

Town of Palmyra Minutes – 1919

Special meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Monday, January 27, 1919. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; H. L. Averill, Clerk; T. L. Cook and Kingsley F. Young, Justices. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Young, and minutes of the last meeting were read for information.

The Highway Bond of Supervisor Young was approved by the members of the Board, and three copies were filed with the County Superintendent; and the original was placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

Justice Kingsley Young reported that a committee of residents from the northern part of the Town wished to meet with the Board at an early date relative to some improvements on a highway leading north from No. 8 School House. Mr. Young was requested by the Board to advise the committee that they will be welcome at the next meeting of the Board.

Town Superintendent Hedden was present at the meeting and reported that the work of removing the old bridge on Division Street over the creek near the West Shore Station was completed and that the roadway had been properly filled in and is now in good condition. The bridge was sold to the Town of Arcadia.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

H. L. Averill, Clerk

Meeting of the Palmyra Town Board was held at the Clerk's Office on Thursday, March 27, 1919. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; H. L. Averill, Clerk; T. L. Cook and Kingsley F. Young, Justices. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Young, and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A delegation of residents living on the road known as the Hall Road, leading north from No. 8 School House, was present at the meeting and stated that there were portions of this highway that were practically impassable. The Board was asked if something could be done at once to better the conditions. The matter was discussed at length with the committee and Town Superintendent Hedden, who was also asked to be present with the result that the Board notified Mr. Hedden to make suitable improvements to the highway providing the men represented at this meeting would assist Mr. Hedden in the work and help him secure the necessary gravel. This the committee consented to do, and the town superintendent said he would begin the work as soon as the committee notified him that they were ready to take up the work with him.

Town Superintendent Hedden submitted his "Determination and Agreement" for the expenditure of moneys for 1919 in accordance with Section 105 of the Highway Law; and on motion of the Board, this agreement was accepted, and the Clerk was instructed to fill out four copies and forward same to the County Superintendent at once. The terms of the Agreement follow:

Primary work on the 80 miles of highway in town @ \$40	3200.
Sluices and culverts having a span of less than 5 feet	1000.
Special improvements on the road commencing at the Marion Town Line and leading to No. 7 School House, a distance of one mile	3500.
On the road commencing at the New York Central Station and leading east to Palmyra-Arcadia Town Line, a distance of 6 miles re-surfacing	1500.
Sum to be left in Reserve Fund	3257.47

Receipts	
Balance on Hand from Previous Year	5351.88
Town Highway Tax Levied	6000.00
State Aid to be Received	<u>2520.49</u>
Total	13872.37

Expenditures	
Average per mile \$40 for 80 miles	3200.00
Sluices and Culverts	1000.00
Special appropriations	5000.00
Reserve Fund	3257.47
Payment of Orders No. 1 to 10 inclusive	<u>1414.90</u>
Total	\$13872.37

The following bills were presented and audited, and Supervisor Young was instructed to draw checks for the amounts:

George H. Tripp	Pound Keeper	24.00
S. E. Braman	Bonds as Follows:	
C. H. Hedden	Supt. of Highways	5.00
K. F. Young	Justice of the Peace	5.00
W. A. Haskell	Constable	5.00
H. L. Averill	Town Clerk	5.00
S. M Young	Supervisor, General Fund	20.00
S. M. Young	" Highway Fund	38.00
S. M. Young	" School Fund	7.59
J. VanHall	Tax Collector	63.43 149.02

No further business appearing, the minutes were read and approved; and the meeting adjourned.
H. L. Averill, Clerk

Meeting of the Palmyra Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Friday, April 11, 1919. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; T. L. Cook, Kingsley F. Young, and W. E. Spire, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Young, and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

S. E. Braman presented a bill for premiums on the compensation insurance coming to the Town Offices amounting to the sum of \$149.02; and on motion, the same was audited and order paid.

The matter of appointing a Justice of the Peace to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles W. Williamson was discussed at considerable length; but no definite action was taken in the matter.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.
H. L. Averill, Clerk

Meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Friday, August 22, 1919. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; T. L. Cook, K. F. Young, and W. E. Spire, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Young; and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion, duly carried, the following places were designated as official polling and registration places for the three Districts of Palmyra:

District No. 1 Justice Room, Village Hall Building
District No. 2 Garlock Garage, Fayette Street
District No. 3 Adam Ziegler Shop, East Palmyra

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned. H. L. Averill, Clerk

Meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Tuesday, September 9, 1919. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; K. F. Young, W. E. Spire, and T. L. Cook, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Young, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Pound Keeper, George Tripp, presented a bill of \$12.00 for services rendered; and on motion, same was audited and ordered paid.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, Kingsley F. Young was appointed Truant Officer for the schools outside of District No. 1 at a salary of \$75 per year.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the following resolution was adopted; and the Clerk was instructed to send one copy to State Commissioner of Highways and one copy to County Superintendent of Highways:

Whereas, the most important connecting link in the highway system of the State of New York is on Route 20, the direct highway from Syracuse to Rochester passing through Elbridge, Jordan, Weedsport, Port Byron, Montezuma, Savannah, Clyde, Lyons, Newark, Palmyra, Macedon, Egypt, Pittsford to Rochester, and

Whereas, this connecting link in on the main trunk line from Buffalo to Albany and New York City,

Resolved that this organization, Town Board, Town of Palmyra urge the Highway Commission to build this connecting link during 1920. That the same be a concrete highway of sufficient width to accommodate the heavy traffic; and

Be it further resolved that we send delegates to attend the Good Roads Meeting to be held at Lyons, NY, on Friday, September 12th, at 2 p.m.; and a copy of this resolution filed with the Highway Commissioner at Albany, NY.

The Board expressed itself as being heartily in favor of the early completion of Route 20; and it was urged that as many of the members as possibly could, attend the Good Roads Meeting scheduled for Lyons on September 12, 1919.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned. H. L. Averill, Clerk

Meeting of the Town Board as a Board of Canvassers was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Thursday, November 6, 1919. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; T. L. Cook, Kingsley Young, and W. E. Spire, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Town Clerk. The canvass of the vote cast at the General election on November 4, 1919, showed the following totals on all candidates for Town Offices:

Name	1 st District	2 nd District	3 rd District
For Supervisor			
George S. Johnson	372	214	96
No Opposition	Total Vote 682		
Town Clerk			
T. J. Lawler – Democrat	150	107	43
H. L. Averill – Republican	390	197	90
Lawler's Total Vote	300		
Averill's Total Vote	677		
Averill's Majority	377		
Justice of the Peace			
F. F. Kelly – Democrat	169	105	43
W. E. Spire – Republican	371	189	87
Kelly's Total Vote	317		
Spire's Total Vote	647		
Spire's Majority	330		
Justice of the Peace			
Charles R. Harrison – Democrat	158	102	44
L. C. Ziegler – Republican	371	191	89
Harrison's Total Vote	305		
Ziegler's Total Vote	651		
Ziegler's Majority	346		
Justice of the Peace (to fill vacancy)			
E. D. Lyon – Democrat	155	102	42
W. H. Chapman – Republican	379	197	86
Lyon's Total Vote	299		
Chapman's Total Vote	662		
Chapman's Majority	363		
Assessor – Four Years			
O. M. Hammond – Democrat	151	103	45
C. Belty – Republican	385	192	92
Hammond's Total Vote	299		
Belty's Total Vote	669		
Belty's Majority	370		
Assessor – Two Years			
Collins Payne – Democrat	166	102	41
F. T. Boutall - Republican	371	195	84
Payne's Total Vote	309		
Boutall's Total Vote	650		
Boutall's Majority	341		
Superintendent of Highways			
H. Ostrander – Democrat	202	102	49
H. O. Young – Republican	339	186	89
Ostrander's Total Vote	473		
Young's Total Vote	641		
Young's Majority	241(?)		
Collector			
George Fitzgerald – Democrat	149	93	39
John VanHall – Republican	385	200	94
Fitzgerald's Total Vote	281		
VanHall's Total Vote	679		

VanHall's Majority	398		
Overseer of the Poor			
T. B. Smith – Democrat	145	109	42
A. C. Hopkins – Republican	386	190	89
Smith's Total Vote	296		
Hopkins' Total Vote	665		
Hopkins' Majority	369		
Constables			
George Throop – Dem. & Republican	243	141	53
Total Vote	437		
George J. McKnutt – Democrat	162	99	43
Total Vote	304		
C. Henry Harrison – Democrat	166	111	45
Total Vote	325 (?)		
Charles Hoad – Democrat	146	92	46
Total Vote	284		
George Griffin – Republican	346	173	68
Total Vote	587		
W. H. Dennis – Republican	337	155	68
Total Vote	560		
Joseph Mumby – Republican	356	182	72
Total Vote	610		

We, the undersigned, comprising a majority of the Palmyra Town Board in session as a Board of Canvassers at the Town Clerk's Office on Thursday, November 6, 1919, do hereby make the following statement and determination:

That George S. Johnson, having received the greatest number of votes cast at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 1919, for the office of Supervisor, we declare him elected.

That Harry L. Averill, having received the greatest number of votes cast at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 1919, for the office of Town Clerk, we declare him elected.

That W. E. Spire, Louis C. Ziegler, and William H. Chapman, having the highest number of votes cast for the offices of Justice of the Peace at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 1919, we declare them each elected.

That Christopher Belty, having received the greatest number of votes cast for Assessor for 4 years at the General election held on Tuesday, November 4, 1919, we declare him elected.

That Frank T. Boutall, having received the greatest number of votes cast for Assessor for two years cast at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 1919, we declare him elected.

That Hiram O. Young, having received the greatest number of votes cast for the office of Superintendent of Highways at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 1919, we declare him elected.

That John VanHall, Jr., having received the greatest number of votes cast for the office of Collector at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 1919, we declare him elected.

That Alfred C. Hopkins, having received the greatest number of votes cast for Overseer of the Poor at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 1919, we declare him elected.

That George G. Throop, William H. Dennis, George Griffin, and Joseph Mumby, having received the four highest number of votes cast for the office of Constables at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 1919, we declare them elected.

Signed November 6, 1919. Supervisor
 H. L. Averill Town Clerk
 Justice
 Justice
 Justice

Highway Superintendent C. H. Hedden presented his estimate for highway purposes during 1920; and on motion, duly carried, the estimate was adopted as follows:

For the repair and improvement of town highways, including sluices, culverts, bridges having a span of less than 5 feet	\$6000
For the general repair of all bridges having a span of five feet or more	500
For the purchase and repair of machinery, tool, and implements	1000
For salary and expenses, town superintendent, and deputy, if any	1500

The meeting then adjourned until Friday, November 7, at 10 a.m. H. L. Averill

Adjourned meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Friday, November 7, 1919. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; H. L. Averill, Clerk; T. L. cook, W. E. Spire, and K. F. Young, Justices. The following bills were audited, and the Supervisor was instructed to draw checks in payment of the same:

No.	Name	Service Rendered	Claimed	Allowed
1	Charles McLouth	Election Officer	6.00	6.00
2	George Fitzgerald	"	6.00	6.00
3	O. Clate Siver	"	6.00	6.00
4	Joseph Blaby	"	21.00	16.00
5	Anna F. Jackson	"	27.00	25.00
6	Harry G. chapman	"	27.00	25.00
7	G. A. Tuttle	"	42.04	37.04
8	B. L. Slomas	"	6.00	6.00
9	Otto Ford	"	6.00	6.00
10	James Burns, Jr.	"	22.00	22.00
11	Harry D. Braman	"	22.00	22.00
12	Harlow Verden	"	37.00	36.00
13	Otto Kirchoff	"	23.26	23.26
14	Charles Haskell	"	6.00	6.00
15	Nicholas Lee Warren	"	6.00	6.00
16	George R. Harrison	"	29.00	29.00
17	Charles Woodworth	"	24.00	24.00
18	C. Henry Harrison	"	24.00	24.00
19	Kingsley F. Young	"	29.34	29.34
20	Dr. L. H. Smith	Medical Services at Lockup	16.00	16.00
21	Dr. R. A. Reeves	Vital Statistics	7.25	7.25
22	Dr. D. McPherson	"	3.90	3.90

23	Dr. L. H. Smith	"	16.00	16.00
24	Dr. H. L. Chase	"	10.25	10.25
25	Levi Haak	Care of Cemetery – 2 years	10.00	10.00
26	John DeCann	" 1 year	5.00	5.00
27	W. H. Dennis	Police Service & Meals	373.25	373.25
28	George Griffin	"	9.40	9.40
29	W. H. Fitzgerald	"	60.45	60.45
30	George Throop	"	41.30	41.30
31	C. Belty	Assessor	304.00	304.00
32	T. L. Cook	"	304.00	304.00
33	F. T. Boutall	'	304.00	304.00
34	S. E. Braman	Compensation Insurance	124.50	124.50
35	S. E. Braman	Insurance	12.50	12.50
36	Anna F. Jackson	"	12.50	12.50
37	George S. Tinklepaugh	Legal Services	100.00	100.00
38	Charles C. Congdon	"	10.00	10.00
39	H. R. Knapp & Son	Insurance	56.15	56.15
40	Kingsley F. Young	Truant Officer	75.00	75.00
41	W. E. Spire	Justice - Board Meetings	36.00	36.00
42	T. L. Cook	"	36.00	36.00
43	K. F. Young	"	36.00	36.00
44	S. M. Young	Supervisor - "	36.00	36.00
45	O. J. Garlock Company	Rental – Polling Place	24.00	24.00
46	Adam Ziegler	"	30.00	24.00
47	Dr. R. H. Reeves	Health Officer	177.42	177.42
48	A. C. Hopkins	Overseer of the Poor	300.00	300.00
49	George H. Tripp	Moving Voting Machines	26.00	26.00
50	C. H. Hedden	Superintendent of Highways	1125.00	1125.00
51	H. L. Averill	Town Clerk & Highway Allowance	450.00	450.00
52	S. M. Young	Supervisor	438.72	438.72
53	C. H. Hedden	Expenses & Disbursements	27.77	27.77
54	T. L. Cook	Justice	100.10	100.10
55	Palmyra Printing Compay	Printing & Advertising	149.90	149.90
56	Palmyra Courier	"	154.30	154.30
57	Smith & Ziegler	Supplies	7.65	7.65
58	H. L. Averill	Custodian – Voting Machine	125.00	125.00
59	C. H. Hedden	Hwy. Dept. Disbursements & Bkpg.	100.00	100.00
60	J. B. Lyon Company	Supplies	3.00	3.00
61	H. L. Averill	Disbursements	23.26	23.26
62	H. LaRlue	Labor & Material	17.90	17.90
63	Palmyra Village	Rent – Justice Room	100.00	100.00
	Grand Army Memorial Day & Soldiers' Relief Fund		170.00	100.00

On motion, duly carried, a resolution was adopted allowing the Town Superintendent of Highways the sum of _____ for automobile maintenance during 1920.

On motion, duly carried, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved that the Town of Palmyra Supervisor is hereby empowered to transfer the sum of \$253.80 from the Snow & Misc. Fund to the Machinery Lfund of the Town Hwy. Accounts. The resolution be spread upon the minutes of the meeting and a copy filed with the Town Clerk." –No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.
H. L. Averill, Clerk

Meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Friday, December 19, 1919. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; K. F. Young, W. E. Spire, and T. L. Cook, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Young, and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Cook, duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:
 "Resolved that the Palmyra Town Board emphatically endorsed the proposal to submit to the people of the state a referendum for a hundred million dollar Good Roads Bond issue, and be it

Further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the State Commissioner of Highways, President Pro-Tem of the Senate, Speaker of the Assembly, and members of the legislature from this district."

On motion of Mr. Young, duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:
 "Resolved that the Palmyra Supervisor be empowered to pay from the General Fund the sum of \$369.35, being the Town's pro rata share of cash of legal settlement and judgments of Poor Fund against the Town of Arcadia and Macedon in the Goldschmidt case whereby the Town of Palmyra received the sum of \$868.10 as its share of the final adjustment, and the following statement will show the pro rata of each town:

We hereby certify that the following expenses were incurred and paid by the Towns of Arcadia and Macedon in the Goldschmidt matter:

Goldschmidt Judgments:		
Against the Town of Arcadia	\$252.62	
" Macedon	434.42	693.04
Judge Knapp – Attorney Fees		422.38
Lyons Republican – Printing Brief		<u>177.50</u>
	Total	1542.16

Dated: May 14, 1919

(Signed) Supervisor, Town of Arcadia

“ Durfee Hoag, Supervisor,
 Town of Macedon

The following table shows the amount recovered by each of the ten towns benefited and its pro rata share of the above expenses;

Town	Amt. of Recovery	Ratio of Expenses	Amt. to be refunded to Arcadia and Macedon
Arcadia	\$310.72	.0857	\$132.16
Huron	45.51	.0125	19.28
Macedon	540.77	.1492	230.09
Marion	455.87	.1258	194.00
Ontario	109.11	.0301	46.42
Palmyra	868.10	.2395	369.25
Rose	82.61	.0228	35.16
Sodus	136.00	.0375	57.83
Walworth	170.32	.0470	72.48

Williamson	<u>903.92</u>	.2495	<u>384.77</u>
	3622.72		1542.16

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned. H. L. Averill, Clerk

The annual meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Friday, December 26, 1919. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor, T. L. Cook, K. F. Young, and W. E. Spire, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Young, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Supervisor S. M. Young submitted his annual Financial Report for 1919 with the books, vouchers, and balances. The same were examined and found to be correct; and on motion, same were accepted; and the report was ordered placed on file in the Clerk's Office. The report showed the following balances:

General Town Fund	9512.09	
Accrued Interest from Union Trust Company, Rochester NY	364.23	\$9876.32
General Highway Fund – Item No. 1	3089.68	
Accrued Interst from Union Trust Company, Rochester NY	308.50	3398.18
Special Highway Fund	4400.07	
School Fund	8.84	17683.41

Town Clerk H. L. Averill submitted his annual report for 1919 showing Town Clerk's fees for the year. The reports were compared with the books and records and found to be correct. The report was accepted. The report showed the following:

48 Marriage Licenses	\$1.00	48.00
335 Hunting Licenses	.70	33.50
1 Non-Resident License	.50	.50
223 Dog Licenses	.25	55.75
66 Chattel Mortgages	.12	7.92
		145.67

Fees in the amount of \$145.67 was paid to the Supervisor and placed in the Town's account. The report was ordered placed on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

The meeting then adjourned until Saturday, December 27, to finish the annual settlement of the Town's account.

Adjourned meeting of the Palmyra Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Saturday, December 27, 1919. Present: S. M. Young, H. L. Averill, W. E. Spire, T. L. Cook, K. F. Young. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Young, and the annual report of H. C. Hopkins, Overseer of the Poor was received. After the books, vouchers, order, and report had been compared and found to be correct, the same was adopted and ordered placed on file in the Clerk's Office. The report was as follows:

Receipts		
Balance on Hand from last year		\$33.98
January 4 Received from Supervisor		100.00
February 13 "		50.00

March 13	"		50.00	
May 1	"		100.00	
June 12	"		50.00	
August 5	"		50.00	
December 10	"		<u>50.00</u>	
		Total	\$483.98	
	Paid Out			
January		26.93		
February		24.85		
March		77.31		
April		43.50		
May		35.25		
June		62.50		
July		-0-		
August		-0-		
September		51.78		
October		32.66		
November		45.80		
December		60.11	460.69	
			Balance	\$23.29

Mr. Hopkins' report showed that the total amount aid for the support of the poor for 1919 was \$437.40, which was the smallest amount paid for the Poor Fund in 50 years.

On account of the greatly increased duties of the Town Clerk and the greatly increased amount of business going through the Town Clerk's Office, a resolution was adopted increasing the Town Clerk's salary from \$400 to \$500 per annum beginning on January 1, 1910, which marks the beginning of a new term of that office. All the fees derived from the office being turned over to the Town.

No. further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

H. L. Averill, Clerk

Meeting of the Palmyra Town Board was held at the Town Clerkk's Office on Wednesday, December 31, 1919. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; K. F. Young, W. E. spire, and T. L. Cook, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Young, and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The bonds of the various Town Officers were submitted, and on motion, they were duly approved.

The bill of C. H. Hedden, the retiring Superintendent of Highways, for 39 days' work @ \$5 was presented, audited, and ordered paid.

The bill of Health Officer R. A. Reeves for 78 certificates or returns of contagious diseases amounting to \$15.60 and approved by the State Department of Health was presened; and on motion, same was audited and ordered paid.

The newly elected Supervisor, George S. Johnson and the newly elected Justice of the Peace, L. C. Zieegler were present. The various supervisor and justice books were turned over to them, so they could take up the duties of their offices on January first.

A resolution was adopted fixing the salary of the Town Superintendent of Highways at ____ per day.

A resolution was adopted allowing the Town Superintendent of Highways the sum of \$150 to help defray the expense of operating his automobile while engaged in road work during the year 1920.