert MacDonald. Assessor, Jan. 6, 1964.
 J. Peter Braun. Appt. Township Administrator Mar. 10, 1964; Sec. May 12, 1964; Part time Aug. 30, 1966; Resigned Feb. 1967.
 Pat Malvoso. Appt. Plumbing Inspector, 1964 (?); Re-Appt. 1966, 1967; Appt. Health Officer Jul. 12, 1966; etc.
 John Maher. Appt. Building Inspector, Feb. 8, 1966.
 Margaret Pearson. Appt. Asst. Secretary & Financial Officer, Feb. 14, 1967.
 Gilbert H. High, Jr. Solicitor, Apr. 11, 1967.
 Robert Spickler. Appt. Township Recreation Director, Sept. 12, 1967.
 George E. Griffith. Appt. Dog Catcher, Nov. 14, 1967.

Committees:

January 13, 1930. The Board president set up the following committees: Finance; Police & General Safety; Roads, Streets, Lighting & Fire Plugs; and Health. A Sewer Committee was added in Nov. 1930.

In 1932, the Police & General Safety Committee became Welfare & Safety; Health became Health, Plumbing & Sewage Inspection; a Garbage Committee, and Building & Any Other Franchises Committee were added.

In 1934, changes included Highway, Fire Protection & Office Committee; Public Safety & Welfare; Health & Sanitation; Sewer & Waterways; Budget; and Police Commission.

In 1938 the Building Committee became the Building & Zoning Committee.

On January 9, 1939, a new committee was established, the Public Relations Committee with all commissioners being members. On June 2, 1939, a Board of Adjustments of the Zoning Commission was established to handle zoning changes.

By the 1960's, the operative committees were: Building & Zoning; Engineering; Finance; Health & Sanitation; Public Safety; Public Works; and a Special Public Relations Committee.

General Township Business Committee:

The first meeting of the Board of Commissioners as a first class township was held on January 6, 1930 in the Schiesser Real Estate Building at the corner of York and Davisville Roads.

January 6, 1930. The Board was comprised as follows: T. Frank Miller, President; Arthur Hill, Vice President; W. L. Kentner, Treasurer (Previously elected); Donald D. Eavenson, Secretary Pro Tem. The Chief of Police and Road Foreman to retain their positions.

(The titles of Road Master and Supervisor of Roads was replaced by Road Foreman.)

January 13, 1930. The Reading Transportation Co. to purchase J. L. Rush's bus line from Willow Grove to points east and southeast.

February 9, 1931. Sunday Law discussed. George Houpt, Chairman of a committee of churches and patriotic societies wants the Grove Theatre closed on Sundays. Also against was Mrs. J. Dye Moyer, President of the Community Roundtable, the Women's Committee of Community Memorial Hall, William McCaughey of the Willow Grove Community Presbyterian Church, Lewis Hughes of the P.O.S. of A., and Rev. Richard Wells of the Methodist Church. Opinion of the Township Solicitor to be obtained.

February 10, 1930. Samuel High appointed Solicitor. Dr. Harold B. Shaw appointed acting head of the Health Committee with following members: James J. McCann, Joseph Matthews, Mrs. Verna Kuhn, Chas. Paschall. Alfred White elected Road Foreman at \$1,600 per year. He declined. Referred to committee. Mr. White accepted job at \$150 per month. Harry Wright appointed "Roller Man" at \$1,500 per year. Edward V. Schiesser appointed Secretary at \$400 per year.

February 17, 1930. Board meetings opened to the public.

March 10, 1930. Township Secretary Schiesser to serve as Secretary of Board of Health.

March 19, 1930. Appointments made to Board of Health: Verna Kuhn, 1 year; Dr. Shaw, 2 years; Jos. Mathews, 3 years; James McCann, 4 years; Chas. Paschall, 5 years.

April 14, 1930. Mrs. Verna Kuhn appointed Chairwoman of Board of Health.

December 15, 1930. Special committee appointed to draft codes on building and plumbing regulations.

February 20, 1931. Penna. State Association recommended the Board of Commissioners change

from 5 to 7 Commissioners per first class status. Board concurred.

March 9, 1931. American Legion Commander Haldeman addressed the Grove Theatre objections. The Legion receives 17 % of gross receipts and 100% of receipts on Sunday, March 15 would be donated by the Theatre management and the Legion to the unemployed.

June 15, 1931. Commissioner Clinton W. Morgan resigned.

November 9, 1931. Max A. Marschner appointed Commissioner by Court to fill unexpired term of Morgan. Sworn in by Justice of the Peace, Edward C. Lear, Esq.

November 16, 1931. Board meetings to be held in Memorial Hall 2nd floor at \$50 per month rent.

December 14, 1931. Secretary Schiesser relieved of duty & Clarence Ely appointed for 1932.

March 14, 1932. 200 voters petitioned to prohibit places of amusement & public entertainment on the Sabbath. (*Also discussed on April 11*).

June 13, 1932. The Board authorized the Fire Company to inaugurate a fire patrol police of 5 firemen under the jurisdiction of the Police Committee.

August 8, 1932. The Board officially recognized the Willow Grove Firemen's Relief Association.

September 26, 1932. The Willow Grove Fire Police appeared before the Board in uniform and were congratulated on their fine appearance. It was pointed out that they were equipped with lanterns, flashlights and first aid kits.

September 1, 1933. The Willow Grove Male Chorus was granted the privilege of using the Board Room and placing a piano there for rehearsals unless they can secure quarters in Memorial Hall.

October 8, 1934. Master Plumber's Association entered complaint regarding unregistered plumbers doing business in the Township.

December 9, 1935. Fire Company officers recognized:

Pres. Wm. W. Banger

Vice Pres. Frank Maclay

Sec. Austin Conant

Financial Sec. Emery S. Koons

Treas. Earl Keller

Chief Roy Sellers

Capt. Fire Police Chas. Showaker

Trustees: T. Powell Dutton, Howard Rush,
J. Russell Sonnenorn

January 13, 1936. Harry Wright appointed Road Foreman.

August 10, 1936. Justice of the Peace administered oath to newly appointed Fire Police: Loewen M. Olt, Chas. Showacker, and George Marsden.

April 12, 1937. Wm. W. Banger welcomed as Commissioner. Building Committee title changed to Building & Zoning.

May 8, 1939. Board approved use of a "Willow Grove" flag, a green willow tree on a white background.

November 13, 1939. Chief Shores, acting on behalf of the new Public Relations Committee, contacted 15 new families and told them about rubbish, ash & garbage collection schedules. (There are many listings of Chief Shores attending to this duty.)

November 25, 1940. Township to buy at public auction 4 acres at the northeast corner of Mineral Avenue & York Road for a Township Building.

December 9 1940. Mr. Herron of Hatboro Air Port requested permission to erect directional signs larger than Township ordinances permit.

July 28, 1941. School to buy part of land recently bought by the Township at Mineral Avenue & York Road.

January 28, 1942. The Board of Commissioners consider renting space in the Hart Building (former bank building).

February 2, 1942. Board to vacate Memorial Hall on March 1; move to Hart Building.

May 10, 1943. The Township is divided into wards. The Court decreed the Township divided into wards per Act of Assembly and ordered the Township to pay Harmon Y. Bready and Thomas E. Waters \$50 each and C. Raymond Weir \$60 as compensation for their services as commissioners appointed by the Court. Made necessary by the addition of 500 homes in the Government Project at Fulmor Heights and Moreland Farms Development at County Line & Warminster Roads; to be located in 5th Ward, originally part of the 1st District.

(It was at this point that the Township was divided into 5 Wards, each electing its own Commissioner.)

June 14, 1943. Bicycle licenses net \$40.65.

April 10, 1944. Parking space in front of Schiesser's Real Estate to be reserved for taxi loading and unloading per request of Mrs. Sarah L. Wismer, owner of Willow Grove Cab Co. (Permission rescinded May 15.)

April 24, 1944. Earl Haggerty named Township Engineer.

June 12, 1944. The Upper Moreland Youth Recreation Program requests Commissioners to appoint a delegate to their organization.

August 14, 1944. The “HUB” is the youth recreation movement and is being incorporated under the laws of PA. The group meets at the High School.

October 9, 1944. Complaints registered against the Vulcanite Portland Cement Co. at York Road & Green Street for dirt & noise.

October 30, 1944. Moreland Farms Tract residents complained about low flying aeroplanes from the Hatboro Airport.

November 13, 1944. A reference is made to the Greater Willow Grove Improvement Association.

November 27, 1944. Board of Examiners set up to examine applicants for plumbing work in the Township. Charles Rumpf and William Wester to serve with Plumbing Inspector W. R. Dietrich.

December 29, 1944. Ervin C. Nice named Highway Gang Boss.

April 9, 1945. Old swimming pool (York Rd.) sold to the school and Township for \$1,700.

April 21, 1945. Applications for permits by Jesse Roberts, Magnolia Ave. & Andrew Kaelin, Duffield to build chicken houses deferred. Fallen tree on playground on Cherry Street to be removed. *(This playground was simply a vacant lot used by neighborhood children.)*

August 22, 1945. Mr. Lewis P. MacKenzie, Registered Architect, appointed to draft plans for a new Township Building.

September 10, 1945. Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge 1101, purchased 2 lots on the East side of the Fire Company. To build and move from Woodlawn Avenue.

October 8, 1945. Mr. Karl Meyer suggested starting a public library. (Tabled). Mineral Springs Park property and Reading Railroad plot to be purchased. (Tabled). Township Incinerator discussed. Need approval from Washington on data from Township Engineer.

October 15, 1945. Businessmen encouraged to dress up their store fronts.
Former Vulcanite Portland Cement Co. plant (formerly the Society Maid Hosiery Mill) near York Road & Fairhill Street offered for sale by the Government. Township not interested.

November 12, 1945. Gulf Oil Co., W.G. Park Co., & West Chelton Corp.. owners of plot on north side of Acme Self-Service Store on York Road contacted for permission to re-locate the WWII Honor Roll. The Board to contact Congressman Samuel K. McConnell to assist in securing construction of new Post Office. Approved by Federal Authorities for \$108,000.

December 28, 1945. The night operator at the Disposal Plant, Ralph Rapp, found drowned in the aerating pool on December 18. C. P. Pedrick hired as replacement.

February 18, 1946. New Willow Grove Chamber of Commerce formed on February 6, 1946.

April 15, 1946. “Clean-Up Township” Campaign started. Abram Clemmer named to Zoning Board.

June 10, 1946. Electric drinking water cooler authorized.

August 15, 1946. Storekeepers to be stopped from burning rubbish behind the Ehrenpfort Block.

October 14, 1946. N. G. Fritz named Director of Public Safety.

February 10, 1947. Wild dogs running loose in the Township. To be disposed of.

March 10, 1947. Fire Company reps. Roy Sellers and Elwood Fahrenholtz advised the Board they propose to raise funds by selling chances on a new Chevrolet Sedan and other prizes. Proceeds to go toward a new fire engine.

May 13, 1947. Mr. Max Karthausser offered a lot 88’ X 150’ on Cherry Street for a playground for \$100. Solicitor to pursue.
(This is the forerunner of the current park system of the Township which includes the following parks: Beuhler Park, Blair Mill Park, Broughton Parklet, Cherry Street Parklet, Dawson Manor Park, Fair Oaks Park, Fern Village Park, Masons Mill Park, Memorial Park, Mill Road Park, North Willow Grove Park, Pileggi Park, Summit Avenue Park, Terwood Park, Valley Green Park, Whitehall Park, and Woodlawn Park.)

July 14, 1947. Penn-Fruit Super-Market to be built on Hankin Bros. Tract beginning in 60 days.

November 29, 1947. Petitions submitted against erection of 100 aluminum pre-fabricated dwellings by Raystrom, Inc. on the former Hatboro Airport (Warminster & County Line Roads). No action taken.

January 12, 1948. Mr. Frank McClosky named to Plumbing Examining Board.

March 29, 1948. Parking meter contract awarded to Magee-Hale Park-O-Meter Co. 120 meters to be installed.

April 12, 1948. Mr. Fred Betz submitted a petition to establish a public bus route on Davisville

Road.

May 3, 1948. Twenty one Seniors from the High School attended the Board meeting to see government in action Old used dining car stored at York Road & Mineral Avenue by Mr. Katzen of Elkins Park ordered removed. Mr. Hankin interceded to no avail.

May 10, 1948. Penn-Fruit Super-Market ground breaking held April 30. Construction to be completed by September 1.

May 24, 1948. American Legion to borrow Township roller & operator to roll their new baseball field on the old Bready Farm. They to pay cost.

August 9, 1948. Second Annual Horse Show being arranged to raise funds for the Police Pension Fund. Parking meters complaints from Cherry St. residents and the W. G. Methodist Church.

September 13, 1948. Second Annual Baby Parade to be held in First Ward. Mrs. Martin Turner, Chairwoman. Township to offer Willow Grove VFW Home Association \$17,000 for their building on the southwest side of Davisville Road.

November 8, 1948. Discussion regarding unevenness of cases referred by police to Squire Bolay and Squire Walsh.

December 13, 1948. March of Dimes Campaign to use parking meters for collection. (\$22 raised). Old quarry on W. Monument Avenue objected to as a public dump by neighboring residents. William P. Abbott appointed to Zoning Board for 3 year term. Charles H. Rumpf appointed to Plumber's Examination Board.

January 10, 1949. Proposed areaway and Township incinerator behind the Ehrenpfort Block removed from consideration. Cherry Street Park & Playground acquired by Township for \$100 from Mr. Karthaus. (Deed received from County August 8, 1949.)

March 21, 1949. Buehler Dairies request permission to convert a barn into a machine shop. J. J. Preston, Cedar Avenue, to form a local club in the interest of good hunting and fishing, both fresh & salt water. Board supports effort.

April 4, 1949. Miss Anita Doering's Problems of Democracy High School Class (24) attended Board meeting.

April 11, 1949. Charles W. Neis appointed to the Fire Police. Comm. Fischer to head Health & Plumbing Inspection Committee. Comm. Fritz to head the Building & zoning Committee.

May 9, 1949. Township to publicize "Clean Up, Paint Up & Fix Up Week" Campaign.

July 11, 1949. Letter received from the American Automobile Association, Washington, DC congratulating the Township on its record of no pedestrian deaths in 1948.

August 8, 1949. Editorial in Phila. Evening Bulletin regarding "Willow Grove Bottleneck." Criticism of traffic light at York & Easton Roads.

November 14, 1949. Township Yard sheds & windows are targets of boy's air rifles. Police notified.

December 12, 1949. Abram Clemmer appointed to Zoning Board for 3 year term; Frank McClosky to the Plumbing Examination Board for 2 year term; Alexander Foyle to the Police Civil Service Board for 6 year term.

January 9, 1950. Letter of complaint from Mrs. Edith Kirk about firemen missing meals while fighting fires on the Township dump. Abbott resigns from Zoning Board; replaced by Fred Betz. Eleanor Saldutti resigns; Janet Brown appointed temporary Assistant to Secretary.

February 6, 1950. President Moffett calls attention to a leak of confidential Board discussions to outsiders; admonishes Board.

February 13, 1950. Upper Moreland Booster Club seeks donation to erect floodlights on athletic field. Township drops attempt to buy VFW Building on Davisville Road. Ronald G. Pugh is Township Office Assistant. John H. Heintz named Township Assistant Secretary, replacing Janet Brown.

March 13, 1950. Wills Hospital, Philadelphia, thanks Upper Moreland for passing "BB" Gun ordinance.

April 10, 1950. Second Alarmers Truck making unnecessary noise going to fires late at night.

June 10, 1950. WWII Memorial Park dedicated by Memorial Association.

June 12, 1950. Commissioner Norman G. Fritz elected President of the Penna. State Association of Township Commissioners.

July 11, 1950. Creation of a Township Park Commission approved. Appointed to the Commission on Sept. 11 were: Arthur Bready, Chairman; Peter S. Stauffer; David E. York; Elmer F. Benson; Edward J. Leonard. Open pathway through Merchandise Fair (Enrenpfort) to Memorial Park sought after Township acquires park.

September 5, 1950. Robert G. Schmilewski sworn in as Fire Policeman. Harmon Webb resigns as Township Solicitor.

September 26, 1950. "Should name of town be changed?" Willow Grove is usually associated with the Park. No action.

October 9, 1950. Change Willow Grove to "Moreland" recommended by Commissioner President Moffett. To get public reaction through media. (Idea abandoned Dec. 11, 1950). John M. Miller appointed Auditor. Patterson Property (117-119 Park Ave.) considered possible site for Township Admin. Building. (Site selected Oct. 31, 1950; Price \$25,250)

November 13, 1950. Request of St. David Boy Scout Troop to build a cabin on Memorial Park property refused.

December 11, 1950. New equipment, furniture & improvements to Park Avenue house including prison cell blocks in rear of garage. Occupancy of facility by the Township to take place around Feb. 1, 1951. John S. Yaun, Auditor resigns.

January 8, 1951. Universal Ball Bearing Plant addition approved. Need for a Township Historian discussed. Mr. Julian W. Pearson to be contacted with offer at no salary.

February 12, 1951. Complaint against local businessman operating a stone quarry at Wyandotte & Easton Roads. Blasting is cracking plaster in homes. Sale of Township Yard property and improvements considered. (Pioneer Chemical Co. interested.)

March 12, 1951. Nine old indentures & documents (1763 – 1809) connected with the history of the new Township Office Building (Manor House) ordered restored and framed.

June 11, 1951. Sale of Township Yard tabled. (Withdrawn July 9, 1951).

June 22, 1951. Roy Bokland to succeed J. H. Heintz as Secretary of Zoning Board.

September 10, 1951. Chester W. Mebus appointed Township Highway Engineer & Highway Superintendent at \$5,000 per year.

September 25, 1951. Welcome Wagon Service granted permission to operate in Upper Moreland.

October 8, 1951. Gavel, made by Commissioner J. W. Tarkington from oak beam from eaves of Manor House, presented to President Moffett.

October 26, 1951. Conrad Moffett resigns as Commissioner effective Oct. 25. He was appointed by U. S. Government to serve as Federal Trial Counsel in the office of Federal Rent Stabilization Board in Philadelphia District.

November 12, 1951. Board appropriates \$100 to Old York Road Public Health Nursing Center. Thomas S. Cahill resigns from Fire Police Unit.

December 10, 1951. Edward Desher appointed to Zoning Board. Edward J. Leonard resigns from Park Board; replaced by Alvin White.

December 27, 1951. Annual salary of Commissioners set at \$600.

January 14, 1952. Highway Committee & Building & Zoning Committee consolidated into "Public Works Committee." Dr. Shaw resigns from Zoning Board; replaced by Ralph C. Borthwick.

April 7, 1952. Loyalty Oaths taken by 35 Township employees as required by State Law.

May 5, 1952. Proposed extension of Penna Turnpike through the Township removed from the agenda. Damage to 2 Township roads and some homes in the High Park Tract due to 2 fuel tanks dropping from a U. S. Navy Jet. Township Planning Commission authorized. Three of five members named: John B. Darrah, Wrd. 1; J. Russell Sonneborn, Wrd. 3; and Henry Panfil, Wrd. 2.

May 20, 1952. Burglar Alarm to be installed by Bank of Old York Road in the Police Control Room.

June 2, 1952. Charles F. Zullinger named to Township Planning Commission from Ward 5.

July 7, 1952. Lew Mayer elected Chairman of Park Board.

July 14, 1952. Mr. Fuder, N. York Road, complained of neighbor raising turkeys next door.

August 4, 1952. Lee Yoder of Church Street recognized for being selected for the' U. S. 400 Meter Hurdles Team at the Olympic Games in Helsinki, Finland, July 1952. August 16, 1952 proclaimed "LEE YODER DAY." Charles H. Rumpf appointed to Township Planning Commission.

August 18, 1952. 13 Year old girl drowns in American Legion Swimming Pool on N. Easton Road. Pool to be drained and closed.

September 2, 1952. Mrs. Grace A. Foard & Mrs. Irene Nees appointed School Traffic Supervisors for 60-day trial period.

September 15, 1952. Township employees eligible to participate in Social Security program.

Fulmor Heights Men's Club malt beer license hearing postponed again. (Withdrawn from agenda Nov. 3, 1952),

October 6, 1952. Phila. Water Co. tower in a residential district does not require a change in zoning. Albert L. Mahan, Jr. returns to teaching job after serving as Police Desk Operator during summer. C. W. Mebus, Township Engineer resigns effective Dec. 31, 1952.

November 18, 1952. Edward F. Seaman confirmed for W. G. Fire Police Unit. Mrs. Grace Foard confirmed permanent School Traffic Supervisor. Mrs. Irene Nees resigns as School Traffic Supervisor.

December 1, 1952. Mrs. Thelma Harrison hired as Office Assistant. Snellenburg's Ground Breaking Ceremony to be held Dec. 4, 1952. Court appointed Main & Company to audit the Township for current year replacing Township Auditors.

December 29, 1952. Mrs. Mildred Hickman hired as School Traffic Supervisor. Assistant Township Engineer, John L. Barringer resigns. Mr. Pat Kilpatrick, representative of the W. G. VFW Community Service Ambulance Association requests 2 Commissioners be named to their Board of Trustees.

January 19, 1953. James S. Tease appointed day Police Desk Operator. Board proclaims "VFW Week" for Jan. 25 to 31. Board proclaims "Boy Scout Week" for Feb. 7 to 13.

February 2, 1953. Miss Julia McAvoy broke a spring on her car backing out of the Fountain House Hotel & hitting a drainage ditch opened by the Township without her permission.

March 13, 1953. New Water Resources Board members appointed: A. Fred DeLong, 5 year term; R. C. McNickle; Homer Cherry; and Bruce Wright, Esq.

April 20, 1953. Resolution passed in memoriam for Henry Panfil. Mr. Panfil served on the Township Planning Commission.

May 11, 1953. Nelson Buehler approved to shoot rats at night at the Township Dump.

June 1, 1953. York Gardens Playground: Township to purchase equipment for \$200.

July 13, 1953. Fern Village Park area deeded to Township by Whitehall Park, Inc. for playground. Phila. Electric Co. to install Mercury-Vapor lamps in Willow Grove business district. L. A. Wright hired as Sewer Plant Operator.

August 10, 1953. Elmer Benson re-appointed to Park Board for 5 years. John Warsow promoted to Highway Foreman.

August 27, 1953. Abington Township Incinerator proposal set before 5 townships and 5 boroughs. Commissioner Argue suggested too costly for U.M. and to continue having present garbage collector cook the garbage and move it to his 'piggery' in Perkasio.

September 14, 1953. Township to condemn land in Moreland Downs Tract for a playground. Gordon M. Bitterlich named to Township Water Resources Board. Two 9-year old girls request permission to keep a baby burro.

January 11, 1954. Social Security Plan for Township employees and police approved by New York Office of Federal Administration.

March 3, 1954. Fire Marshall Herbert W. Landis resigns.

March 8, 1954. Treasurer requests electric coin counter and packager. Willow Grove Treasure Book on sale (Coupons for discounts at local businesses).

April 19, 1954. Joint Sewer Authority of Upper Moreland established. Members: Paul S. Clayton, Chairman; Allan Meade; Henry G. Brown; John W. Trefny; C. Paul Stober.

May 10, 1954. Solicitor advises Board they do not have power to regulate sales on Sundays. Deed to 2 plots of land accepted in Horsham Township for playground.

June 14, 1954. Wilmot M. Chapman appointed Township Fire Marshall. Resigned Jan. 10, 1955.

July 12, 1954. Curfew set at 9 p.m. on Cherry Street Playground.

August 9, 1954. Willow Grove Business Men's Pioneer Silver Dollar Day a big success. Architect Stephen Hazzard hired to design new Township Maintenance Building. Employment of Township Manager discussed. No action.

October 4, 1954. Park Board recommendations:

1. Complete 2 tennis courts in Memorial Park
2. Seed Fern Village Playground & add equipment.
3. Add equipment to York Gardens Playground.
4. Re-roof pavilion in York Gardens Playground.
5. Concur with Commissioner Meyer's recommendation to construct swimming pools in various sections of the Township.

Philadelphia Inquirer article blames Township Commissioners for local traffic problem. Board to ignore. Illuminated sign on roof of People's Lunch Room advertising Strawbridge & Clothier in Jenkintown not approved.

October 18, 1954. Township Highway Crew lauded for job well done during "Hurricane Hazel."

February 14, 1955. Frank Cooper appointed Fire Marshall.

February 21, 1955. New Township Maintenance Building to cost \$30,000.

March 14, 1955. Thelma Harrison appointed Secretary of Zoning Board.

April 11, 1955. Universal Ball Co. granted permission to dump waste material at Legion Memorial Farm.

June 13, 1955. Primitive Methodist Church presents plan for church on Preston Road.

April 10, 1956. Board passes resolution authorizing Flouride to be added to public water supply. John Heintz, Secretary, to supervise Department Heads.

April 23, 1956. Lehave Air Service to spray woods in Huntingdon Valley Country Club for canker worms, etc.

July 10, 1956. "School" sign to be installed at Himsel's Corner on Division Street.

August 28, 1956. September 9 to 15 declared "Civil Defense Week" in answer to President Eisenhower asking for same. Sunday, September 16 proclaimed "Navy Band Day" with proceeds from their performance going to charity and public purposes.

October 9, 1956. October 7 to 13 proclaimed "National Pharmacy Week."

December 11, 1956. Robert Akers appointed Fire Marshall.

January 8, 1957. Board to have solicitor draft Commissioner Bylaws.

January 15, 1957. Park Board encouraged to purchase P. S. Stauffer land at Mill and York Roads.

March 19, 1957. Telephone booths to be installed by Bell Telephone Co. throughout the Township.

April 9, 1957. Mrs. Sara C. Haldeman made formal presentation of historic old Township Map to the Commissioners. Future plans for commercial establishments to be reviewed by the Board before permits are issued.

September 10, 1957. Mrs. Hilda Mills gave her opinion on the need for a free modern public library.

February 11, 1958. Fair Oaks Civic Association thanks Board for Fair Oaks Park Playground.

March 11, 1958. Library referendum to be placed on ballot at next election.

May 13, 1958. Board motion not to place library on ballot approved. Mrs. Hilda Mills was informed referendum would appear on ballot at General Election, not the Primary Election.

July 25, 1958. Township Manager has the power to hire and fire Township employees.

August 12, 1958. AAA National award for Safety to be presented to Township Sept. 9. Field Property at corner of Easton & Fitzwatertown Roads to be demolished.

November 11, 1958. Board creates Industrial Advisory Committee to promote industrial development. Commissioners Sargent and Cunningham appointed to Library Committee.

December 9, 1958. Board to establish a Board of Trustees to set up a Township Library.

February 10, 1959. Commissioners to change meeting place to Moose Hall. Sewer Authority land to be used as possible pistol range for police.

May 12, 1959. Deed to War Memorial Park prepared. To be presented to the War Memorial Association for approval.

July 14, 1959. House next to Township Building to be leased by Township to Library Corp.

August 11, 1959. Royal Arms Apartment: Solicitor to take legal steps to have it torn down or put in satisfactory condition. Building Committee established to investigate land appraisals & feasibility of construction of a Township Building. Commissioners MacDonald, Sargent & Cunningham to serve on committee.

December 8, 1959. Dec. 12 to 29 proclaimed "Friendship Days in Willow Grove" in honor of the Willow Grove Boys Club Midgets who will go to Punta Gorda, FL, to play against the Punta Gorda Midgets in a Pop Warner Football Bowl Festival.

January 4, 1960. Board of Commissioners meetings to be held at the Loyal Order of Moose Hall. Library lease signed.

July 12, 1960. School to be constructed on Brooks and Reed Streets. 250th Anniversary Ad Book to be prepared. Molloy Property and War Memorial Park considered for a new Township Building.

August 16, 1960. Board establishes Shade Tree Commission to regulate planting of trees in public rights of way.

September 13, 1960. _ Mill tax to be put on ballot to support U. M. Free Public Library.

October 11, 1960. Woodhill Gardens Playground to be fenced in.

November 9, 1960. Board considering present Township Building (Manor House) site for new Township Building.

December 13, 1960. Library tax approved by voters 2,512 to 1,367.

January 10, 1961. May 21 to 27 set aside to observe Willow Grove's 250th Anniversary with Parades, Praise & Pageantry.

February 14, 1961. Shade Tree Commission members appointed: Dan Bready, Chairman; Walter Krier; Victor Hulquist; and Leonard Fernandez. Deed to War Memorial Park accepted.

March 21, 1961. Township Building Committee appointed: Dominic LaRosa, Chairman; James J. Cunningham; John M. Hohenwarter; H. Lyle Houpt; Miles Potter; Marvin D. Suer; and Edward Desher.

April 11, 1961. Reading Railroad petitioned Penna Utilities Commission to curtail Sunday service to Willow Grove. Board opposes. Taproom at Bonnett Lane Shopping Center not approved. Anti-Litter Law to be enforced. Commissioner's salaries raised to \$1,200 per annum.

June 13, 1961. Ice skating rink considered for War Memorial Park.

October 10, 1961. Concern over types of movies to be shown at the Willow Grove Art Cinema discussed. Chief Shores to investigate.

November 14, 1961. Board authorizes full-time Township Engineer.

March 13, 1962. March 14 proclaimed "ORT Day" (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) "Vocational training agency of the Jewish people." Week of April 8 to 14 proclaimed "Library Week" in response to Gov. Lawrence's proclamation.

April 10, 1962. Contract awarded to architectural firm of Heacock and Platt for design of new Township Building. Harris, Henry and Potter re-appointed Township Consulting Engineers.

June 12, 1962. Fiesta Motel under construction on Easton Road. Lt. Gov. John M. Davis and Sec. of Dept. of Highways Park H. Martin made honorary citizens of Upper Moreland for their many courtesies.

September 11, 1962. September 15 proclaimed "Upper Moreland Clothesline Art Exhibit Day" as requested by the Library. The Library Association wants to build a new library on Mineral Avenue adjacent to the Bell Telephone Building.

October 16, 1962. Municipal Authority for Township of Upper Moreland incorporated. Members appointed to the Board of the Authority: Walter C. Hebden, Francis X. Walsh, Anthony DeLaurentis, Samuel K. Nash, David M. Ashton.

October 30, 1962. Manor House (Township Building) to be offered for sale.

November 19, 1962. Plans for new Township Building approved.

February 13, 1963. Russell Sonneborn and Lewis Capaldi speak to the Board regarding saving the Manor House.

June 11, 1963. The Commander of the Willow Grove Naval Air Station wants to change the name to "Naval Air Station – Philadelphia." The Board opposes.

July 9, 1963. Two Stephenson Minuteman Resusitators to be purchased. Old one to be given to the Second Alarmers. Acquisition of the Hankin Tract to the rear of War Memorial Park under consideration.

August 13, 1963. The Board does not oppose the use of jet aircraft at the Naval Air Station.

September 10, 1963. Tennis courts to be built at Woodlawn School Park.

November 12, 1963. Hunting prohibited on Mason Property during the drought.

January 14 1964. The Board to meet in the Community Room of the Willow Grove Federal Savings & Loan Association. The week of January 19 proclaimed "National Jaycees Week."
(*The Township was divided into 7 Wards at this point and 2 additional Commissioners were elected to represent Wards 6 and 7.*)

February 4, 1964. Ordinance #362 is rescinded abolishing the position of Township Manager.

February 11, 1964. The Board declares the Supreme Court decision banning the reading of the Bible and reciting the Lord's Prayer in the schools is not in the best interests of the children of Upper Moreland and request the constitutions of the U. S. and Penna. be amended to permit same.

June 9, 1964. The Board voted to condemn the Planing Mill near the Moose Lodge. Referred to the Building & Zoning Committee. In order to keep a horse, the Board specified a resident must have 2 _ acres of land. Robert Akers, Fire Marshall; Harry Emmerich, Asst. Fire Chief; and Edward W. Schultz, Deputy Fire Chief attended the Board meeting.

July 14, 1964. Commissioner Karl Meyer was elected 3rd Vice President of the Penna. Association of First Class Township Commissioners.

October 13, 1964. The Municipal Authority size was increased from 5 members to 7 members. The public library will be located in the basement of the new Township Building.

November 10, 1964. The Municipal Employees Retirement Plan of the Commonwealth of Penna. will be considered for the pension plan for non-police employees of Upper Moreland. "Christmas Star" on tower in Willow Grove Shopping Center parking lot denied. Referred to Zoning Committee.

December 8, 1964. Upper Moreland opposes synchronization of traffic lights on York Road until the County Plan for same extends completely through Willow Grove. The Board to develop a Comprehensive Plan for the Township at an approximate cost of \$30,000 with the Township paying \$10,000 of it. A qualified professional planner is to be hired.

January 12, 1965. The Fountain House Inn (McEvoy) Property to be considered for a public parking lot.

February 9, 1965. Kenneth Roode approved as architect for new Fire House. The Comprehensive Plan will take an estimated 23 months to prepare.

May 11, 1965. Walter Blair, one of the founders of the Second Alarmers died.

June 8, 1965. Special Committee established to study the conditions of War Memorial Park. (Overgrown and haven for drugs, etc.). Members: J. Peter Braun, Chairman; Mrs. Ann Canning; Herbert Haldeman; Leonard Mollenkof; Lt. William Fulton.

July 13, 1965. Re-establishing the position of Township Manager to be considered.

August 10, 1965. Library to relocate to two apartments in the Morris Estate. Permission granted by bank.

August 17, 1965. Township to purchase Schiesser Property (101 Park Ave.) and Lotz Property (103 Park Ave.).

October 12, 1965. War Memorial Park, North of Mineral Avenue condemned for the School District. The library to re-open October 18 per Mr. R. Sonneborn, President of the Library Board.

February 8, 1966. The Board to obtain a special census of the Township from the Federal Bureau of the Census to be eligible for an increase of annual Liquid Fuels Tax Appropriations. Dog Catcher hired. Townships of Abington, Cheltenham, Upper Moreland and boroughs of Jenkintown and Rockledge to enter into a cooperative agreement to purchase certain materials and supplies.

March 8, 1966. \$3,750 to be paid to the Fire Company toward their operating expenses.

April 26, 1966. John Maher appointed Clerk of the Works for the new Township Building.

June 7, 1966. Baldwin Dairies, Fitzwatertown Road, to relocate their loading platform. New Fire House construction awarded to Ranieri Construction Co. at cost of \$165,995. Wanda Norstrom Associates hired to prepare specifications for furnishings for the new Township Building.

July 12, 1966. Recreation Director to be hired. Frederick W. Neef, retired Suburban Water Company, honored for his work in the Township and made an Honorary Citizen of Upper Moreland.

October 11, 1966. All houses in the Township being re-numbered.

February 14, 1967. Week of February 27th proclaimed "League of Women Voters Week" by Commissioners.

April 11, 1967. New Township Building to be dedicated May 30, 1967. Taking part in the dedication ceremony planning were: Ernest Sprouse, Boy Scouts; H. Bartholomew, U.M. Women's Club; J. Vandegrift, Little League; John J. Leonard, American Legion; Ethan Kline, U.M. Jaycees; Ann Brechenridge, Girl Scouts; and Donald Kyle, Second Alarmers.

October 10, 1967. Leaf vacuum to be rented with option to apply rental fee toward purchase.

Finance Committee:

July 14, 1930. Mssrs. Frank Hobensack & Stanley Clymer representing the Willow Grove Fire Company asked the Board for financial assistance. The Board donated \$500 to help meet their obligations.

December 8, 1930. Commissioner Weston stated that Sears-Roebuck Co. is considering the Car Barn for a retail store. He suggested a tax exemption be extended for a period of years as an inducement.

January 5, 1931. Mr. Halfan Pederson, Chairman, Loewen M. Olt, George Marsden and W. L. Kentner representing the Willow Grove Relief Association requested financial help to continue

their work. Primarily formed to help families at Christmas time, they determined 36 Upper Moreland families continued to need help.

October 12, 1931. Jenkintown Bank & Trust Co. designated a depository of Township funds.

June 20, 1932. Board donated \$300 to the Fire Company.

April 28, 1933. Board to borrow \$8,000 due to inability to collect taxes.

May 21, 1934. Contract for gasoline and motor oil awarded to Gulf Refining Co.

May 13, 1935. Discussion regarding buying Willow Grove Trust Building as a Township Building. Referred to committee of Commissioners Millham, Riley and Hill.

May 23, 1935. Township to buy Willow Grove Trust Building for \$16,000 through sale of bonds.

March 9, 1936. Board leased 3 offices on the 2nd floor of Memorial Hall at \$50 per month.

April 13, 1936. To purchase from White Motor Co. 1 model 86, 6 cylinder Indiana dump truck for \$1,332.60 less trade in of 3 used trucks, net cost \$1,000.

September 28, 1936. Secretary authorized to order 1 model 30-x Champion Snow Plow from Good Roads Machinery Corp. mounted on Indiana Truck. Cost \$274.

January 26, 1938. Taxes will be 8 mills for general purposes and 4 mills for debt reduction.

April 11, 1938. Highway Committee to purchase 5 long-handle square point shovels and repair parts for the steam roller.

May 16, 1938. A secretary's desk, 12 folding chairs, 2 revolving chairs to be bought for the office.

December 30, 1938. Sallie M. Shaffer hired as office assistant at \$15 per week.

April 10, 1939. Willow Grove Business Men's Assoc., Roy Sellers, Chairman, requested the ordinance to regulate peddlers and hucksters be amended to favor local businesses.

September 8, 1959. Main & Co. to be auditors for 1959. (Re-appointed annually to 1964.)

March 9, 1965. Main LaFrentz appointed Auditors for 1965.

Budgets:

The minutes of 1930 did not contain a budget, only monthly expenditures for the following categories (the figures are 1930 totals): Highways, \$13, 583; Police, \$2,080; Salaries & Office, \$2,059; Board of Health, \$195; and Misc., \$3,165 for a total of \$21,082.

In 1931, a budget was approved with the following amounts: Highways, \$19,800; Welfare & Safety (Police), \$7,170; Board of Health, \$2,200; Salaries & Office, \$4,000; and Misc., \$15,150 for a total of \$48,320.

From 1932 through 35, the years 1938, 1950, and 1954 through 1967, there were no budgets in the minutes, only monthly expenditures. However, the categories changed extensively and included the following: Street Lighting; Garbage; Police; Treasurer's Commission; Highways; Office & Salaries; Health Department; Fire Hydrants; Sewer Plant Operation; Sewer Fund; and Fire Company Insurance.

In 1936 the categories changed again to a more manageable list combining items found in previous budgets. The categories included: General Government; Protection to Persons & Property; Health & Sanitation; Highways; and Debt Reduction.

Total annual budgets:

1936 - \$ 57,604	1947 - \$131,290
1937 - \$ 69,087	1948 - \$211,000
1938 - \$ 76,164	1949 - \$256,100
1940 - \$ 75,894	1951 - \$389,800
1941 - \$ 80,637	1952 - \$292,000
1942 - \$ 95,391	1953 - \$393,200
1943 - \$103,115	1956 - \$459,024
1944 - \$103,288	1959 - \$426,654
1945 - \$ 95,560	1960 - \$486,258
1946 - \$124,459	

Police & General Safety Committee:

February 10, 1930. Earl V. Swayze, Irvin Anderson and Norman Chestnut nominated for police officers. Swayze and Anderson approved. John Riley, chairman of Police Committee named Police Commissioner and the Chief title is discontinued.

February 17, 1930. Petition by taxpayers presented to retain Swayze as Chief and Norman Chestnut as his assistant. Raymond Watson applied for the Chief of Police job. Anderson accepted appointment as policeman. All items referred to the Police Committee.

March 10, 1930. Norman Chestnut appointed as policeman for emergency duty only. Swayze given title of Chief. Two policemen alternate day and night duty. The two policemen also to serve as Health Officers under the direction of a physician.

April 14, 1930. Irvin Anderson reported for duty March 29. Swayze transported a prisoner to Norristown by taxicab at a cost of \$6.00.

August 11, 1930. Police Committee recommended purchase of auto and were authorized to secure bids. Officer Anderson to be sent to Carlisle for training to qualify as Health Officer.

September 2, 1930. Ford sedan car for police to be purchased from George H. Masland of Hatboro for \$497.50.

November 13, 1930. Police Committee has a telephone system under consideration.

December 15, 1930. Comm. Riley suggested the Township request a bill from Abington for sustenance of our prisoners for year 1930.

February 9, 1931. Recommendation by Comm. Riley approved to purchase a pistol for the Chief of Police.

February 20, 1931. Salaries and expenses established for Police Dept.: Chief \$1,800; Patrolman \$1,500; Equipment & operation \$2,250; Misc. \$1,620.

March 9, 1931. New uniforms and 4 boxes of cartridges to be purchased for policemen.

March 16, 1931. 'Dog Catcher' position discussed.

March 26, 1931. Montgomery County Chiefs of Police Association formed in Jenkintown to develop a closer union among police chiefs. Earl Swayze was a charter member.

April 27, 1931. Protests from 3 residents over payments of \$2.50 each for recovery of their dogs caught by the Dog Catcher.

June 8, 1931. 36 – 20 MPH speed limit signs, 6 no parking signs to be purchased. Signs purchased from J. L. Rush & Sons on July 13.

August 10, 1931. Officer Anderson authorized to purchase a new windshield wiper for Ford police car.

January 11, 1932. Swayze presented bill for services as Truant Officer. Police Committee did not authorize this service.

January 25, 1932. Lawrence H. Shores appointed Patrolman effective January 26 at \$1,560 per year. Earl V. Swayze re-appointed Chief of Police.

June 13, 1932. William J. Lutz appointed to position of extra Patrolman at \$4.34 per day to relieve the 2 regular policemen during vacation periods.

August 8, 1931. First speed trap established in Willow Grove.

November 10, 1932. Chevrolet Tudor Sedan to be purchased from Smith Chevrolet Co. of Hatboro at a cost of \$648 less trade-in of \$200 for Ford Coach. William J. Lutz placed on full time status for balance of 1932 at Patrolmen's rate of pay. Resolution passed increasing number of police from 2 to 3.

December 11, 1932. Police report indicated the Policemen's Patrol Clock had been stolen. New clock and 2 patrol stations to be purchased for \$69.

March 12, 1934. Rules adopted governing Police Department:

- a. Dept. reports to Police Committee.
- b. All officers on call 24 hours a day, 10 hours active duty.
- c. One day off per week.
- d. Forbidden to enter where liquor is served, while in uniform unless called in.
- e. Ten days vacation per year including day off.

Day Officer:

- a. Report for duty at 7:30 a.m.
- b. Direct pedestrians and school children until 9 a.m., also during lunch period and when children leave school.
- c. All patrol work done on foot in the business section of town.
- d. Call in hourly from pole box phone.
- e. Cruising outlying districts forbidden except in case of emergency.
- f. Submit report of night officer & other clerical work. This not to take more than 1 hour in a.m. and 1 hour in p.m.
- g. All other duty to be done outside until relieve of duty at 5:30 p.m.
- h. When appearing in court, must wear uniform.

Night Officer:

- a. Report for duty at 5:30 p.m.

- b. Patrol township at intervals prescribed by Chief.
- c. When not cruising, do foot patrol in business district.
- d. Police cars shall be used for township business only and **not** to harbor other people.

June 10, 1935. Resolution passed that no police officer shall take off Saturdays, Sundays or holidays during the period of May 15 to September 15.

June 17, 1935. Police Dept. authorized to purchase umbrella to protect officer at Easton & York Roads.

November 25, 1935. Police to buy Plymouth Standard Coach from A. J. McKown of Johnsville for \$660 less trade-in of \$350 for a Chevrolet and Ford.

February 10, 1936. Chief Swayze and L. Shores to attend Eastern Penna Police School at Villa Nova College at cost of \$10 each. Resolution passed prohibiting police officers from taking active part in politics.

April 13, 1936. Police recommended to Board purchase of 5 gals. marking paint, 3 prs. summer breeches (\$45), 3 prs. puttees (\$18), 3 shirts for each officer (\$27).

September 14, 1936. Chief Swayze resigned November 1, after 11 years on the force.

October 12, 1936. Police siren to be purchased for \$25 from Swayze, his personal property.

November 4, 1936. Lawrence Shores promoted to Chief of Police, William Lutz promoted to Sergeant, Wilbur M. Parker appointed Patrolman.

March 8, 1937. Radio receiving set to be installed in police car at approx. \$150. Messages to be broadcast by Abington Police Dept.

November 8, 1937. Harry Wright to be paid for 10 hours at 50 cents per hour for taking messages over Police phone during Halloween.

February 14, 1938. Chief of Police and Chairman of the Police Committee to join the Penna. State Police Chief's Association. 1938 Plymouth Sedan to be purchased & trade-in of present police car.

April 11, 1938. Finger print table to be purchased. Speedometer on police car to be tested every 30 days. To purchase new badge for Chief of Police. Dog owners charged 50 cents a day for dogs in the pound.

November 14, 1938. Special officer to be hired for duty at the High School for 2 hours a day.

November 21, 1938. Earl A. Dale and Wilford L. Templeton to be hired as Patrolmen effective December 1, 1938.

December 12, 1938. Police Pension Fund to be worked on.

February 13, 1939. Patrolman Parker promoted to sergeant.

June 12, 1939. Five patrol stations added bringing total to 13 at which police report during the night.

February 12, 1940. Sergeant Parker promoted to Lieutenant.

July 14, 1941. Police Civil Service Board to be established.

April 13, 1942. Chief of Police authorized to serve notice to all men under his command to suppress all form of gambling in the Township.

October 24, 1942. Resolution adopted for police to enforce laws protecting private property from malicious mischief on nights of October 30 and 31. No persons over 10 years of age may appear on streets "masked."

March 23, 1943. Rules & regulations for Police Civil Service adopted March 30, 1943.

December 13, 1943. Commissioners instructed all police officers to learn to drive the fire trucks.

November 26, 1945. Police Pension Fund started with annuity insurance from Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Co.

January 4, 1947. Chief of Police Shores to attend FBI School in Washington, DC for 3 months.

January 26, 1947. Numbers writing racket & horse betting discussed. Action to be taken against 5 places in town accepting bets.

April 12, 1948. Accumulated bills from local restaurants for prisoner meals to be paid. People's Lunch, \$19.55; Willow Grove Diner, \$20.80.

December 13, 1948. Civil Service Examination for police dispensed with.

July 11, 1949. Chief Shores reports 4 vagrants & drunks found in Memorial Park. Sent to Norristown Jail for 30 days. Abington Township Commissioners thank Upper Moreland for assistance in searching for murderer of their Patrolman Thomas J. Mathews.

February 13, 1950. Police Desk to be staffed by John Heintz, Asst. Secretary; H. Weinberger (Resigned Sept. 5, 1950); T.P. Dutton; & Edw. Fernandez.

September 26, 1950. Roy A. Nuss appointed as Police Desk Relief Operator.

November 13, 1950. Police Civil Service Board: Mr. Sonneborn re-appointed for 3 years; John B. Jacobs appointed to replace Mr. Foyle. (Jacobs resigned Sept. 4, 1951.)

March 2, 1951. Horsham Township prisoners to be lodged in Upper Moreland's new jail.

June 22, 1951. Albert L. Mahan, Jr. appointed part time Police Desk Clerk.

October 23, 1951. Valen A. Coble succeeds Jacobs on Police Civil Service Board; C.W. Morgan re-appointed to Board for 6-year term. (Coble resigned Jun. 16, 1952.)

February 4, 1952. Chief Shores presented with a cowhide one-suit travelling bag on his 20th anniversary with the police force.

July 2, 1952. Police to patrol traffic during Little League Baseball Games on field at Davisville and Terwood Roads.

March 2, 1953. Police Civil Service Exam to grant an extra 10 points to war veterans. Solicitor to research advisability.

July 13, 1953. Police Pension Fund abolished.

May 10, 1954. Police Disability & Death Benefit Fund discontinued and original Police Pension Fund restored. Resolution passed Apr. 11, 1955.

May 24, 1954. Police Pension Fund Officers appointed: Irvin C. Anderson, President; Lloyd T. Myers, Vice Pres.; Lawrence Shores, Sec.; and Robert McNickle, Treasurer. Sonneborn re-appointed Feb. 14, 1961.

July 19, 1954. Position of Police Sergeant approved.

August 23, 1954. Officer Pearson cited by 2nd Alarmers for applying tourniquet to man's leg in accident at Turnpike Gate.

June 13, 1955. Justice of the Peace John D. Ball stated he will no longer accept official police work from the Police Department of Upper Moreland. His attorney to prepare his resignation.

Dec. 12, 1961. Officer Joseph McCabe complimented by Board on his neat appearance and courteous manner.

May 12, 1964. Officer Harry W. Stumpp honored by Board with standing ovation. Entered burning building and rescued trapped man.

November 10, 1964. Officers Ernest Stroup and Norman Worstall commended by Board for apprehending hit-run driver on Fitzwatertown Road.

February 9, 1965. Officer Leroy Smith commended by Board for outstanding service in the line of duty (?).

February 8, 1966. Police to provide supervision at the ice skating pond in Memorial Park.

May 10, 1966. Plain clothes officers to get \$150 clothing allowance.

June 7, 1966. Morale of Police Department questioned.

October 11, 1966. Chief Berve and Officer MacGregor present awards to winners of "Safety Slogan Contest" at Upper Moreland Schools. Traffic Court to be established in Upper Moreland. Officer Schultz receives award for outstanding marksmanship from the Eastern Montgomery Professional Council.

Police Department Personnel:

Earl V. Swayze. First Patrolman & Chief. Appt. Aug. 9, 1926; Resigned Nov. 1, 1936.

Irvin C. Anderson. Appt. Patrolman Feb. 10, 1930; Left Dept. Jan. 15, 1932; Died May 1962.

Norman Chestnut. Appt. Patrolman, emergency duty only Mar. 10, 1930.

Lawrence H. Shores. Patrolman. Appt. Patrolman Jan. 26, 1932; Appt. Chief Nov. 4, 1936; Retired Jan. 31, 1966.

William J. Lutz. Appt. Patrolman Relief duty only Jun. 13, 1932; Full time Nov. 14, 1932; Promoted Sergeant Nov. 4, 1936; Left Dept. Nov. 21, 1938.

Wilbur M. Parker. Appt. Patrolman Nov. 4, 1936; Promoted Sergeant Feb. 13, 1939; Promoted Lieutenant Feb. 12, 1940; Retired 1966.

Wilfred L. Templeton. Appt. Patrolman Sept. 1, 1938; Resigned Sept. 1, 1940.

Earl A. Dale. Appt. Patrolman Nov. 21, 1938; Died March 1966. With the Police Dept. 28 years.

Clyde A. F. Pearson. Appt. Patrolman Oct. 1, 1940; Resigned Oct. 1, 1955.

Harry W. Benson. Appt. Patrolman Jan. 1, 1947; Promo. Sergeant Mar. 11, 1958; Lieut. Aug. 16, 1960; Retired Jan. 1, 1977.

Nicholas E. Buono. Appt. Patrolman Jan. 7, 1947; Resigned Sept. 21, 1954.

James L. McFerran. Appt. Patrolman Mar. 2, 1951; Promo. Sergeant Oct. 8, 1963; Retired Apr. 1, 1971.

William H. Banks. Appt. Patrolman Apr. 1, 1951; Promo. Sergeant Mar. 14, 1955; Acting Lieut. Apr. 1, 1956; Lieut. Jul. 10, 1956; Chief 1970; Left Dept. Nov. 10, 1970.

Frank Puhl. Appt. Patrolman Jun. 1, 1953; Promo Sergeant Oct. 8, 1963; Street Platoon Leader Oct. 12, 1965; 1966, 1967; Died August 1967.

Donald G. Wilson. Appt. Patrolman Jun. 1, 1953; Resigned Jan. 24, 1957.

Wilmot M. Chapman. Appt. Patrolman Dec. 15, 1954; Promo. Sergeant Oct 8, 1963; Retired Jan. 2, 1979.

Donald J. Jackson. Appt. Patrolman Dec. 15, 1954; Resigned Apr. 8, 1961.

Martin R. Turner, Jr. Appt. Patrolman Nov. 1, 1955; Resigned Oct. 1, 1965.

William D. Fulton. Appt. Patrolman Feb. 1, 1956; Promo. Sergeant Aug. 1, 1958; Appt. Juvenile Off. & Investigator Mar. 12, 1963; Resigned Jul. 1, 1965.

Joseph F. McCabe. Appt. Patrolman Oct. 8, 1956; Promo. Sergeant Aug. 13, 1963; Lieut. Nov. 12, 1963; Promo. Investigative Off. Aug. 17, 1965; Retired Mar. 31, 1982.

Charles J. McNamara, Jr. Appt. Patrolman May 1, 1957; Resigned Oct. 11, 1960.

Harry W. Stumpp. Appt. Patrolman Dec. 1, 1958; Resigned Aug. 21, 1970.

Willard C. Greer. Appt. Patrolman May 1, 1959; Resigned Aug. 1, 1959.

Norman Worstall. Appt. Patrolman Jan. 24, 1959; Retired Jan. 28, 1984.

Thomas R. Fiorillo. Appt. Patrolman Oct. 1, 1959; Resigned Mar. 15, 1965.

Edward O. Stauch, Jr. Appt. Patrolman Oct. 1, 1959; Chief 1970; Retired Apr. 30, 2001.

Daniel P. Carter. Appt. Patrolman Jan. 10, 1961; Resigned Jun. 27, 1964.

Clayton E. Garland. Appt. Patrolman Jan. 10, 1961; Apr. 12, 1963.

Robert E. Duff. Appt. Patrolman Aug. 15, 1961; Retired Jan. 1, 1997.

Joseph P. Friel. Appt. Patrolman Sept. 11, 1961; Retired Aug. 1, 1984.

Richard H. Shultz. Appt. Patrolman Oct. 13, 1961; Left Dept. Jul. 9, 1968.

Robert M. Turner, Jr. Appt. Patrolman Jul. 10, 1962; Promo. Sergeant Aug. 13, 1963; Lieut. Nov. 12, 1963; Resigned Sept. 14, 1965.

Donald MacGregor. Appt. Patrolman Jun. 4, 1963; Promo. Juvenile Off. Aug. 17, 1965; Resigned Jan. 24, 1969.

Ernest N. Stroup. Appt. Patrolman Jul. 8, 1963; Left Dept. Dec. 8, 1970.

Leroy M. Smith, Jr. Appt. Patrolman Jul. 8, 1963; Resigned Aug. 21, 1970.

Donald J. Weber. Appt. Patrolman Jun. 4, 1963; Resigned Feb. 11, 1966.

Richard T. Simpson. Appt. Patrolman Mar. 1, 1965; Resigned Jun. 14, 1969.

Gary F. Stowell. Appt. Patrolman Jul. 6, 1965; Resigned May 1, 1966.

James J. Burke, Jr. Appt. Patrolman Aug. 30, 1965; Resigned Jan. 28, 1968.

Denton J. McLaughlin, Jr. Appt. Patrolman Nov. 20, 1965; Resigned Nov. 10, 1968.

Charles U. Berve. Appt. Chief of Police Feb. 1, 1966; Resigned Jun. 30, 1969.

George Katsoris. Appt. Patrolman, Mar. 14, 1966; Resigned Jan. 27, 1977.

George J. Donofry. Appt. Patrolman, Jun. 13, 1966; Resigned Dec. 19, 1978.

Arthur W. Pattison, Jr. Appt. Patrolman, Jun. 13, 1966; Resigned Feb. 28, 1970.

Charles E. Rewald, III. Appt. Patrolman, Jun. 13, 1966; Resigned Feb. 1, 1970.

Robert C. Beekler. Appt. Patrolman Jun. 26, 1966; Died Jul. 5, 1975.

Joseph O'Toole. Appt. Patrolman, Jan. 16, 1967; Resigned Nov. 2, 1973.

Stephen J. O'Donnell. Appt. Patrolman, Oct. 9, 1967; Resigned Jan. 26, 1968.

Police Support Personnel:

Henry Crofut. Desk Man Mar. 9, 1942; Died Feb. 1946.

Elmer Geiger. Desk Man Mar. 9, 1942; Resigned Feb. 7, 1943.

Robert W. Phy. Extra Police Desk Clerk Jun. 8, 1942; Resigned May 14, 1943; Hired as Acting Desk Sergeant Feb. 4, 1946

Arthur Hill resigned. Jun. 8, 1942.

Frank S. Taylor. Extra Desk Clerk. Jul. 10, 1944; Resigned Feb. 15, 1946.

Robert E. Ellis. Acting Desk Sergeants, Feb. 4, 1946; Leave of Abs. Apr. 17, 1946; Resigned Jun. 10, 1946.

Milton R. Clark. Sr. to fill in during Ellis' absence. Apr. 17, 1946.

James S. Ewer. Acting Desk Sergeant Jun. 10, 1946; Resigned Sept. 9, 1946.

Edwin Bruce. Acting Desk Sergeant for substitution work on weekends. Aug. 15, 1946.

Harry Weinberger. Acting Desk Sergeant. Sept. 9, 1946; Resigned Sept. 5, 1950.

Frank S. Clarke. Substitute Police Desk duty nights and weekends. Dec. 16, 1946.

T. P. Dutton. Acting Police Desk Sergeant. Jan. 5, 1948 to 54.
John Heintz. Asst. Sec. Acting Desk Sergeant, Feb. 13, 1950 to 54.
T.P. Dutton. Acting Desk Sergeant, Feb. 13, 1950 to 54.
Edward Fernandez. Feb. 13, 1950 to 54.
Roy A. Nuss. Police Desk Relief Operator. Sept. 26, 1950.
Albert L. Mahan, Jr. Part Time Police Desk Clerk. Jun. 22, 1951. Ret. to teaching job in fall.
James S. Tease. Day Police Desk Operator. Jan. 19, 1953 to 1964.
C. M. Ely. Police Desk Operator 1954.
Robert Illsley. Substitute Police Desk Operator Apr. 12, 1954.
W. M. Chapman. Substitute Police Desk Operator Jul. 19, 1954.
George N. Daniels, Jr. Substitute Police Desk Operator Jul. 19, 1954.
G. H. Gross. Relief Police Desk Operator Oct. 10, 1955.

Fire Police:

Robert Phy. Capt.; Oct. 13, 1941.
Henry Meisel. Oct. 13, 1941.
John McDonald. Oct. 13, 1941.
James Bonsal. Oct. 13, 1941.
Alvin McDowell. Aug. 10, 1942.
Raymond Lear. May 10, 1948.
Orrin F. Messinger. May 10, 1948.
Charles W. Neis. Apr. 11, 1949.
Robert G. Schmilewski. Sept. 5, 1950.
Thomas S. Cahill. Resigned Nov. 12, 1951.
Edward F. Seaman. Nov. 18, 1952.
John W. Kovalek. Capt., May 10, 1954.

School Traffic Supervisors (Later called Crossing Guards):

Grace A. Foard. Sept. 2, 1952.
Irene Nees. Sept. 2, 1952; Resigned Nov. 1952.
Mildred Hickman. Dec. 29, 1952 to 1954.
Christine L. Fassbender. Nov. 8, 1954.
Ruth E. Foster. Aug. 9, 1955; Resigned Dec. 12, 1955.
Marjorie B. Burrell. Aug. 9, 1955.
Gwendolyn H. Reynolds. Aug. 9, 1955.
Thomasine M. Wichterman. Aug. 9, 1955.
Sylvia C. Roosman. Aug. 9, 1955.
Alice K. Benedickt. Aug. 9, 1955.
Gladys L. Brittingham. Jan. 10, 1956.
Joyce T. Scott. Jan. 10, 1956; Resigned Feb. 14, 1967. Served 11 years.
Agnes M. Brighthaupt. Sept. 11, 1956.
Alberta Schulze. Sept. 3, 1957.
Patricia McNamara. Sept. 3, 1957.
Madge Kurz. Appt. 1959; Resigned, Feb. 14, 1967. Served 8 years.
Y'Vette Pattison. Appt. 1960; Resigned, Oct. 10, 1967. Served 7 years.
Mrs. Messner. Resigned, Feb. 2, 1967.
Mrs. Brandt. Appt. Feb. 2, 1967.
Mrs. Straley. Appt. Feb. 2, 1967.
Mrs. McElroy. Appt. Feb. 2, 1967.

Police Civil Service Board:

J. Russell Sonneborn. Jul. 28, 1941 to Apr. 12, 1954.
Clinton W. Morgan. Jul. 28, 1941 to Jul. 12, 1954.
Albert W. Geiger. Jul. 28, 1941 to 1948.
Conrad Moffett, Esq. Jan. 12, 1948; Resigned Apr. 12, 1948.
Alexander C. Foyle. May 3, 1948.
John Jacobs. Resigned Sept. 4, 1951.
Valen A. Coble. Oct. 23, 1951; Resigned June 16, 1952.

Austin C. Conant. Apr. 12, 1954; Resigned Apr. 1960.
Wilson K. Leatherman. Jun. 14, 1954; Resigned May 9, 1955.
Rev. C. Paul Felton. Sept. 12, 1955; Resigned Jun. 13, 1961.
Dr. Allen C. Harman. Aug. 18, 1956 to 1967; Resigned, Mar. 14, 1967.
David Greenbarg. Apr. 12, 1960; Re-appt. May 10, 1966.
Rev. Charles A. Grube. Sept. 12, 1961; Resigned Mar. 13, 1962.
Clarence Kulp. Appt. Mar. 13, 1962.
Dr. Arthur Breyer. Appt. Apr. 11, 1967.
Edward Dudlik. Appt. Apr. 11, 1967. Re-appt. Dec. 12, 1967.

Police Pension Fund Officials:

Irvin C. Anderson. President. May 24, 1954.
Lloyd T. Myers. Vice Pres. May 24, 1954.
Lawrence Shores. Secretary. May 24, 1954.
Robert C. McNickle. Treasurer. May 24, 1954.
J. Russell Sonneborn. May 24, 1954 (?); Chairman 1965; Re-appt. Aug. 8, 1967.
Hugh Odza. Re-appt. Mar. 13, 1962; Re-appt. Aug. 8, 1967.
George Huddleston. Re-appt. Jul. 9, 1963 & 1966; Re-appt. Aug. 8, 1967.

Roads, Streets, Lighting & Fire Plugs Committee:

March 10, 1930. County Commissioners requested Upper Moreland repair Township Line, Warminster, Pioneer and Davisville Roads.
March 19, 1930. Phila. Electric Co. granted permission to open Dallas Road for gas main. Warren Street to be opened for water pipe.
March 19, 1930. Grant Avenue and the Willow Grove Highlands deeded to the Township.
April 14, 1930. Phila. Suburban Water Co. requested to submit plan for water main installation in the Township.
April 21, 1930. Highway Committee (?) to inspect fire hydrant locations and contact water company for proposals. Mr. Frank C. Valentine asked consideration of a hydrant to protect the school building on York Road.
June 9, 1930. Phila Electric Co. inquired if Township will assume expense of present street-lights on Easton Road. Individual taxpayers pay for them under contract soon to expire.
August 18, 1930. Reading Company advised the Board that the Mineral Springs Hotel would be its motor coach stop in Willow Grove.
September 2, 1930. Phila Suburban Water Co. to install 25 fire hydrants giving protection to 97 % of properties in the Township. Water Co. to install free. Annual cost to the Township will be \$1,250.
December 8, 1930. Sidewalks constructed on east side of York Road between Mineral Springs Hotel and the High School.
March 16, 1931. Contract for street lights signed with Phila. Electric Co. for 95 – 100 candle-power lamps and 1 – 250 candle-power lamp.
November 12, 1931. Deed for Plan of North Willow Grove Park presented to Township by Edwin N. Johnson and wife. Streets included Parkside, Broadway, Elm, Hatboro Ave., Juniper, Magnolia, Sycamore, Linden, Willow, Mill, Township Line, and Doylestown & Willow Grove Turnpike.
September 26, 1932. Widening York Road from City Line to Willow Grove under consideration.
May 18, 1936. Electrically controlled traffic light to be installed at York & Easton Roads, cost not to exceed \$325.
July 13, 1936. William White employed for 4 days at \$10 per day to use his horses and mowing machines to mow road banks, streets and gutters.
June 21, 1937. Willow Grove Manor streets deeded to the Township by Tessie and David D. Grossman. Streets included: Warren from York to Fairhill; Raab from Warren to Miriam; Fairhill from York to Patterson; and Miriam from Raab to Crown Street.
October 25, 1937. Contract let to T. Wilmer Fesmire & Sons to remove porch of Fountain House Hotel (McAvoy Hotel) to make way for sidewalk.
November 29, 1937. School Board requested to provide school bus routes so Township can plow snow from those routes first.
September 12, 1938. Wyandotte Road taken over by Township.
November 14, 1938. National Youth Association to be used for labor for grading for sidewalks

along Easton Road.

November 13, 1939. Following streets renamed:

Reed St. between York Rd. and the Railroad to be Sampson Avenue.

Lake Av. between Easton Rd. and York Rd. to be Cedar Avenue.

Patterson Ave. between Easton Rd. and Grant Ave. to be Ellis Road.

June 10, 1940. Crown Street deed accepted from Mr. David Grossman.

August 15, 1940. Mr. Stuart A. Epler appointed to Highway Engineer at \$150 per month.

April 10, 1941. 5 acres of P. S. Stauffer land changed from "A" Residential to "G" Industrial for a Phila. Electric Co. transformer station.

October 31, 1941. Moreland Farms Corp., east side of Warminster Road between County Line and Byberry zoning changed from "A" Residential to "C" Residential (52-acre sub-division), formerly the Richard Schweder Farm.

March 9, 1942. Representative Edwin Winner contacted in Harrisburg to have State take over Davisville Road between York & Moreland Roads.

May 11, 1942. Cherry Street to be one-way from York Road to Moreland Road.

September 14, 1942. Deed accepted from Moreland Farms Co for portion of land in the roadbeds of Tanner Road, Bensal Road, Exton Road and Newton Road.

December 13, 1943. Exton Road and Stratton Lane deeded to Township.

April 10, 1944. Orangeman's Road conceded to belong to the Township.

February 12, 1945. New Board of Adjustment for Zoning Regulations appointed. Members are: George W. Getches, Wesley Jobe and Harry Mangin.

April 9, 1945. Mssrs. Smiley, Pappageorge & Geartner offer land to Township to continue Sampson Street to Brook Street and Patterson Avenue to Sampson . Donated May 14, 1945.

York Gardens Civic Association complains about condition of Blair Mill Road.

June 10, 1946. New traffic signals to be erected at York & Easton Roads.

July 30, 1946. The Hankin Brothers (Perch & Moe), owners of the land between Easton Road and Park Avenue, presented plan to continue Summit Avenue through to Easton and build commercial places of business along Easton Road and row houses on the rest of the property. Commercial businesses to include a theater, self-service store, cleaning & dyeing shop and a chain restaurant. Action deferred.

October 14, 1946. "EE" Residence added to Zoning Ordinance to permit row dwellings.

November 12, 1946. Upper Moreland Township divided into 8 districts:

A, B, C, D, E, & EE are Residential Districts.

F is the Commercial District.

G is the Industrial District.

December 21, 1946. William P. Abbott appointed to Zoning Board to replace Getches who resigned.

May 13, 1947. Deeds accepted for streets in York Gardens Tract: Edwards St., Belmar St., James St., and Drainage St.

January 12, 1948. Dr. Harold B. Shaw appointed to Zoning Board.

February 9, 1948. Deed of South Lane from Frazier Avenue to Edge Hill Road accepted.

October 11, 1948. Hatboro Airport to be developed; called High Park; to have 142 building lots.

December 13, 1948. Parisi Development; Township Line near Moreland Road (Indian Hill Tract) approved pending filing of bonds. Francis Ball Tract Plan (Woodhill Gardens), Fitzwatertown Road between Easton and York Roads, presented.

May 9, 1949. Shubin Building Company's Terwood Park Tract Plan approved (Terwood Road). Valentine DePaul Tract Plan approved (Davisville, Pioneer, Shoemaker Roads). Franklin Sheble II Tract Plan approved.

August 8, 1949. Shubin Construction Co.'s Huntingdon Hills Tract Plan approved.

September 12, 1949. Rosemore Building Co. Plan for Woodlawn Gardens approved (Woodlawn Ave. to Overlook Ave. & Division Ave. to a point on line with Frazier Ave.). 90 house to be built. Jacob Lichtenstein Tract Plan tentatively approved (Davisville & East of Trenton Cut-off).

January 9, 1950. Deeds for roads in Fulmor Tract accepted.

February 13, 1950. Stenton Builders Tract Plan approved; to contain 159 lots. Adjacent to Moreland Farms Tract & High Park Tract. Zoning Code amended to include Pre-Fabricated Buildings.

March 13, 1950. Green Farm Plan (Byberry & Pioneer Rds.); 10 acres; tentatively approved for development. Oak Ridge Farm Tract Plan approved for development.

April 10, 1950. Fred Mahnke Land Sub-Division (Sampson Hill between Fitzwatertown Rd. & York Rd.) approved. Huntingdon Dales Tract (Davisville Rd. & Terwood Rd. Final Appr. Sept. 26, 1950) and Huntingdon Slopes Tract (Davisville Rd. & Byberry Rd.) of Crescent Development Co. approved.

May 18, 1950. Moreland Village Plan (5th Ward) of W. O. Mahon approved.

July 10, 1950. Ball & Coffin's Huntingdon Valley Country Club Tract sub-division plan approved (Final Appr. Aug. 14, 1950). Overlook Road & Willowbrook Road accepted by Township.

August 14, 1950. Owen Davies Tract approved (S. E. Corner of Warminster & Byberry Rds.). Woodlawn Avenue accepted by Township.

March 12, 1951. Lavina Street deeded to Township.

April 9, 1951. Deeds to Country Club Drive, Willow Brook Rd., and Oak Rd. accepted.

May 15, 1951. Huntingdon Estates Plan (Manor House Land & Overlook Ave. & Edge Hill Rd. to Woodlawn Gardens) approved.

June 11, 1951. Corinthian Ave., Preston La., High Ave., & Howard Ave. accepted by Township.

January 21, 1952. Fern Village Tract (Former Lojeski Farm) development on County Line approved.

April 7, 1952. A. M. Lifter's Plan of Moreland Downs tentatively approved. (Former F. Biddle Country House Tract) Area of South Lane.

June 2, 1952. Clara Katz Tract, 92 acres on S. E. side of Davisville Road changed from "A" Residential to "GG" Limited Industrial.

August 4, 1952. Robin Hood Village Tract development on Warminster Road approved (Surrey Lane area).

August 11, 1952. Traffic lights to be installed at Fitzwatertown Rd. and Easton Rd. and Fitzwatertown Rd. at York Rd.

September 2, 1952. Division Ave. between Woodlawn & Overlook Aves. Dedicated.

October 6, 1952. White Feather Farm Sub-Division Plan (Edge Hill & Terwood Rds.) approved.

December 1, 1952. Deed accepted for Norwyn, Barbara & Shirley Roads in the Fern Homes Tract.

January 5, 1953. Moreland Manor Tract Plan tentatively approved (Hampton Rd., Newington Dr., & part of Broadway.)

January 12, 1953. Sycamore Gardens Tract (Mrs. Friedman); permanent improvements to Sycamore Ave. to be done by developer or the Township.

January 23, 1953. Course of Mill Road changed due to Turnpike. Relocation in course of Pioneer Road due to Turnpike extension.

May 11, 1953. Rest Haven Tract (Armour Rd.) residents complaint on conditions of road & drainage.

July 13, 1953. Deed to Greenbelt Dr. & Lancaster Place in the Walton Park Tract accepted by Township.

August 10, 1953. Jacob Lichtenstein to develop 244 lots in Willow Grove Annex Tract (Fairhill, Duffield, Brook, Reed, Maple & Oak Sts.)

September 14, 1953. Deed to Linden Ave., & Vesper La. In Sycamore Gardens accepted.

January 11, 1954. Deed to Vesper Lane & Sycamore Avenue accepted in Sycamore Gardens Tract (Final acceptance Mar. 8, 1954)

August 23, 1954. Delaware River Extension of Penna Turnpike section from King of Prussia to Willow Grove opened today.

September 13, 1954. Deeds to Carrell Lane & Linden Avenue in Sycamore Village Tract accepted.

October 11, 1954. Deeds to Beechwood Road & Patterson Avenue accepted. Deeds to Broadway & Newington Drive from Orchard to Mill Roads; Hampton from Orchard to Mill; Orchard from Newington to Mill deferred.

December 13, 1954. Deed of Dedication to Robin Hood Village Tract, Warminster Road accepted.

February 28, 1955. Deed of Dedication for Woodcrest Road, Valley View Road, Greenhill Road, and Edge Hill Road & Manor House Lane widening accepted.

April 11, 1955. Deed to streets in Willow Grove Annex accepted.

July 11, 1955. Lakevue Drive in Heatonwood Homes Tract taken over by Township. Fair Oaks Tract deed of dedication accepted.

September 12, 1955. Part of Gitlin Estate & Palmer Property on Easton Road changed from “T” Limited Industrial to “C” Commercial. (Hankin Bros.)

November 14, 1955. Thistlewood Farms Plan approved.

December 12, 1955. Deed of Dedication to Dawson Manor Tract (Jos. Barnes) accepted. Huntingdon Dales Tract Plan approved. (Redbarn, Deerrun, Greenwood Dr., Lookout La., Buckboard, Cowbell, Greyhorse).

March 13, 1956. First & second sections of Colton Estate Plan approved.

April 10, 1956. Zoning on Wyandotte Road changed from “R” Residential to “S” Small Limited Industrial.

April 23, 1956. Plan for continuation of Moreland Manor Tract by Croatan Construction Co. approved.

May 8, 1956. Deed of Dedication to Davisville Manor Tract accepted.

September 11, 1956. Moreland Heights streets accepted (Nash Avenue, Church Street and Forrest Avenue from Division to Church).

November 13, 1956. Edgemore Plan (Home Road) accepted.

October 8, 1957. Woodhill Gardens #2 Plan approved.

July 8, 1958. Deed of Dedication to Mansfield Road accepted.

October 14, 1958. Woodhill Gardens #1 streets to be accepted.

September 8, 1959. Philco Corp. request for individual subdivision not necessary as land is part of Willow Grove Industrial Center.

August 16, 1960. Deed of Dedication for Maryland Avenue, Goodman Industrial Tract accepted.

February 14, 1961. Deed of Dedication for Terwood Hill Road accepted. Robert Hall Store plan on York Road approved.

May 9, 1961. Huntingdon Glen Subdivision Plan (Huntingdon Road) accepted.

June 13, 1961. Moorewood Homes Tract streets accepted.

October 9, 1962. Everett Avenue accepted by Township.

April 9, 1963. Plot Plan for Molloy Property presented by D. LaRosa Building.

September 10, 1963. Occupancy of Surrey Garden Apartments and Valley Green Apartments done without Certificates of Occupancy.

December 10, 1963. Wink-O-Matic Lights to be installed at St. David School crossing.

January 14, 1964. Deed of Dedication for Bartram Road north of Fitzwatertown Road accepted.

August 11, 1964. Deed of Dedication for ground on Fitzwatertown adjacent to Acme Market for Township Park accepted.

November 10, 1964. Miriam Avenue accepted by Township. Muscara Subdivision (Pioneer & Shoemaker Roads) approved.

March 9, 1965. Valley Green streets accepted by Township. Deed of Dedication to Valley Green Park accepted.

January 11, 1966. The Board intends to acquire the Mason Mill Tract, the Wehr Property, and the Goodwin Tract.

February 8, 1966. Ball Road and Morganmill Road become Township roads.

March 8, 1966. “Newberry Property”, Easton and Fitzwatertown Roads, adjacent to a Township park considered to expand the park.

April 12, 1966. Bright Road opened as a Township Street.

July 12, 1966. Chapparel Apartments to be built at Maryland and Township Line Roads. Open Pantry Food Market, Easton and Gilpin Roads, approved to proceed with building.

August 9, 1966. Deibert Property Subdivision Plan approved (Pioneer Road). Manning Subdivision Plan approved (Terwood Road). Yambor Subdivision Plan approved (Huntingdon Road).

September 13, 1966. Woodhaven Tract Plan (Felte) approved.

April 11, 1967. Hankin Bros. sought view of Zoning Board regarding their proposal to build a 12-story, 200 unit apartment building on former Shoe City site.

October 10, 1967. Reininger Bros. to build greenhouse at 315 Byberry Road.

Health Committee:

April 14, 1930. Ashes & garbage collection discussed. Chas. F. Mebus, Civil Engineer, presented plan for first sewerage area for 66 houses, requiring 10 miles of sewers costing \$73,000 for Trunk Sewers and \$170,000 for Branch Sewers. Sewage Disposal Plant with capacity for 5,000 people

would cost \$105,000 – total cost would be \$350,000. Township trucks and employees to be used for Township Clean-Up Days.

May 12, 1930. One truck to be used on specified day for rubbish collection. Citizens to be asked to place rubbish in containers.

June 16, 1930. Warren M. Cornell, Secretary of the Borough of Hatboro, presented a resolution that Hatboro join Upper Moreland in a joint sewage disposal plant.

June 30, 1930. Board resolved that a special election be held to submit to electors the bonding of the Township in amount of \$235,000 for construction of sewage system and plant.

July 14, 1930. Resolved that the last Monday of each month be designated for collection of rubbish throughout the Township excluding ashes.

August 11, 1930. Board of Health requested permission from the Commissioners to bury dead animals along Davisville Road. Commissioners authorized building a covered pit.

September 2, 1930. Hatboro Council decided to proceed with construction of sewage plant without Upper Moreland.

October 2, 1930. Commissioner Riley, Sewer Committee, reported that \$115,000 for the sewage system and plant would be issued for a period of 5 years. To be repaid by property owners at \$1.00 per front foot. The remaining \$120,000 to be a bond issue of 30 years. Annual sewer rent to be \$10 per year.

October 13, 1930. Motion made to establish garbage and ash collection, and to install street lights.

January 5, 1931. Highway Department to collect ashes only on Wednesday each week in District 1 and Thursday in District 2.

January 12, 1931. Sewer project at standstill. Board feels Hatboro paid too much for the sewer plant site. Plans for system in Harrisburg for approval. Local labor to be used to build plant exclusively.

February 9, 1931. Garbage collection put out for bids.

March 16, 1931. Garbage collection to be handled by Lutz and Hasser of Willow Grove for \$1,189 per year.

May 11, 1931. Phila Suburban Water to run main to location of proposed sewage disposal plant.

May 25, 1931. Sewer construction contract awarded to Thoney Pietro, Glenside for \$127, 515.30.

June 3, 1931. Sewage Disposal Plant contract awarded to Fish-Rutherford, Philadelphia for \$111, 120.20.

July 20, 1931. Bid for bonds to build sewer system and plant in amount of \$235,000 awarded to Graham, Parsons & Co. of Philadelphia.

August 26, 1931. Resolution: Bonds for \$235,000 be kept in safe deposit vault at Penna Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities of Philadelphia.

November 9, 1931. Resolved to pay Hatboro the sum of \$2,926.56 for _ purchase price of land from Alexander Robinson for sewage disposal plant site.

February 8, 1932. Dr. J. K. Williams Wood appointed Health Officer of Upper Moreland at \$100 per year. John E. O'Neill appointed Health Officer, Plumbing & Sewer Inspector at \$1,560 per year.

March 9, 1932. Garbage removal contract awarded to Heavener and Seese, Souderton, PA for sum of \$987 per year. Collection Monday & Friday weekly.

April 11, 1932. Disposal plant completed.

June 13, 1932. Dr. Wood, Health Officer, to receive salary of \$600 per year, \$100 for clerical services and \$50 for use of his auto – total \$750 per year.

June 20, 1932. First sewer bills mailed to all residents on the system.

December 30, 1932. Residents not connected to sewer line will be compelled to do so or pay a \$50 fine.

February 13, 1933. Upper Moreland Republican Organization objected to the \$50 fine for failure to connect to sewers. Edward V. Schiesser made a similar protest on behalf of the Citizens Protection League.

March 6, 1933. Lewis B. Lukens, Willow Grove, awarded garbage collection contract for 1933 at bid price of \$647.50.

May 8, 1933. Health Officer submitted rules & regulations of PA Dept. of Health relative to merchants exhibiting fruit, vegetables and food on sidewalks.

May 22, 1933. Board to consider suit against Davisville Road School for not connecting to sewer line.

January 16, 1934. Plumbing Inspector to be let go because of budget constraints.

May 25, 1934. Disposal Plant Supervisor S. W. Yerkes to be sent to PA State Sewer Convention in State College, PA.

January 21, 1935. Dr. Wood resigned as Health Officer. Not accepted. Referred to Committee.

June 25, 1935. Resolution passed to send John O'Neill to Health Officer School at Mont Alto.

July 29, 1935. The Township to offer Jenkintown Bank & Trust Co. \$100 per year to dump rubbish on the Ehrenpfort grounds at Mineral Avenue.

August 12, 1935. John E. O'Neill appointed Township Health Officer and Plumbing Inspector at \$1,200 per year. Dr. Wood's resignation effective August 15.

June 14, 1937. Dog quarantine in effect for 100 days beginning June 20.

November 25, 1935. Formal application made to have W.P.A. of PA construct sewer extensions and a stone wall along Easton Road between Center and Lake Avenues, and Park and Center Avenues. (WPA Project No. 6891).

February 14, 1938. Health Committee reported 143 of 163 cases of measles released from quarantine.

May 9, 1938. Toro power mower for Sewer Plant to be bought for \$196.

December 12, 1938. Health Committee reported 29 cases of chicken pox, 12 released.

February 20, 1939. Health Committee reported case of rabies. Dogs quarantined for 100 days to prevent the spread of this "dreaded disease."

December 11, 1939. Total number of houses connected to the sewer line is 437.

April 8, 1940. Five cases of Scarlet Fever are under quarantine.

January 13, 1941. Residents of Wyandotte Avenue entered a complaint about a neighbor keeping goats and pigs. Referred to committee.

April 22, 1941. Sewage Disposal Plant to be increased in size.

June 8, 1942. Improvements to sewage plant to include only essential materials due to War Production Board refusing to appropriate critical materials.

August 10, 1942. Sewer Committee ordered \$100,000 of War Damage Insurance on the sewage plant.

May 10, 1943. Two residents of Fitzwatertown Road complained against a neighbor for keeping chickens, calves and burning rubbish.

January 17, 1944. Dr. Harold B. Shaw named temporary Health Officer for 6 months. Loewen Olt appointed representative to the Joint Hatboro Upper Moreland Sewer Commission.

March 13, 1944. Group Hospitalization Plan open to Township employees.

July 10, 1944. Township dump on York Road (& Lincoln), north of Schull Store is a smoke and smell nuisance and a breeding ground for rats.

August 14, 1944. Norman Fritz, Commander of the Civilian Defense Corps., suggested closing all swimming pools & swimming holes along creeks, i.e., Silver Lake pool, Lichtenstein's and Mason's Dam due to threatened spread of Infantile Paralysis.

June 28, 1945. Complaint filed against Raab Street resident for raising pigs in a residential area.

September 10, 1945. Local cases of Infantile Paralysis (Polio) to receive aid from County from "March of Dimes" Campaign.

October 15, 1945. New Township dump to be established at Moreland Road and Allison Road.

March 11, 1946. Approval of sink garbage grinders deferred.

July 8, 1946. Mosquito larvicide sprayed on swamp along Mill Road near Elm Avenue.

August 15, 1946. Diphtheria case at Carson-Simpson Home. Children quarantined.

October 11, 1948. Frank Hobensack to succeed Samuel Yerkes as Chief Sewer Plant Operator.

January 10, 1949. Question of use of an Iron Lung at the Fire House discussed; in event of polio outbreak.

April 4, 1949. Township dump on York Road, rear of Schull Block, ordered closed.

February 12, 1951. John W. Donahue appointed Health Officer & Plumbing Inspector. Resigned Nov. 15, 1951.

November 12, 1951. John E. O'Neill appointed Health Officer & Plumbing Inspector.

April 19, 1954. Sewers to be extended to Sewer Districts 4, 5, & 6.

May 10, 1954. Samuel W. Yerkes, Senior Sewage Plant Operator died.

December 13, 1954. Henry G. Brown re-appointed to Sewer Authority for 5 years.

May 9, 1955. Sewer area extended to include Willow Manor in Upper Dublin Township.

August 28, 1956. Moorewood Homes, Ind. (A.M. Lifter) (Moreland & Monument Roads.) to get sewers.

December 18, 1956. Ernest Narducci appointed to U.M. Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority.

February 13, 1957. Board to contract with Cameron's Sanitary Landfill in Langhorne, PA for trash dumping.

Boards & Commissions Members

Board of Health:

Mrs. Verna Kuhn. Chairwoman, Feb. 10, 1930.
Edward V. Schiesser. Secretary, Feb. 10, 1930; Resigned Dec. 14, 1931.
James J. McCann. Feb. 10, 1930.
Joseph Matthews. Feb. 10, 1930.
Charles Paschall. Feb. 10, 1930.

Plumbing Examination Board:

William R. Dietrich. Plumbing Inspector. (Various capacities from 1944 to 1956.)
Charles Rumpf. Nov. 27, 1944 to 1966; Re-appt. Dec. 27, 1966.
William Webster. Nov. 27, 1944.
Edward V. Schiesser. 1954.
Frank McClosky. Jan. 12, 1948; Re-appt. Jan. 4, 1960 to 1967.

Public Safety Board:

N. G. Fritz. Director, Oct. 14, 1946.

Zoning Board:

Howard C. Rush. Jun. 2, 1939.
William R. Dietrich. Jun. 2, 1939; Resigned Dec. 12, 1961.
John Stahl. Jun. 2, 1939.
George W. Getches. Feb. 12, 1945 – 1946.
Wesley Jobe. Feb. 12, 1945.
Harry Mangin. Feb. 12, 1945.
William P. Abbott. Dec. 13, 1948.
Dr. Harold B. Shaw. Jan. 12, 1948 to 52; Resigned Jan. 14, 1952.
Abram Clemmer. Dec. 12, 1949; Re-appt. Jan. 10, 1956.
Fred Betz. Jan. 9, 1950.
Roy Bokland. Secretary, Jun. 22, 1951.
Edward Desher. Dec. 10, 1951 to 1958; Resigned Nov. 11, 1958.
J. H. Heintz. Secretary, 1948 to 51; Resigned Jun. 22, 1951.
William P. Abbott. Dec. 13, 1948 to 50; Resigned Jan. 9, 1950.
Ralph C. Borthwick. 1951 – 59.
Edwin Winner. Oct. 21, 1958; Re-appt. Jan. 4, 1960 to 1963.
John Darrah. Nov. 18, 1958; Re-appt. Feb. 9, 1960; Resigned Jan. 14, 1964.
Raymond Reinl. Appt. Jan. 14, 1964; Re-appt. Jan. 10, 1967.
Frank Mitchell. Appt. Aug. 11, 1964; Resigned, Dec. 27, 1966.
Francis X. Walsh, Jr. Appt. Apr. 12, 1966.
Gustave Hanson. Appt. Jan. 10, 1967.

Park Commission:

Arthur Bready. Chairman, Jul. 11, 1950; Re-appt. Aug. 9, 1955 & 1960.
Peter S. Stauffer. Jul. 11, 1950; Re-appt. Aug. 23, 1954 & 1960.
David E. York. Jul. 11, 1950.
Elmer F. Benson. Jul. 11, 1950 to 53; Resigned Jan. 10, 1955.
Edward J. Leonard. Jul. 11, 1950; Resigned Dec. 10, 1951.
Alvin White. Dec. 10, 1951; Resigned Nov. 14, 1961.
Lew Mayer. Chairman, Jul. 7, 1952; Resigned Nov. 14, 1955.
Walter S. Krier. Dec. 11, 1956.
Andrew Argue. Resigned Aug. 13, 1957.
Herbert Haldeman. Mar. 11, 1958 to 1964.
Stanley Brooks. Jan. 13, 1959.

Joseph Wuko. Aug. 11, 1959.
James J. Cunningham, Sr. Aug. 11, 1959 to 1966; Re-appt. Jul. 12, 1966.
Mick Pileggi. Appt. Dec. 12, 1961.
Kurt Konietzko. Appt. Feb. 13, 1962.
Joseph B. Sprowls. Appt. Feb. 13, 1962.

Planning Commission:

John B Darrah. May 5, 1952.
J. Russell Sonneborn. May 5, 1952.
Henry Panfil. May 5, 1952; Died Apr. 1953.
Charles F. Zullinger. Re-appt. Jan. 11, 1954; Moved Jun. 1956.
Charles Rumpf. Feb. 14, 1955 to 1964.
Mrs. J. McGhee. Resigned Mar. 13, 1956.
Mary Reiber. Mar. 13, 1956.
Frank Schull. Jun. 19, 1956; Re-appt. Feb. 9, 1960.
John B. Darrah. Re-appt. Mar. 11, 1958; Resigned Jan. 10, 1961.
Edward Desher. Jun. 9, 1959; Re-appt. Feb. 14, 1961.
Raymond Baker. Appt. May 11, 1965.
Mrs. Fred Seaman. Appt. Apr. 12, 1966.
Joseph Walsh. Appt. Apr. 12, 1966; Re-appt. Mar. 14, 1967.
Gustave Hanson. Appt. May 10, 1966; Re-appt. Nov. 9, 1966.
David Uhlman. Appt. Oct. 10, 1967.

Water Resources Board:

Fred DeLong. Chair, Mar. 13, 1953; Re-appt. Dec. 9, 1958 to 1963.
R. C. McNickle. Mar. 13, 1953; Resigned Jan. 10, 1956.
Bruce Wright, Esq. Mar. 13, 1953.
Gordon M. Bitterlich. Mar. 13, 1953.
David Uhlman. Apr. 11, 1955 to 1966; Re-appt. Oct. 11, 1966.
Lloyd T. Myers. Jan. 10, 1956.
Frank McClosky. Mar. 11, 1958 to 1962
Leonard R. Gricoski. Mar. 11, 1958; Re-appt. Jan. 4, 1960 to 1965.
R. Homer Cherry. Re-appt. Mar. 11, 1958 to 1962.

Joint Sewer Authority of Upper Moreland:

Paul S. Clayton, Chairman. Apr. 19, 1954
Allan Meade. Apr. 19, 1954
Henry G. Brown. Apr. 19, 1954 to 1965
John W. Trefny. Apr. 19, 1954.
C. Paul Stober. Apr. 19, 1954.
Ernest Narducci. Apr. 19, 1954 to 66; Re-appt. Jan. 10, 1967.
Carroll Kuhn. Apr. 19, 1954 to 66; Re-appt. Dec. 12, 1967.
Mr. Narducci. Chairman Mar. 9, 1965
William B. Hall.

Industrial Advisory Committee:

William Eagan. Nov. 11, 1958.
Albert Phy. Nov. 11, 1958.
Thomas Walmsley. Nov. 11, 1958; Resigned Nov. 1962.
Alvin Wetzel. Nov. 11, 1958.
James J. Cunningham. Nov. 11, 1958 to 1967; etc.
John Lotz. Nov. 11, 1958.
Ernest Dancer. Nov. 11, 1958.
Donald B. Korson. Nov. 13, 1962.
Mr. Sheppard. Jun. 9, 1964. (?)
A. Nemroff. Appt. Aug. 11, 1964.
Charles Nicholson. Appt. Feb. 9, 1965.
Walter F. Thomson. Appt. May 11, 1965.

Mason Currier, III. Appt. Apr. 12, 1966; Re-appt. Apr. 11, 1967..
Joseph Agnello. Appt. Apr. 12, 1966.
Charles Dougherty. Appt. Apr. 12, 1966.
Charles Gross. Appt. Apr. 11, 1967.
Carl Stern. Appt. Apr. 11, 1967.
Ronald Pugh. Re-appt. Apr. 11, 1967.
Francis A. Carroll. Appt. May 9, 1967.
Rodney Magaral. Appt. Oct. 10, 1967.

Shade Tree Commission:

Daniel Bready. Aug. 16, 1960.
Walter Krier. Aug. 16, 1960.
Victor Hultquist. Aug. 16, 1960; Resigned Mar. 1963.
Leonard Fernandez. Aug. 16, 1960.
Gustave Hanson. Mar. 12, 1963; Re-appt. Mar. 7, 1966.

New Township Building Committee:

Dominic LaRosa, Chairman. Mar. 21, 1961.
James J. Cunningham. Mar. 21, 1961.
H. Lyle Houpt, Solicitor. Mar. 21, 1961.
Miles Potter, Engineer. Mar. 21, 1961.
Marvin D. Suer. Mar. 21, 1961.
Edward Desher. Mar. 21, 1961.

Municipal Authority Board:

Walter C. Hebden. Oct. 16, 1962; Resigned Mar. 10, 1964.
Francis X. Walsh. Oct. 16, 1962; Resigned Feb. 11, 1964.
Anthony DeLaurentis. Oct. 16, 1962; Resigned Feb. 11, 1964.
Samuel K. Nash. Oct. 16, 1962; Resigned Dec. 10, 1963.
David M. Ashton. Oct. 16, 1962, 1963.
Guy Cooper, Jr. Dec. 10, 1963.
Joseph F. Mathers. Appt. Mar. 10, 1964 to 1967; Re-appt. Dec. 12, 1967.
Harry Greenleaf. Appt. Jun. 9, 1964 to 1967; Re-appt. Jan. 10, 1967.
Clyde Heath. Appt. Jul. 14, 1964; Resigned Dec. 8, 1964.
Andrew J. Casey. Appt. Jul. 14, 1964 to 1967; Resigned Dec. 12, 1967.
Joseh Monahan, Jr. Appt. Jul. 14, 1964.
John Kapralik. Appt. Sept. 8, 1964.
Robert T. Binns. Appt. Dec. 8, 1964 to 1967; Resigned May 9, 1967.
Richard Coffey. Appt. Sept. 12, 1967.

World War II Community Response:

September 29, 1941. Defense Housing Project on Warminster Road discussed with Mr. Shaw of the Legal Dept. of the Federal Works Agency. Contract with the Federal Government for 14% of rentals pro rated to the Township, school, and County Boards. (Contract dated 10-13-41).

October 24, 1941. Board suggested \$9.00 annual rental per house for Government Housing Project.

(No mention is made in the minutes regarding an airplane spotter's tower atop Memorial Hall, although one existed and was voluntarily staffed to warn against carrier based German aircraft. The tower was apparently removed as the minutes indicate funds were requested in 1950 to build a new tower against the threat of Russian planes with atomic bomb capabilities.)

January 15, 1942. Willow Grove Civilian Defense and Willow Grove Fire Company presented financial requirements for Civil Defense. Commissioners to consider in budget.

February 9, 1942. List of first-aid supplies and equipment presented by Dr. Shaw for Civilian Defense needs. Fire Police staffing switch board at night in interest of Civil Defense.

March 9, 1942. Peter DePree, chairman of the Civilian Defense Council, requested supplies, arm bands, and a telephone in their headquarters in Memorial Hall.

April 27, 1942. Bids for air-raid sirens reviewed. To purchase three.

June 9, 1942. Defense Housing Project (Fulmor) to connect to sewer line.

June 10, 1942. Civilian Defense Council appointed:

Abram Clemmer, Chairman	Dr. Harold B. Shaw
Conrad G. Moffett, Vice Chairman	Irwin L. Anderson
L. A. Lettinger, Secretary	Peter H. DePree
Clement F. Kneezel	Earl Koons
Elmer Fischer	Elmer Leddon
Loewen N. Olt	R. M. Gravers

Air-raid sirens to be installed on Fitzwatertown Road, west of Easton Road, Division and Woodlawn Avenues, and the Township Yard on Davisville Road.

July 13, 1942. Sixty-five families moved into Fulmor Heights houses. Air-raid sirens changed from Township Yard to Sampsons Hill, from Fitzwatertown Road to Bud Lewis' Garage, and Fulmor Heights.

September 14, 1942. Mr. Conrad Moffett, Attorney for the Civilian Defense Council presented a list of materials needed for Auxiliary Fireman, Policemen and Air-Raid Wardens.

December 14, 1942. Executive Council for Civilian Defense approved:

Albert W. Geiger, Chairman	M. Alfred Anton, Air-Raid Wardens
Gertrude Coonahan, First Aid Unit	Earl M. Koons, Fire Company
Effie Boyer, Canteen & Housing	Charles L. Myers, Utilities
Loewen M. Olt, Control Center	Paul Williams, Demolition
Dr. Harold B. Shaw, Medical Director	Ruth Berg, Personnel
Anthony DeLaurentis, Auxiliary Police	

Mr. DeLaurentis reported 16,220 lbs. of scrap collected; \$60 realized from sale of same; money to be given to Civilian Defense Council.

April 12, 1943. Township to fly a 4' X 6' flag with a blue star in the center showing the number of men and women from Willow Grove in the armed services. Notice to be put in the local paper that anyone trespassing or damaging a Victory Garden will be fined accordingly.

June 14, 1943. Defense Council changes:

Dr. Robert Strong, Chairman	Earl L. Detweiler, Office Personnel
Norman Fritz, Auxiliary Police	Sarah Fahrenholtz, Instructor
James Cunningham, Fire Company	Paul Stober, Instructor

September 13, 1943. Civilian Defense changes:

Loewen Olt resigns.
Norman G. Fritz becomes Commander (?)
Gustave H. Gross, Auxiliary Police

December 13, 1943. War Production Board recommended construction of storm drain in Willow Grove be deferred "until after the emergency."

March 13, 1944. War Service Honor Roll. Liberty Post 308, American Legion proposed an Honor Roll to display names of men and women in the armed forces "during the present war." Plan: An attractive archway 3 car widths in length with side panels with names and illumination. To be along front building line of parking space on east side of York Road between the People's Restaurant and the 2-story building housing Miller's Drug Store & others. The Legion to bear all expenses of preparation of plans, construction and insurance. The Township to pay for illumination. Commissioners to get approval of land owner Mr. Fred Ehrenpfort. Post War Planning: State and Veteran's Agencies to hold conferences on problems "after cessation of hostilities."

April 24, 1944. Post War Planning Commission:

Peter H. DePree, President
Karl L. Meyer, Secretary

1st Ward. Com. C. F. Kneezel

A. C. Harmon
Harry Mangin
Martin R. Turner
Frank Houpt, Jr.
Clinton W. Morgan
Lewis E. Miller

2nd Ward. Com. J. H. Riley

Dr. Robert Strong
Charles F. McNally
Elmer R. Fischer
Peter H. DePree
Frank Riordan
Edwin W. Winner

3rd Ward. Com. W. S. Bolay

Bert Avery
Charles H. Payne
Wesley N. Jobe
John Haage
Harry T. Groben

4th Ward. Com. M. A. Marschner

J. J. Cunningham
John H. Stahl
Irvin C. Anderson
Rev. H. Healy
W. K. Leatherman

5th Ward. Com. H. S. Betz

John L. Sergison
F. Eltonhead
Karl L. Meyer
William D. Reiniger
A. R. Powell
V. R. DePaul

May 8, 1944. Representatives of Brewster Aeronautical Corp. requested Commissioners to write to their Congressmen in Washington pleading for more contracts from House Naval Affairs Committee to insure their employment.

July 10, 1944. The Township bought \$10,000 War Bond # 23178.

October 30, 1944. Norman G. Fritz appointed Coordinator of Disaster Relief Agencies in Upper Moreland. Willow Grove Cab Co. requested a letter from the Commissioners to obtain additional gasoline from the Office of Price Administration.

December 11, 1944. Post War Planning Commission proposals:

- a. Encourage home building and industries.
- b. Stress building a new Post Office and bank.
- c. Install safety island in center of town.
- d. Erect a new Township Building.
- e. Install sanitary & storm sewers.

Loewen Olt suggested securing subscriptions to buy the Ehrenpfort acreage (9 acres) for a World War II Memorial Park. To be a public park for young and old along a creek. To proceed with plan to enlist the aid of the community.

May 14, 1945. Discussion: War Memorial Park to have a community house; Karl Meyer also suggested a swimming pool. A special committee was named to investigate. Federal authorities lift air-raid precautions due to suspension of hostilities in Europe. Paper Holiday for salvage and collection of waste paper toward war effort declared by the Board of Commissioners.

May 21, 1945. Civil Defense telephone transferred to Chief of Police Shores' house.

August 20, 1945. To continue adding names to Honor Roll after signing of surrender with Japanese, or V-J Day.

September 10, 1945. Air-raid sirens to be removed and stored.

October 8, 1945. Community War Chest Committee to use Board Room.

November 12, 1945. The Board passed a resolution to dissolve the Civilian Defense Council & Corps.

December 17, 1945. Conference to be held with Real Estate Commission of the Federal Housing Authority in connection with the disposal of 300 housing units in the Fulmor Heights Housing Project #1. (Lanham Act created Federal housing.) (Lacey Park Government Project reserved for personnel at the Naval Modification Center, Brewster Plant, Johnsville.)

February 18, 1946. American Legion Commander H. P. Haldeman invited the commissioners to send a delegate to the first meeting of the new WWII Memorial Association February 25. Com. Fritz attended.

March 10, 1947. Cost to secure the 9-acre former Mineral Springs Park by the WWII Memorial Association is \$15,000.

May 13, 1947. WWII Memorial Association requests the County to improve County land (4 acres) at Davisville Road and the Pennypack Creek as a public park. County responded the land was donated by Pliny F. Stewart April 29, 1942 as a gift for a memorial park to his daughter Jacqueline Laura Stewart. Willow Grove Veteran's Athletic Association to hold carnival.

September 8, 1947. WWII Memorial Association arranging to purchase 9-acre former Mineral Springs Park for a public park and recreation area. To deed the land to the Township as a permanent memorial to World War II Veterans.

April 12, 1948. WWII Memorial Association to hold carnival on vacant lot on southeast side of York Road above the Schull Block to raise funds for the Association.

May 15, 1951. Lease agreement signed between WWII Memorial Association and the Township for Memorial Park for \$1.00 per year.

Cold War Community Response:

August 28, 1950. Willow Grove Unit, Ground Observers Corps., Aircraft Warning Service requests funds *to build wooden tower on top of Fraziers Hill*. Board awards \$250.

November 13, 1950. Township Civil Defense Organization:

Conrad G. Moffett, Director

Norman G. Fritz, Coordinator

Elmer A. Lissfelt, Education & Training

Lawrence H. Shores, Security

Andrew H. Rauh, Communications

Fred W. Neef, Engineering, Utilities & Public Works

Dr. Harold B. Shaw. Medical & Health Services Director

Loewen M. Olt Evacuation Transportation & Emergency Welfare

William R. Dietrich, Technical Defense

Joseph B. Winder, Auxiliaries

January 8, 1951. Erection of air-raid sirens approved. New ones to be purchased & located at Woodlawn & Division; York & Reed; Easton & Ellis; North Willow Grove; High Park or Moreland Farms or Byberry Road School.

May 14, 1951. Auxiliary Police of the Civilian Defense Organization has 50 members.

July 9, 1951. Gustave H. Gross appointed Director of Civilian Defense. Resigned Nov. 27, 1951.

June 16, 1952. Frank Wieder, Supervisor of Ground Observer Corps. moving from Township.

October 6, 1952. State-wide air raid test scheduled for Oct. 15, 1952.

February 8, 1954. C. Paul Stober resigns as Civil Defense Director.

May 10, 1954. Loewen Olt appointed Supervisor of local post, Ground Observer Corps.

September 13, 1954. C. Paul Stober appointed Civil Defense Director. Resigned Oct. 14, 1958.

April 10, 1956. Gas service to air raid tower approved.

August 13, 1957. Amplifier to be erected on Spotters Tower of Ground Observer Corps.

February 9, 1960. Edward McVaugh to provide Civil Defense with temporary headquarters in his home.

December 12, 1961. Louis Cerino is Director of Civil Defense. Civil Defense to get Mobile Radio Units.

Ordinances:

January 6, 1930. #1 or #2 (Number not shown): Ordinance passed to receive applications for Township Clerk, Chief of Police and Road Foreman.

February 17, 1930. #3: Salary of Secretary, \$400 per year and Treasurer's Bond set at \$36,000.

#4: Nine mill tax assessed on all real & personal property, estates, offices, trades and occupations.

#5: Apportioning of Tax Revenues:

\$15,000 for maintenance & repair of highways and bridges.

\$3,400 for night watch and police force.

\$200 Board of Health expenses.

\$12,400 contingency expenses.

\$4,000 employee salaries.

March 10, 1930. #6: Loan of \$15,000 to be secured for general township expenses to be repaid from taxes.

May 12, 1930. #7: Manufacture, sale or use of firecrackers, combustible balloons & other pyrotechnics, unnecessary firing and discharge of fire arms in or on highways & public places prohibited (Except by permit).

July 14, 1930. #8: Desire to increase Township's indebtedness in the sum of \$235,000 to construct sewage system and plant.

#9: To provide for an election by residents to increase Township indebtedness by \$235,000.

December 8, 1930. #12: Amending appropriation ordinance with additional sums as follows: \$1,000 for highways; \$500 for police and night watch; \$750 for salaries; \$100 for Board of Health.

February 9, 1931. #13: Annual tax on residents kept the same as 1930.

#14: Apportionment of taxes designated:

Highways, \$19,800
Welfare, Night Watch, Safety, \$7,170
Fire Companies, \$1,200
Fire Hydrants, \$1,250
Street Lighting, \$2,000
Salaries & Office Expenses, \$4,000
Board of Health, \$2,200
Garbage Collection, \$2,000
Sinking Fund & Bonded Indebtedness, \$8,700

March 16, 1931. #15: Fixing salary of Secretary at \$500 per year.

April 13, 1931. #16: Prohibiting auto parking on certain sections of Davisville Road & Park Avenue.

April 20, 1931. #17: Providing for establishment & construction of system of sanitary sewers and disposal plan independent of or by agreement with Hatboro.

June 17, 1931. #18: Providing for increase of bonded indebtedness of \$235,000 for sewers and disposal plant. (Public vote for this action was 597 for and 560 against.)

July 13, 1931. #19: Relating to removal of street railway tracks on York Road between Moreland Road and a point on Davisville Road. (To facilitate construction of main trunk sewer line.)

December 14, 1931. #21: Changes place of meeting of the Board of Commissioners to Memorial Hall.

January 4, 1932. #22: Fixing salary of Secretary at \$1,000 per year & Solicitor bond at \$1,000.

January 11, 1932. #24: Levying annual tax on residents; 8 mills on property and occupations.

#25: Fixing number, rank and compensation of members of the Police Force; Chief \$1,800, one Policeman \$1,560 per year. #26: To abolish Board of Health and appoint a Health Officer.

January 25, 1932. #27: Authorizing system of sewers in the Township.

#28: Regulating connections & use of Township sewers.

April 11, 1932. #29: Regulations for registration & licensing of master plumbers, house drainage, ventilation & cesspools.

September 12, 1932. #31: Providing for construction of concrete curbs, gutters & sidewalks on east side of York Road from Ehrenpfort Hotel to the public school.

October 10, 1932. #32: Regulations governing the production, distribution and sale of milk in the Township.

December 30, 1932. #35: Pertained to removal of single track & overhead trolley system on Easton Road.

January 9, 1933. #37: Levying annual taxes; 6 mills for general purposes, indebtedness & sinking fund charges.

May 22, 1933. #38: Removal of track & overhead trolley system from Hatboro to below Perry (?) Mill Road.

#39: Township Treasurer to receive as compensation, 3% of all taxes collected and 1% of all other monies collected.

March 12, 1934. #46: Providing for concrete curbs, gutters & sidewalks from York Road to Davisville School.

#47: Prohibiting parking on east side of York Road between Moreland Road and the P.R.T. tracks. (This was followed by a resolution not to enforce this ordinance pending study by Police Committee.)

September 10, 1934. #50: Condemned land for sidewalks on west side of York Road at Easton belonging to P.R.T. Co. and Willow Grove Trust Co.

September 24, 1934. #51: Condemning land for sidewalk along east side of York Road 210' north of Summit Avenue to south side of Reed Street.

#52: Prohibits roller skating on Moreland Road, Easton & York Roads for protection of life and limb. Penalty is \$5.00 for violation.

September 9, 1935. #56: Providing licensing of those who sell or offer for sale goods, wares or merchandise on the streets or solicit house to house orders for same, and to license transient retail businesses.

February 10, 1936. #58: Fixing the tax rate for 1936 at 7 mills for general purposes & 5 mills for debt reduction.

#59: Amending Ordinance 27 to divide the Township into Sewer Districts.

May 25, 1936. #60: Amends ordinance 17 providing construction of sewers by W.P.A. in District No. 3. (The W.P.A. was the Works Progress Administration instituted by the Federal Government to offer employment during the great depression.)

#61: Provides for issuance of bonds & increase indebtedness in sum of \$30,000 to refund portion of bonded indebtedness and construct a portion of the sewer system.

June 8, 1936. #62: Defining the defense of disorderly conduct and providing punishment therefor.

July 13, 1936. #63: Budget for 1936 amended to include \$10,000 from bonds issued for sewer construction.

January 27, 1937. #68: Tax rate for 1937 will be 7 mills for general purposes and 5 mills for debt purposes.

June 14, 1937. #69: Building permit ordinance. (No details given).

December 6, 1937. #72: Amends ordinance 71 changing the width of sidewalks in Section 2 to 4' instead of 5'6".

December 20, 1937. #74: Supplement to ordinance 17 concerning sewer construction in 3rd Sewer District.

June 13, 1938. #76: Establishing sidewalks on Lincoln Avenue from Easton to York Road and Grant from Highland Avenue to Patterson Street.

#77: Establishing sidewalks on Summit from Yerkes property to Easton Highway.

September 19, 1938. #79: Taking by eminent domain for sidewalks land along Easton Road owned by David J. Nolan.

#80: Taking by eminent domain for sidewalks on northeast side of York Road land owned by the Roosevelt Blvd. Building & Loan Association.

November 21, 1938. #83: Increase number of Police from 3 to 4 and rescind ordinance #64 pertaining to Fire Police.

January 23, 1939. #84: Tax rate set at 8 mills for general purposes and 4 mills for debt reduction.

February 20, 1939. #85: Regulating erection and construction of gasoline and service stations.

June 2, 1939. #87: Classifying, regulating and restricting height, number of stories and size of buildings. Known as "The Upper Moreland Zoning Ordinance of 1939."

October 14, 1940. #95: Forbidding burning of leaves and rubbish in streets.

April 14, 1941. #100: Declares it a nuisance for property owner to have stagnant water, waste matter, rubbish or weeds on property.

#101: Compels property owners to clear snow and ice from sidewalks.

May 12, 1941. #102: Forbids all night parking on streets.

June 8, 1942. # 109. Code of Plumbing & Drainage Rules & Regulations.

December 14, 1942. Ordinance adopted for registration, inspection, regulations for governing bicycles. Providing penalties for violations.

March 13, 1944. #117: Regulating the quarantine of premises where Measles, Whooping Cough, Chicken Pox, German Measles or Mumps exist.

January 13, 1947. #142: Regulating Circuses, Carnivals, etc. held within the Township.

January 12, 1948. #158: Parking Meter Zones Established: York Road, west side between Cherry Street & Easton Road; York Road, east side between Church Street & Easton Road; Davisville Road, north & south sides between York Road & Woodlawn Avenue; Park Avenue, south side between Easton Road & Moreland Road.

June 28, 1948. #164: Changes zoning of 62 _ acres in the International Development Tract (located at the Horsham Township line) from "A" to "D" Residential. (Land was bordered by that of John Bean ... Eliza Miller ... Moses Lukens to be sold to Hiram Reading ... Isaac Warner, etc.)

February 13, 1950. #184: Prohibits sale, use, possession of BB Guns, Air Guns, Air Pistols, Spring Guns, or Pneumatic Instruments propelling any type of pellet.

July 11, 1950. #195: Levies tax on deeds and transfers of lands.

August 14, 1950. #198: Created a Township Parks Board.

December 11, 1950. #205: Restricting firing & shooting of high powered rifles in the Township.

July 9, 1951. #214: Limits heights of fences, hedges, etc.

#231: Dog Control Regulations with graduated penalties.

September 4, 1951. #259: Bill Board Signs to be eliminated from roadsides in Township proposed.

April 7, 1952. #282: Class "GG" Limited Industrial added to Zoning Code.

March 13, 1953. #259: Creates a Water Resources Board.

May 11, 1953. #261: Provides for employment of Fire Marshall & Control of Brush Fires, etc.
November 8, 1953. #285: Establishes a Police Disability & Death Benefit Fund.
November 24, 1953. #286: Regulates abandoned, used ice boxes, freezer cabinets and refrigerators.
February 8, 1954. #292: Rename the balance of Mill Road (altered because of Penna Turnpike) to Sunset Lane.
September 12, 1955. #323: To increase Township debt in the sum of \$400,000 to construct swimming pools in the Township. Electors to vote on issue.
July 10, 1956. #338: Covers discarded milk cases.
March 10, 1959. #381: Regulates inspection of restaurants and restaurant personnel.
September 8, 1959. #332: Parking at shopping centers must have 5 square feet of parking for every 1 square foot of useable floor space.
December 12, 1961. #459: Shoplifting ordinance.
December 10, 1963. #505: Prohibits gunning and hunting in the Township.
February 4, 1964. #362: Rescinded the creation of the position of Township Manager.
March 9, 1965. #536: Established retirement age for Township employees.

ADDENDA

Present Board of Commissioners of Upper Moreland:

The Board was increased from five to seven Commissioners in 1964 to represent the equivalent increase in the number of Wards in the Township. The terms of Commissioners are staggered to ensure continuity of government. At the Board's regular monthly meeting, formal action is taken on all business that requires resolutions, ordinances, and the awarding of contracts. The seven Commissioners also chair or serve on the committees of local government. Issues discussed at committee meetings are then moved to the regular Board of Commissioner's meeting for action.

The committees of the Board are: Administrative Committee; Budget & Finance Committee; Community Development Committee; Parks & Recreation Committee; Public Health & Safety Committee; and the Public Works Committee.

The local government is comprised of the following departments: Administration; Business Taxes; Code Enforcement; Emergency Services; Parks & Recreation; and Real Estate Taxes.

The Board of Commissioners also oversees the following committees and councils: Advisory Planning Agency; Business Advisory Council; Fire Board; Parks & Recreation Advisory Council; Police Civil Service Commission; Police Pension Fund Committee; Upper Moreland / Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority; Vacancy Board; and the Zoning Hearing Board.

Township Facts:

U. S. Census: (1950) 8,936; (1960) 21,032; (1975) 25,000; (1998) 25,313

Population Breakdown: Female – 13,168; Male – 12,145

Age Breakdown (1990): (0-24) 7,741; (25-54) 11,118; (55-84) 6,116; (85+) 138

Occupations (1990):

Professional / Technical,	18.1%
Managerial / Admin.,	16.6%
Sales Workers,	13.7%
Clerical Workers,	20.3%
Crafts & Kindred Workers,	12.6%
Service Workers,	7.7%
Other,	11.0%

Income (1989): Median, \$39,210; Per Capita, \$19,188
Public School Enrollment: (1995) 3,159; (1997) 3,327; (1999) 3,299
Land Area: 7.58 square miles or 4,851 acres
Streets & Roads: 64+ Miles of township streets & roads
 .6 Miles of county roads within the township
 19+ Miles of state roads within the township

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