

Town of Palmyra Minutes, 1916

Meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Friday, January 21, 1916. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; W. W. Williamson, T. L. Cook, K. F. Young, and W. E. Spire, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Young, and minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The results of the present system of taxing dogs, which went into effect December 1, 1916, was talked over; and the system seems to be giving general satisfaction throughout the township. The matter of fixing a penalty on delinquent dog owners was taken up; and on motion of Mr. Williamson, a resolution was adopted fixing 50 cents as the amount of penalty for each untagged dog that was tagged after January 15, 1916.

On motion of Mr. K. Young, duly seconded, William Haskell was appointed a Constable in place of John Mander, who was elected at the November 2, 1915 election, and who declined to serve. The Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Haskell of the appointment.

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

Meeting of the Town Board was held at the Clerk's Office on Tuesday, February 15, 1916. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; K. F. Young, T. L. Cook, W. Williamson, and W. E. Spire, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Young, and minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The list of Inspectors filed by the Republican and Democratic Parties was examined and in accordance therewith, the following were appointed Inspectors of Election according to law in the three districts of Palmyra:

District No. 1 G. A. Tuttle – Republican
H. G. Chapman – Republican
W. Ray Converse – Democrat
E. W. Anderson – Democrat

District No. 1 Harry Braman – Republican
Harry Sessions – Republican
Otto Ford – Democrat
Harlow Verdee – Democrat

District No. 3 Frank P. Waterman – Republican
Kingsley F. Young – Republican
Charles R. Harrison – Democrat
C. Henry Garrison – Democrat

By motion of Mr. Cook, a resolution was passed authorizing the Supervisor to draw a check in payment of S. E. Braman's bill for surety bonds in the amount of \$118.46.

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

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Friday, March 24th, 1916. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, T. L. Cook, W. E. Spire, and K. F. Young, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk.

Town Superintendent, C. H. Hedden, was present at the meeting; and the agreement for the expenditure of highway money in accordance with Section 105 of the Highway Law was made as follows: \$1200.

For the general repair of the 80 miles of highway in town: \$15.00 per miles.

For the repair and construction of sluices, culverts, and bridges having a span of less than five feet and for the removal of waterbreaks: \$1200.

For the permanent improvement of highway commencing at the Walker Farm and leading to Parker Farm, a distance of 1½ miles grading and gravelling: \$1500.

On the road commencing at the New York Central Pumping Station and leading to East Palmyra, a distance of one mile – surfacing: \$400.

On the road commencing at Barge Canal on Maple Avenue and leading to West Shore Railroad, a distance of 1/8 of a mile – filling and widening road: \$800.

It is also agreed to reserve in the hand of the Supervisor as a Contingent Fund: \$2619.72.

The total receipts and disbursements appearing in agreement are as follows:

Receipts		
Balance, Highway Fund from Previous Year		\$1771.49
Town Highway Tax Levied		5000.00
State Aid to be Received		<u>2175.51</u>
	<i>Total</i>	<u>\$8947.00</u>
 <i>Expenditures as Agreed</i> 		
<i>Average per mile 15 miles @ \$80</i>	<i>1200</i>	
<i>Repair culverts, Sluices, etc.</i>	<i>1200</i>	
<i>Total Special Appropriations</i>	<i>2700</i>	
<i>Reserve Fund</i>	<i>2619.72</i>	
<i>Payt. Of Orders Nos. 1 to 57, inclusive</i>	<u><i>1226,28</i></u>	
		 \$8947.00

Clerk was instructed to fill out blanks of above agreement and forward to State Department.

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, May 16, 1916. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; W. E. Spire, C. W. Williamson, and T. L. Cook, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Young, and minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Clerk reported that highway agreements as made out on March 25, 1916, had been approved and accepted by State Highway Department, and copy of same had been sent back for filing in Town Clerk's Office.

The resignation of W. A. Cady as Assessor was received; and on motion, was accepted and Frnak L. Boutall was appointed to fill the unexpired term, and the Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Boutall of his appointment.

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

Meeting of Town Board was held on Friday, June 16, 1916. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, W. Spire, T. L. cook, and K. F. Young, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor

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

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On motion of Mr. Williaamson, duly seconded and carried, the new highway buillt by the Canal Department of the State leading west from the Palmer Road, passing West Shore Station at Port Gibson and connecting with the Goldsmith Road running north and south, having been approved by the County Superintendent and the Town Superintendent, was duly accepted by this Board; and the Supervisor was instructed to notify the State Department of such acceptance.

On motion of Mr. Cook, duly seconded and carried, the supervisor was instructed to draw the sum of \$26.00 from the Dog Fund to pay the bill of W. A. Parker forrr the making of straps for the dog license plates.

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 Thursday, August 31, 1916. Present: S. M. Young, C. W. Williamson, T. L. Cook, K. F. Young, and W. E. Spire, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Young, and minutes of the last mmeting were read for information.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, duly carried, W. H. Dennis was appointed Truant Offices for the School Districts outside of District No. 1 at a salary of \$50 per year for the coming year.

On motion of Mr. Cook, duly carried, the following places were names for the three districts of Palmyra:

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

The Clerk was instructed to notify W. H. Dennis of his appointment as Truant Officer. KkkAlso District Superintendent of Schools, A. H. McMurray of Walworth.

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

A special meeting of the Palmyra Town Board was held on Wednesday, October 4, 1916, in conjunction with the Arcadia Town Board on the disputed town line road near Oscar Tillotson's farm. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, T. L. Cook, W. E. Sire, and K. F. Young, Justices.

The meeting was called for the purpose of conferring with the Arcadia Town Board on the subject of the disputed town line road near the Tillotson Farm. Arcadia claiming the road was wholly in the Town of Palmyra and should be kept in repair by that town. While Palmyra claimed part of the road was in the Town of Arcadia and part of the expense of maintaining should be paid by Arcadia.

On motion, duly carried, the following agreement was adopted by the two towns:

An agreement made and entered into this 4th day of October, 1916, by and between the Towns of Arcadia and Palmyra, in the County of Wayne and State of New York.

Whereas the question of the location of the highway leading north between the lands of Oscar Tillotson and Frank C. Bailey has for a number of years been the subject of much difference between the said towns of Arcadia and Palmyra, as to which town the said road was in and as to which town should do the work on said highway, with the result that no work has been done on said highway by either of said towns; and in order to settle said matters in difference, the Town Boards of the Towns of Palmyra and Arcadia did, on the fourth (4th) day of October, 1916, meet together on the highway in question for the purpose of settling the question of the proper location of said road or highway; and it was agreed by the respective Boards of the said Towns of Arcadia and Palmyra that said highway should be considered to be upon the town line between the Towns of Palmyra and Arcadia aforesaid:

And whereas the length of said highway is 1554 feet commencing at a stone on the fence line at the south end of said highway and running thence north for the distance of 1554 feet to a point where said highway deflects to the west.

And whereas, the Town Superintendents of Highway of the said towns were present at said meeting; and it was agreed between them that said road should be improved by the said Superintendents acting together; and the expense thereof should be borne jointly by said towns, except that a sluice to be put in said road shall be put in by the Town of Arcadia at its expense; and that after said road is improved to the satisfaction of the said Town Superintendents then; and in that case the Town of Arcadia shall thereafter keep in repair the south one-half of said highway measuring 1554 feet in its entirety; and the Town of Palmyra shall keep in repair the north one-half of said highway measuring 1554 feet in its entirety. Therefore be it resolved: That the above-mentioned and described highway shall be considered to be on the town line between the Towns of Arcadia and Palmyra. The first cost of repairing said road shall be borne equally by the said towns, excepting that the Town of Arcadia shall in the first instance put in the sluice on said road at its own expense. After said highway shall have been improved to the satisfaction of said Town Superintendents. Then and in that case the Town of Arcadia shall thereafter keep in repair the south one-half of said highway; and the Town of Palmyra shall thereafter keep in repair the north one-half of said highway, and be it further resolved:

That this agreement shall be signed in quadruplicate by the Arcadia and Palmyra Town Boards; and the respective Town Superintendents of Highways of said towns and that one copy thereof shall be filed and recorded in the Palmyra Town Clerk's Office, and one copy in the Arcadia Town Clerk's Office, and that one copy shall be filed for record in the Wayne County Clerk's Office. The expense of recording the same shall be borne equally by said towns. One copy shall be filed with the Wayne County Superintendent of Highways.

Witness our hands and seals the day and year first above mentioned. The resolution was signed by the Supervisor and four Justices of the Peace, the Town Clerk, and the Town Superintendent of Highways of Arcadia. Also the Supervisor, the four Justices of the Peace, the Town Clerk, and the Town Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Palmyra. A copy was filed in the Palmyra Town Clerk's Office.

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

The Palmyra Town Board was held at the Clerk's Office on Tuesday, October 17, 1916. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, T. L. Cook, W. E. Spire, and K. F. Young, Justices. Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Young, and minutes of the last meeting were read for information.

The question of the proper mode of voting at the coming General Election, November 7, 1916, was discussed at length as there had been objections raised in some places to the voting by machines, as has been the custom in Palmyra for several years. After due consideration, a resolution was passed setting aside the voting machine for the election of November 7, 1916, and to vote by ballot. The Clerk was instructed to notify the Wayne County Election Commissioners at their office in Clyde of the resolution at once, so that ballots could be arranged as prescribed by law.

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

The meeting of the Town Board was held at the Clerk's Office on Thursday, November 9, 1916. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; T. L. Cook, W. E. Spire, C. W. Williamson, and K. F. Young, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Young, and minutes of the last meeting were read for information.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, duly seconded and carried, Dr. W. J. Hennes was appointed Health Officer for the Town of Palmyra for a term of 4 years.

The advisability of combining the Boards of Health of the Town and the Village of Palmyra was discussed; and a committee consisting of Supervisor Young, Mr. Young, Mr. Williamson, Mr. cook, and Mr. Averill was appointed to confer with the Village Board of Trustees on the subject and report at some future meeting.

Town Superintendent of Highways C. F. Hedden presented his annual estimate for highway purposes, and the same was approved as follows:

First Item – Highway Fund:

For the repair and improvement of town highways, including sluices, culverts, and bridges having a span of less than five feet \$5000

Third Item – Machinery Fund:

For the purchase and repair of machinery, tools, and implements 500

Fourth Item – Miscellaneous Fund:
 For removal of obstruction caused by snow 1000

For cutting weeds, brush, wire fencing, allowance for watering troughs, and other miscellaneous purposes 200

The meeting adjourned to Saturday, January 11, 1917, at 9 a.m. H. L. Averill

Continuation of adjourned meeting of the Town board from November 9, 1916, to November 11, 1916. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, T. L. Cook, W. E. Spire, and K. F. Young, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor; and on motion, duly carried and adopted, the following bills were audited, and the Supervisor was instructed to draw checks in payment of same:

		Claimed	Allowed
1	Otto P. Ford Election Officer	37.68	37.68
2	Joseph Gavin "	16.00	16.00
3	Frank H. Durfee "	19.00	19.00
4	Edward Anderson "	24.00	24.00
5	Harry E. Wing "	6.00	6.00
6	Albert Powers "	11.00	11.00
7	Charles McLouth, Jr. "	11.00	11.00
8	P. A. Green "	16.00	16.00
9	Harlow Verdee "	24.00	24.00
10	Francis L. Beck "	16.00	16.00
11	Harry Sessions "	31.24	31.24
12	C. W. Williamson "	5.00	5.00
13	Henry Mitchell "	16.00	16.00
14	Otto W. Kirchoff "	16.00	16.00
15	W. Ray Converse "	24.00	24.00
16	Roy Smith "	5.00	5.00
17	W. A. Flynn "	5.00	5.00
18	Harry Chapman "	16.84	16.84
19	G. A. Tuttle "	38.08	38.08
20	Harry Braman "	24.00	24.00
21	Don Beal "	5.00	5.00
22	Charles Adams "	11.00	11.00
23	Abram O'Meal "	5.00	5.00
24	Nicholas Luman "	11.00	11.00
25	Charles Woodworth "	16.00	16.00
26	Charles Haskell "	16.00	16.00
27	Charles Harrison "	25.00	25.00
28	Frank Waterman "	33.45	33.45
29	C. Henry Harrison "	31.00	31.00
30	Kingsley F. Young "	33.00	33.00
31	O. J. Garlock & Company Rent – Polling Place	30.00	30.00
32	Adam Ziegler "	30.00	30.00
33	George Abbott School Director	4.00	4.00
34	Kingsley Young "	2.50	2.50
35	Jeremiah Green Cemetery Care	5.00	5.00
36	Valentine Albright "	5.00	5.00
37	W. J. Hennessy Vital Statistics	4.50	4.50
38	D. McPherson "	7.75	7.75

39	Arthur Bremer	"	1.25	1.25
40	H. H. Lapp	"	.25	.25
41	L. B. Darling	"	6.75	6.75
42	L. H. Smith	"	18.50	18.50
43	W. J. Hennessy	Medical Services	13.50	13.50
44	L. B. Darling	"	1.50	1.50
45	Silver & Cady	Election Booth Furniture	4.50	4.50
46	Lincoln Bishop	Surveying Road	20.00	20.00
47	Schlegel Mfg. Company	Supplies	.35	.35
48	S. E. Braman	Compensation Insurance	95.41	95.41
49	Anna F. Jackson	Insurance	12.50	12.50
50	A. R. Knapp & Son	"	31.05	31.05
51	S. E. Braman	"	12.50	12.50
52	George S. Tinklepaugh	Legal Services	70.00	70.00
53	F. E. Rowley	Lumber	.81	.81
54	Smith & Ziegler	Supplies	7.00	7.00
55	Palmyra Village	Rent	100.00	100.00
56	C. Bely	Assessor	186.00	186.00
57	Thomas L. Cook	"	186.00	186.00
58	Frank Boutall	"	186.00	186.00
59	W. J. Hennessy	Health Officer	262.06	262.06
60	C. H. Hedden	Highway Superintendent	960.00	960.00
61	Tuttle & Company, Inc.	Supplies	2.85	2.85
62	Alvin LaRue	Labor & Material	93.34	93.34
63	W. H. Dennis	Truant Officer	50.00	50.00
64	Williamson Law Book Co	Supplies	6.14	6.14
65	W. H. Dennis	Constable	266.25	266.25
66	George Throop	"	126.50	126.50
67	George Griffin	"	41.30	41.30
68	Charles Brazee	"	19.35	19.35
69	Charles Brazee	Pound Keeper & Dog Catcher	33.00	33.00
70	Palmyra Printing Co.	Advertising	121.15	121.15
71	Palmyra Courier	Printing & Advertising q	148.90	148.90
72	A. C. Hopkins	Poormaster – 14 Months	343.66	343.66
73	C. H. Hedden	Disbursements & Travelling	57.03	57.03
74	S. M. Young	Board Meetings	36.00	36.00
75	T. L. Cook	"	36.00	36.00
76	C. W. Williamson	"	36.00	36.00
77	Kingsley Young	"	36.00	36.00
78	H. L. Averill	Town Clerk & Election Services	475.00	475.00
79	H. L. Averill	Highway Law Services	50.00	50.00
80	E. J. Hedden	Highway Services	100.00	100.00
81	C. W. Williamson	Justice of the Peace	333.95	333.95
82	Sanford Young	Supervisor & Expenses	315.78	315.78
83	H. L. Averill	Disbursements	18.00	18.00
84	H. W. Mack	Police Duty – Election	2.00	2.00
85	K. F. Young	Labor & Material – District 3	4.00	4.00
86	L. B. Darling	Contagious Disease Reports	4.50	4.50
87	W. E. Spire	Board Meetings	36.00	36.00
		Sheep Audits		
	C. Bely		86.00	86.00

Grand Army Post	Soldiers' Relief Memorial Day Fund	75.00	75.00
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No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned. H. L. Averill

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The highway estimate was signed by the members of the Board, and one copy was placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

The matter of asking the New York Central Railroad Company to install a flagman at the highway crossing over the central tracks at crossing known as the Water Plug Crossing on the East Palmyra Road was discussed; and on motion of Mr. K. F. Young, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas the tracks of the New York Central Railroad Company cross the main public highway leading from Palmyra Village to Newark in the Town of Palmyra at a point about three miles east of Palmyra Village, which crossing is commonly known as the Water Station Crossing and

Whereas for many reason this particular crossing is more dangerous than the ordinary railroad crossing, and

Whereas many serious accidents have occurred at this crossing, some of which have been fatal accident; and particularly the accident about November first, which resulted in the killing of three persons, and

Whereas in the judgment of this Board such railroad crossing is a dangerous menace to the traveling public using the highway, and

Whereas in the judgment of the Board, the Railroad Company should either provide a flagman or erect and maintain gates to be opened and closed when an engine or train passes, therefore

Be it resolved that the New York Central Railroad Company be, by the Board requested to provide and station a flagman or erect gates to be opened and closed when an engine or train passes over its line and crosses the public highway in the Town of Palmyra, Wayne county, New York, at what is known as the Water Station Crossing, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New York Central Railroad Company and to the Public Service Commission of the State of New York."

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

Annual Town Settlement Day of the Town of Palmyra was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Thursday, December 28, 1916. Present: S. M. Young Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, W. E. Spire, T. L. Cook, and K. F. Young, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Overseer of the Poor, A. C. Hopkins, presented his annual report; and his books for the year were examined and found to be correct. His books and report were approved. The report was as follows:

Total Receipts for year ending December 28, 1916	\$1229.90
Total Disbursements	<u>1188.53</u>
Balance on Hand	\$ 41.37

The reports of records and accounts of Supervisor S. M. Young in all departments of his office were examined and found to be correct. All of his books were signed by the members of the Board.

The report showed the following balances.

The books and records of Town Clerk H. L. Averill were examined and found to be correct and were approved. The report showed the following:

Dog Licenses – Complete	\$325.00
Hunting License Fees	27.40
Marriage License Fees	41.00
Notes & Mortgage	9.48
Disbursements	4.95

The question of the claim that this town might have against the County of Wayne for an alleged apportionment of the moneys raised for the support of the poor at the County House for the last six years was discussed at length, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved that the Board believes that it is for the best interest of the Town of Palmyra that a settlement be had of any claim that this Town may have against the county of Wayne for an alleged apportionment of the moneys raised for the support of the poor at the County House for the last six years; and be it further resolved that the Supervisor of the Town be and hereby is authorized to compromise and settle with the County of Wayne for any and all claims that the Town may have against such county by reason of such alleged illegal apportionment for the sum of \$868.10; and be it

Further resolved that as Herman E. Goldschmidt through his attorney, William W. Gerber, has brought an action in the Supreme Court, County of Wayne, in which the Town of Arcadia was plaintiff and the County of Wayne was defendant for the recovery of such sums as might be found due from the County of Wayne to the Town of Arcadia by reason such alleged illegal apportionment as aforesaid and that the settlement has in a large measure been due to the efforts of said Goldschmidt and Gerber, his attorney, that the town pay from such sum as aforesaid received from the County of Wayne in full of all services of said Goldschmidt or Gerber: 868.10/3622.72 of such sum of \$650. The said Herman E. Goldschmidt by such settlement receiving from the Towns of the County of Wayne who are benefitted by such alleged illegal apportionment the sum of \$650 which is to be apportioned among such ten towns in proportion to the amount received by each of said towns, and the the fraction above given is the apportionate amount that this town is to pay to said Goldschmidt upon the sum so received by it.

Adopted by a full vote; every member voting yes. No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.
H. L. Averill, Clerk