

Town of Palmyra – Minutes for 1912

Special meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Monday, January 8, 1912. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; Thomas L. Cook and S. L. Knapp, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold.

The resignation of W. W. Williamson as Justice of Peace was received; and on motion, duly carried, the same was accepted and placed on file.

The bonds of Mr. Griswold were accepted, and a copy of the bond placed on file.

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, February 2, 1912. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; T. L. Cook and L. L. Warner, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold, and minutes of the last meeting were read for information.

Hudson Langdon appeared before the Board relative to cleaning up the old cemetery property on Maple Avenue. On motion, duly carried, Mr. Langdon was authorized to clean up that property and render bill for same to the Town Board.

On motion, duly carried, the Supervisor was authorized to pay the following bills to Election Inspectors, owners of polling places, and carpenter work done on booths for the three days for the enrollment of voters out of the General Fund, and the Clerk was instructed to draw orders for the following amounts:

G. A. Tuttle	Inspector	\$34.16 (chairman and stamps)
Claude Palmer	Inspector	12.00
Charles F. Powers	Inspector	12.00
G. D. VanAlstine	Inspector	12.00
F. B. Smith	Inspector	14.40 (stamps)
F. T. Boutall	Inspector	28.72 (chairman & stamps)
E. J. Burns	Inspector	14.40 (stamps)
Fred H. Durfee	Inspector	14.40 (stamps)
Clarence S. Brown	Inspector	12.00
E. J. Hedden	Inspector	12.00
Charles R. Harrison	Inspector	26.48 (chairman & stamps)
R. N. Reeves	Inspector	13.50 (stamps)
E. L. Hurlburt	Carpenter Work	23.46
Bennett & Mason	Rent	18.00
Adam Ziegler	Rent	<u>18.00</u>
		\$265.52

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

H. L. Averill

Regular meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town clerk's Office on Friday, March 29, 1912. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; T. L. Cook and J. L. Warner, Justices; C. H. Hedden, Town Superintendent; and H. L. Averill, Town Clerk. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold, and minutes of the last meeting were read for information.

The resignation of Daniel Meulendyke was received; and upon motion, duly carried, the same was accepted.

On motion, duly carried, the bills of the following Election Inspectors, Poll Clerks, Ballot Clerks, etc. for duty performed at the primary election were audited; and the Clerk was instructed to draw orders for the same designating them as special audits of March 29, 1912:

No. 1	G. A. Tuttle	Inspector	\$11.84
2	S. D. VanAlstine	Inspector	5.00
3	E. M. Anderson	Inspector	5.00
4	Claude A. Palmer	Inspector	5.00
5	A. C. Hopkins	Poll Clerk	5.00
6	Charles W. Williamson	Poll Clerk	5.00
7	Thomas J. Griffin	Ballot Clerk	5.00
8	Harry E. Wing	Ballot Clerk	5.00
9	Walter J. Gorman	Inspector	5.00
10	E. J. Burns	Inspector	5.00
11	F. Royden Jackman	Inspector	5.00
12	F. T. Boutall	Inspector	12.16
13	John Phelps	Inspector	5.00
14	Fred H. Durfee	Ballot Clerk	5.00
15	Harry D. Braman	Ballot Clerk	5.00
16	Frank G. Orlopp	Ballot Clerk	5.00
17	Charles R. Harrison	Election Inspector	12.24
18	Clarence Brown	Election Inspector	7.50
19	E. J. Hedden	Election Inspector	5.00
20	Frank Waterman	Election Inspector	5.00
21	R. N. Reeves	Poll Clerk	5.00
22	C. H. Haskell	Poll Clerk	5.00
23	Daniel Meulendyke	Ballot Clerk	5.00
24	C. Henry Harrison	Ballot Clerk	5.00
25	Bennett & Mason	Rent	6.00
26	Adam Ziegler	Rent	8.00
27	S. E. Braman	Insurance on Bonds	27.00

On motions, duly carried, the following sums of money were set aside for permanent work and improvements on the highways, bridges, etc. of the Town of Palmyra during 1912:

Fifteen dollars per mile for 80 miles of highway in town for the general primary work.

\$300 for grading and graveling Maple Avenue $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles from West Shore Railroad north to New York Central Railroad.

\$1000 for the repair and construction of sluices, culverts, and bridges having a span of less than five feet.

\$600 for grading and graveling road leading from Brown's Corners west to town line, a distance of $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

\$800 for grading and graveling Walker Road northwest from NY Central Station to Durfee's Corners.

\$300 for grading and graveling road leading from Jeffery's Corners to the Rodney Parker farm.

\$800 on the road commencing at Charles Eldridge's to town line 1¼ miles

There shall also be kept in hands of the Supervisor the sum of \$2072.07 for a Reserve Fund.

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

A special meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Saturday, April 6, 1912. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; J. L. Warner and T. L. Cook, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold, and the minutes of the last meeting were read for information.

The matter of a Justice of the Peace was brought up; and upon motion, duly carried, Charles W. Williamson was duly appointed a Justice of the Peace in place of W. W. Williamson, resigned. The Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Williamson of said appointment and to file notice of appointment in records of the Town.

On motion, duly carried, Daniel Meulendyke was appointed a Constable for the third district of Palmyra. The Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Meulendyke of said appointment and to file notice of appointment on the records of the Town.

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

Regular meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Friday, April 19, 1912. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; James L. Warner, T. L. Cook, and C. W. Williamson, Justices; C. H. Hedden, Superintendent of Highways; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold; minutes of the last regular meeting and special meeting were read and approved.

A bill in the sum of \$18.30 was received from Martha L. Lytle as administratrix for the estate of James P. Lytle, Constable, for service rendered to the Town from date of last auditing day to time of his death. Upon motion, duly carried, the Clerk was instructed to draw an order for the amount.

On motion of Justice Warner, duly seconded, George G. Throop was appointed to the office of Constable to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James P. Lytle. The Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Throop of said appointment and to file the appointment on records of the Town.

On motion of Mr. Cook, duly carried, Fred H. Durfee was appointed Justice of the Peace of the Town of Palmyra to fill the vacancy caused by the failure to qualify of Spencer L. Knapp, who was elected in November last. The Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Durfee of his appointment and to file the appointment in the records of the Town.

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, May 17, 1912. Present: Charles F. Griswold, Supervisor; James L. Warner, T. L. cook, and C. W. Williamson, Justices; C. H. Hedden, Superintendent; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Owing to the absence of Mr. Griswold at the meeting, same was called to order by Clerk; and Mr. Cook was chosen Chaairman, who asked for reading of minutes.

Clerk reported that he notified George G. Throop of his appointment as Town constable to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James P. Lytle; and that Mr. Throop had filed his oath of office—also his acceptance and undertaking.

Clerk also reported that he had notified Fred H. Durfee of his appointment as a Justice of the Peace in place of Spencer L. Knapp, who did not qualify after his election; but up to the present time, Mr. Durfee had neither filed his acceptance or oath of office.

A bill of \$25.52 was present by Health Officer Hennessy for money advanced for supplies. Upon motion, duly carried, the same was ordered paid, and the Clerk was instructed to draw an order for that amount.

Superintendent Hedden reported that the proposition of covering the flooring of the highway bridge over the creek on Railroad Avenue with concrete was found to be impossible, and that he would make arrangements to have it planked according to the agreement existing between the Town and the New York Central Railroad Company.

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

Regular meeting of the Plamyra Town Board was held at the Town clerk's Office on Friday, June 14, 1912. Present: C. F. Griswold, T. L. cook, J. L. Warner, and H. L. Averill. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold, and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Superintendeent of Highways, C. H. Hedden was present and told of work now being done on the highways of the town.

Overseer of the Poor, A. C. Hopikins, appeared before the Board and reported cases relative to the Poor Fund.

Clerk reported that Fred H. Durfee, who was appointed Justice of the Peace in place of Spencer L. Knapp on april 19, and who had been officially notified of said appointment had declined to serve.

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

Regular meeting of the Town board was held at the Office of the Town clerk on Friday, August 16, 1912. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; T. L. Cook and C. W. Williamson, Justices; H. L. Averill, Clerk; and C. H. Hedden, Superintendent of Highways. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold, and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, a resolution was passed authorizing the Town Clerk to furnish a bond of \$500 to be approved by the Board in accordance with the new law requiring all town clerks to furnish bonds.

On motion of Mr. Averill, duly carried, Mr. Williamson was authorized to purchase a filing cabinet for justice blanks, papers, etc. from the Williamson Law Book Company for the use of the town justices.

Mr. Hedden, Town Superintendent of Highways, was present at the meeting and states that the road work throughout the town was progressing finally and that the lumber had been ordered for the planking of the highway bridge on Railroad Avenue over Mud Creek and that same would be done as soon as the material arrived. Half of the expense of such labor and material is to be paid by the New York Central Railroad Company.

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

Special meeting of the Town Board was held on Tuesday, September 3, 1912, for the purpose of designating polling places and for the transaction of any other business that was necessary. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, J. L. Warner, and T. L. Cook, Justices of the Peace; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Griswold, and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion, duly carried, the following places were designated for election and polling places for the coming year:

- District No. 1 – Justice Room, Village Hall
- 2 – Bennett & Mason's Office, Main Street
- 3 - Adam Ziegler's Shop, East Palmyra

On motion of Mr. Williamson, duly carried, a resolution was passed empowering the Supervisor to confer with the Election Commissioners regarding the necessity of re-adjusting the three voting machines of the town to comply with the Election Law; and if necessary, to have them shipped to the factory at Jamestown for the work.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned after the reading of the minutes.

H. L. Averill, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Friday, October 18, 1912. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; T. L. Cook and C. W. Williamson, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold, and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Griswold reported that he had conferred with the Election Commissioners and the officials of other towns in the county regarding the question of having the Town's voting machines re-adjusted to comply with the present Election Law at a cost of about \$40 per machine. As the Commissioners recommended the laying aside of the machines for the year, and as most of the other towns in the county were going to accept the Commissioners' recommendations, he had notified the Town Clerk to inform the Commissioners that Palmyra would vote by ballot at the General Election held on November 5, 1912.

A resolution was passed authorizing the Town Clerk to provide a sufficient number of voting booths and ballot boxes to comply with the law, to be used at the General Election on November 5, 1912.

No further business appearing, the minutes were read and approved; and 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 7, 1912. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, T. L. Cook, and J. L. Warner, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold.

Motion, duly carried, that the vote of School Director was canvassed and showed the following result:

	Office of School Director		
	District No. 1	No. 2	No. 3
Fred L. Reeves – D	142	139	37
Kingsley F. Young – R	249	143	77
Fred L. Boynton – L	<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	392	282	114

Kingsley F. Young, having received the greatest number of votes, was declared elected.

At the conclusion of the canvass, the Board adjourned as a Board of Canvassers and organized as a Town Board for the purpose of auditing the highway bills and making their estimate for highway work and for auditing the annual town accounts.

Superintendent C. H. Hedden presented the following estimate for highway purposes for the coming year; and upon motions, duly carried, it was accepted. The estimate follows:

For the respair and improvement of town highways including sluices, culverts, and bridges having a span of less than 5 feet - \$4000

Bridge Fund	300
Repair of all Bridges	100
Machinery Fund	300
Miscellaneous Fund	500

The following bills were audited at the meeting held on November 7 and the adjourned meeting on November 8, 1912:

No.	Name	Service Rendered	Claimed	Allowed
1	S. D. VanAlstine	Inspector	20.00	20.00
2	E. J. Hedden	Inspector	33.26	33.26
3	E. J. Burns	Inspector	31.00	25.00
4	O. Clate Silver	Inspector	26.00	21.00
5	Roydon Jackman	Inspector	38.92	32.92
6	Walker J. Gorman	Inspector	4.00	4.00
7	Clarence Brown	Inspector	33.27	27.00
8	Charles Harrison	Inspector	38.24	32.24
9	Frank T. Boutall	Inspector	38.16	32.16
10	T. A. Tuttle	Inspector	45.61	39.61
11	Kingsley Young	Poll Clerk	10.00	5.00

12	Charles Haskell	Poll Clerk	15.00	9.00
13	Spencer L. Knapp	Poll Clerk	5.00	5.00
14	J. W. Phelps	Poll Clerk	4.00	4.00
15	Harry Braman	Poll Clerk	10.00	9.00
16	Frank Orlopp	Poll Clerk	5.00	5.00
17	A. C. Hopkins	Poll Clerk	4.00	4.00
18	C. W. Williamson	Poll Clerk	4.00	4.00
19	W. Ray Converse	Ballot Clerk	5.00	5.00
20	C. Henry Harrison	Ballot Clerk	10.00	5.00
21	W. J. Chittenden	Ballot Clerk	5.00	4.00
22	James Cambier	Ballot Clerk	5.00	4.00
23	Martin Clancy	Ballot Clerk	5.00	4.00
24	George Parshall	Ballot Clerk	10.00	9.00
25	Charles Chisholm	Ballot Clerk	5.00	5.00
26	Arie Tack	Ballot Clerk	5.00	5.00
27	Eugene Smith	Inspector	5.00	5.00
28	E. Dick Lyon	Inspector	30.00	25.00
29	Bennett & Mason	Polling Places Rent	36.00	36.00
30	Adam Ziegler	Polling Places Rent	36.00	36.00
31	S. E. Braman	Insurance	12.50	12.50
32	Anna F. Jackson	Insurance	12.50	12.50
33	W. A. Sullivan	Poll Clerk	10.00	9.00
34	G. A. Tuttle	Supplies	11.62	11.62
35	Sanford Young	Copying Tax Books & Audits	50.00	50.00
36	F. E. Rowlwy	Lumber	28.40	28.40
37	Central NY Gas & Elec	Lighting Election Booths	2.31	2.31
38	Lyons Republican	Printing Ballots	23.35	23.35
39	A. R. Knapp	Insurance	31.05	31.05
40	C. H. Tinklepaugh	Legal Services	35.00	35.00
41	W. H. Langdon	Labor	11.00	11.00
42	L. B. Darling	Vital Statistics	15.00	15.00
43	W. J. Hennessy	Vital Statistics	3.75	3.75
44	Arthur Bismire	Vital Statistics	2.00	2.00
45	H. L. Chase	Vital Statistics	6.25	6.25
46	C. McPherson	Vital Statistics	5.00	5.00
47	Smith & Ziegler	Supplies	7.00	7.00
48	Williamson Law Bk Co.	Supplies	29.05	29.05
49	E. L. Hurlburt	Labor: Booths & Boxes	87.92	87.92
50	Thomas Griffin	Police Services	12.35	12.35
51	Fred F. Kelly	Police Justice	96.65	96.65
52	George Throop	Constable; Feeding Prisoners	179.80	179.80
53	W. H. Dennis	Constable; Feeding Prisoners	307.40	307.40
54	W. H. Dennis	Truant Officer	50.00	50.00
55	George Griffin	Police	9.65	9.65
56	Silore & Cady	Furniture – Election Day	7.50	7.50
57	W. H. Johnson	Automobile Hire	20.00	20.00
58	L. H. Smith	Vital Statistics	7.50	7.50
59	W. J. Hennessy	Health Officer	115.67	115.67
60	W. J. Hennessy	Contagious Diseases Report	36.75	36.75
61	W. J. Hennessy	Medical Services	5.00	5.00
62	Village of Palmyra	Justice Room Rent	100.00	100.00

63	Palmyra Printing Company	Printing & Advertising	128.10	128.10
64	Palmyra Courier	Printing & Advertising	152.75	152.75
65	C. H. Hedden	Supt. of Highways	916.00	916.00
66	Ellison Hedden	Asst. Supt. of Highways	50.00	50.00
67	C. Belty	Assessor	141.00	141.00
68	T. L. Cook	Assessor	141.00	141.00
69	J. L. Warner	Assessor	141.00	141.00
70	A. C. Hopkins	Overseer of the Poor	250.00	250.00
71	T. L. Cook	Justice Services	53.60	53.60
72	J. L. Warner	Justice Services	30.00	30.00
73	C. W. Williamson	Justice Services	100.65	100.65
74	C. F. Griswold	Supervisor	184.00	184.00
75	H. L. Averill	Town Clerk	336.20	336.20
76	H. L. Averill	Disbursements	8.40	8.40
77	E. W. Anderson	Inspector	4.00	4.00
78	S. E. Braman	Bond	6.67	6.67
79	Fred L. Boynton	Ballot Clerk	9.00	9.00
80	Claude A. Palmer	Inspector	25.00	21.00
81	Mason & Herbert	Labor on Booth	<u>1.80</u>	<u>1.80</u>
		Totals	\$4564.60	\$4496.33

On motion, duly carried, the Clerk was instructed to draw orders in payment of the foregoing amounts, making same orders payable after February 15, 1913.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

H. L. Averill, Clerk

Annual Town Settlement Day for the Town of Palmyra held at the Town Clerk's Office on Saturday, December 28, 1912. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, T. L. Cook, and J. L. Warner, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold, and minutes of the previous meeting were read for information.

The accounts of Overseer of the Poor, A. C. Hopkins, were examined and audited; and with his annual report were accepted and ordered placed on file. The report showed expenditures of \$846.69 for the year 1912; receipts amounting to \$896.67, and a balance on hand as of December 31, 1912, of \$49.98.

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

The report of the Soldiers' Relief and Memorial Day Fund showed receipts for the year amounting to \$134.70 with expenditures amounting to \$73.30, leaving a balance in the fund on December 31, 1912, of \$61.40. On motion, duly carried, the report was accepted and order placed on file.

On motion duly carried, the following resolution was carried: Resolved, that the Supervisor be authorized to pay to the County Treasurer from the General Fund of the town the sum of \$1453.06, the same being the amount charged to the Town of Palmyra as the town's share for the construction of county highways on Canandaigua Street during the year 1912.

On motion, duly carried, the following resolution was offered and adopted: Resolved that beginning with January 1, 1913, the salary of the Town Clerk shall be fixed at \$400 annually in lieu of all fees coming into that office, which fees shall be paid over to the Supervisor.

On motion, duly carried, the following resolution was offered and adopted: Resolved that the Supervisor be authorized to pay all bills on the Miscellaneous Account presented to him by the Town Superintendent of Highways.

On motion, duly carried, the following resolution was offered and adopted: Resolved that the compensation of the Supervisor and Town Clerk under the Highway Law be fixed at the same rate as last year--\$125 annually for the Supervisor, and \$50 annually for the Town Clerk.

On motion, duly carried, the following resolution was adopted: Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Palmyra has been informed that the County Treasurer of the County of Wayne has paid the sum of \$1453.06, being fifteen per cent of the amount claimed to be due by this town for the construction of county highways in this town for the year 1912, and

Whereas by Chapter 83 of the Laws of 1912, towns were exempted from the payment of any amount by reason of the construction of County Highways,

Now therefore be resolved that the Supervisor of this town be and hereby is authorized to file with the Court of Claims and with the Attorney General notice of intention to present a claim as against the State of New York for the recovery back of the amount so paid for the construction of county highways in this town for the year 1912,

And be it further resolved that the Supervisor of this town be and hereby is authorized to take any further steps in the employment of counsel or in the signing of pleadings or notices as may be necessary to carry through to completion the prosecution of such claim as against the state.

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