

Town of Palmyra – Minutes for 1906

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held in the Justice Room, Village Hall on Thursday, March 1st, 1906. Present: R. N. Backus, Supervisor; R. H. Barehaus, Town Clerk; M. C. Finley, E. H. Clark, C. F. Griswold, and J. M. Sutphen, Justices of the Peace.

Supervisor Backus declared the meeting in order for business.

On motion, the Supervisor was instructed to appoint a committee of one to place on the contents of the town road machinery building an amount of insurance not to exceed \$2500. Carried.

Supervisor Backus read the report from the County Commissioner on Good Roads for information and later for approval by the Town Board.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to March 8th at 2 p.m.

R. H. Barehaus, Town Clerk

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Supervisor Backus declared the meeting in order for business.

Supervisor Backus reported a committee of one that he had placed \$1000 with Braman; \$1000 with Mips Jackson, and \$500 with A. R. Knapp on the contents of the town road machinery building. Approved.

On motion, it was recommended to the Supervisor to build state roads under the five million appropriation by Mr. Clark from the NYC depot north on the Marion Road to the town line, deducting about one mile completed by the town would leave about 3½ miles. Carried. By Mr. Barehaus from the village line south on Canandaigua Street to the town line, estimated about 1¼ mile. By Mr. Clark north from the four corners in East Palmyra on the road known as Warner Road to the town line, estimated about four miles. Carried. By Mr. Barehaus from the village line on Vienna Street east to Button and Briggs corner, thence north and east past John Nichols to the Clifton Road, thence south on the Clifton road to the town line, estimated 2½ miles. Carried.

By Mr. Griswold from the village line north from church Street, thence north through Maple Avenue to the town line, estimated about four miles. By Mr. Finley from the intersection of Fayette Street, east on Foster Street, thence north and east on Johnson Street to the town line. Carried.

On motion, the supervisor was instructed to sell the Obryan watch at the best possible price and credit the amount to the Poor Fund.

On motion, the Board concurs with the action of the Building Committee in disposing of the shed on the Ennis farm to C. D. Stupplebeers for \$10.00. The same, when paid, to be credited to the Bridge Fund.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

Minutes of a meeting of the town board held in the Justice Room, Village Hall on Thursday, April 19th, 1906. Present: R. N. Backus, Supervisor; M. C. Finley, C. F. Griswold, E. H. Clark, and J. M. Sutphen, Justices; and C. H. Hedden, Highway Commissioner.

Supervisor Backus presided and declared the meeting in order for business.

On motion, the supervisor was instructed to draw a check on the Road fund for \$817.50 to pay for rent of the road roller for the ensuing year.

On motion, the supervisor was instructed to set aside \$30.00 per mile for the maintenance and improvement of the several roads in the town for 60 miles. Total mount \$1800.00.

On motion, that \$600.00 be set aside for the improvement of the Walker Road—two miles.

On motion, that \$100.00 be set aside for the improvement of the east end of the East Palmyra Road, and \$300.00 on the west end of the East Palmyra Road west to the pump station.

On motion, it was carried that the stated meetings of the Town board be held on the third Friday of each month, unless called by the Supervisor.

Motion made and carried that the supervisor appoint a committee of three, including the Highway Commissioners to examine the bridges in regard to painting and flooring. The following committee was appointed: M. C. Finley, R. H. Barehaus, and C. H. Hedden with power to do what seems necessary for the improvement of the bridges.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town board held in the Justice Room, village Hall on Saturday, May 5th, 1906. Present: R. N. Backus, Supervisor; M.

C. Finley, J. M. Sutphen, E. H. Clark, and C. F. Griswold, Justices of the Peace; and R. H. Barehaus, Town Clerk.

Supervisor Backus presided and declared the meeting in order for business.

On motion made that \$200.00 (Two Hundred Dollars) be set aside for the improvement of the Port Gibson Road via Canal. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that \$200.00 be set aside to be used on the Smith road leading to Port Gibson, estimated two miles.

On motion that \$197.91 be used on the Marion Road. Carried.

Motion made that the Supervisor be instructed to pay bill of the Buffalo Pitts Company for \$19.34. Carried.

Motion made that the Supervisor pay to H. P. Knowles \$100.00 for Memorial Day from the General Fund.

The minutes of April 16th and May 5th in regard to the apportionment of the road money was signed by the Board, and the report sent to Albany.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

R. H. Barehaus, Town Clerk

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held in the Justice Room, Village Hall on Wednesday, June 20th, 1906. Present: R. N. Backus, Supervisor; M. C. Finley, J. M. Sutphen, E. H. Clark, C. F. Griswold, and R. H. Barehaus, Town Clerk.

Supervisor Backus declared the meeting in order for business.

The meeting was called to order for the purpose of discussing the proposed elimination of the present town bridge over Mud Creek and the building of a new bridge across the proposed change in the course of Mud Creek.

On Motion, the Supervisor was instructed to cancel the insurance policies on the machinery of the Town, as the wind had blown down the storehouse on Kent Street, and to pay from the General Fund the amount of accrued insurance to date of cancellation.

On motion, the Board adjourned to Friday at 8 p.m.

R. H. Barehaus, Town Clerk

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held in the Justice Room, Village Hall on Friday, June 22nd, 1906. Present: R. N. Backus, Supervisor; M. C. Finley, J. M. Sutphen, C. F. Griswold, E. H. Clark, and R. H. Barehaus, Town Clerk.

The meeting was called jointly with the Village Board in regard to the proposed change in the course of Mud Creek by the NYC and H. R. Railway. The Town Board agreeing with everything that the Railway Company requested except the removal of the town bridge and that was left for future discussion.

No further business. On motion, the meeting adjourned.

R. H. Barehaus, Town Clerk

Correction of minutes: In regard to the future decision of the Town board, the Board request of the Railroad Company the right-of-way along the south side of the West Shore Railway for road purpose, and the bridge to be removed to connect the same.

R. H. Bareham, Town Clerk

Minutes of a special meeting of the Town Board held in the Justice Room, Village Hall on Monday, July 9th, 1906. Present: R. N. Backus, Supervisor; R. H. Bareham, Town Clerk; M. C. Finley, C. F. Griswold, J. M. Sutphen, and E. H. Clark, Justices of the Peace.

Supervisor Backus called the meeting to order.

The meeting was called for the purpose of receiving the resignation of R. H. Bareham, Town Clerk and the appointment of the Board of a Town Clerk in place of said R. H. Bareham and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

The resignation of R. H. Bareham was read by the Supervisor; and on motion, the same was accepted.

On motion made and seconded, the board proceeded to ballot for Town Clerk to fill the vacancy, and Harry L. Averill receiving the majority of votes cast. On motion was unanimously elected Town Clerk in and for the Town of Palmyra.

On motion, H. L. Averill was designated to act on Bridge, Finance, and Building Committees.

On motion of Mr. Clark, the following resolution was offered, and the same was unanimously adopted: Whereas, R. H. Bareham having resigned his office as Clerk of the Town of Palmyra, on account of his

having accepted the appointment of Postmaster at Palmyra, we, the members of the Town Board of said town hereby adopt resolutions as follows: Resolved, that we desire to commend Mr. Bareham, officially, for his marked ability and fidelity displayed while discharging his duties as Town Clerk. We would thank him for his uniform courtesy shown toward all with whom he has come in contact; and also for special favors received by us at his hands. We regret that socially, we are to be deprived at our future meetings, of his genial presence.

Resolved, that we congratulate Mr. Bareham and the Town of Palmyra on the fact of his having held the office of Town Clerk longer, we believe, than any of his predecessors.

Resolved, that the above resolutions be presented to the retired Clerk, and a copy thereof spread upon the records of the Town of Palmyra.

R. N. Backus, Supervisor
M. C. Finley
J. M. Sutphen
C. F. Griswold
E. H. Clark

Regular meeting of Town Board held in Village Hall on Friday, July 20, 1906. Present: R. N. Backus, Supervisor; M. C. Finley, E. H. Clark, J. M. Sutphen, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Town Clerk.

Minutes of previous meeting read, and after the word "appointed" had been substituted for the word "elected," and the addition of "Mr. Bareham's unexpired term" inserted regarding the appointment of Averill, the same were adopted.

On motion made by Mr. Finley, duly seconded, the Supervisor and Clerk were empowered to see about securing a suitable filing case for the Town Clerk's office.

On motion of Mr. Finley, duly seconded, the Commissioner of Highways was empowered to have postals printed regarding the cutting of weeds, etc.

No further business appearing, meeting adjourned.

H. L. Averill,

Special meeting of Town Board held at Justice Room in Village Hall on Friday evening, August 3, 1906, to meet the representatives of New York Central Railroad Company and for the transaction of such other business as might come before the meeting. Present: R. N. Backus, Supervisor;

M. C. Finley, C. F. Griswold, and E. H. Clark, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk.

The matter of giving the Central Railroad Company the right to straighten out the courses of Red and Mud Creeks at the Railroad Avenue crossings was discussed, and on motion of Mr. Clark, duly seconded, the following resolution and agreement was adopted.

Whereas, it is desired to change a portion of the courses of Mud Creek and Red Creek in the Village of Palmyra, County of Wayne and State of New York, so that the channels of said streams shall be united and flow in the course marked "Proposed New Channel" as shown on the blueprint hereto attached; and

Whereas, the construction of such new channel for the waters of said streams will require the construction of a bridge at the place marked "A" on said blueprint where Railroad Avenue will cross the proposed new channel of said creeks, and the elimination of a bridge at the place marked "B" on said blueprint where Railroad Avenue now crosses a branch of Mud Creek; and

Whereas, at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Palmyra duly held on August 3rd, 1906, it was on motion duly resolved that the following agreement be entered into with the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company; and that the Supervisor, Town Clerk, and Highway Commissioners be authorized to execute the same for and on behalf of the said Town of Palmyra.

Now, therefore, this agreement witnesseth, that the Town of Palmyra in the County of Wayne and State of New York, hereinafter throughout called the party of the first part, and New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, hereinafter throughout called the party of the second part, in consideration of the premises and the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) each to the other paid at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledge, have covenanted and agreed, and by these presents do covenant and agree to and with each other as follows:

1st: That the party of the second part may change the courses of Mud Creek and Red Creek as shown on said blueprint hereto attached, and construct a new channel for the waters of said creeks as shown on said blueprint and marked "Proposed Channel," and hereafter divert the waters of said creeks through the said new channel.

2nd: That the party of the second part shall fill up that portion of Mud Creek now bridged by Railroad Avenue at the place marked "B" on said blueprint, and construct a pipe culvert at least two feet in diameter, in the present channel of Mud Creek under the said bridge, for the purpose of

affording drainage for the water that may accumulate east of Railroad Avenue at that place, and which said culvert shall be maintained by said party of the second part. The said bridge crossing the channel of Mud Creek so to be filled in, shall remain, however, the property of the Town of Palmyra as heretofore, and shall be moved by the party of the second part, to the lot now owned by said party of the first part on Kent Street.

3rd: That the party of the second part shall construct a bridge crossing proposed new channel of said creeks at the place marked "A" on said blueprint, for the purpose of carrying Railroad Avenue over the said proposed new channel. Such new bridge shall be at least twenty-six (26) feet in width from center to center of trusses, and shall have two sidewalks outside of the trusses—one on each side, each six (6) feet in width and protected by good safe railings. The said bridge shall be constructed for highway traffic, and as shown on blueprint hereto attached and marked "Proposed New Bridge," and shall be designed to carry live loads of twenty-five (25) tons. In the first instance, the roadway of said bridge shall be planked, and the bridge painted by the said party of the second part, and the party of the first shall thereafter maintain and keep in repair the roadway and paint the said bridge, and the party of the second part shall, within fifteen days after presentation of detailed bills therefore, pay unto said party of the first part, one-half (1/2) of the expense of said maintenance and also one-half (1/2) of the expenses of the Highway Commissioner in connection with the care thereof, and the party of the second part shall also renew and keep in repair the framework of said bridge and the abutments.

4th: That during the work of construction, the new channel for Mud Creek and Red Creek as above-mentioned, the party of the second part shall, at its own expense, construct safe temporary roadways suitable for the ordinary highway traffic of Kent Street and Railroad Avenue, as may be required by the doing of such work, and shall also save harmless the party of the first part from all damages occasioned to third party by the negligence of the party of the second part during the performance of said work.

5th: That this agreement shall be subject to the party of the second part securing title of the land upon which such new channel and street are to be constructed.

6th: That nothing herein contained shall be deemed to operate as a change of the present south bounds of the party of the first part, and said south bounds of the party of the first part, shall be permanently marked by suitable monuments, by the party of the second part.

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

Regular meeting of the Town Board held in the Justice Room in the Village Hall on Friday, August 31. Present: R. N. Backus, Supervisor; M. C. Finley, J. M. Sutphen, and C. F. Griswold, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk.

Meeting called to order by Mr. Backus, and minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

A copy of a claim against the Town for \$5000 was filed by Joseph Warner for damages alleged to be due said Warner for injury received by tipping over the bank at the side of the road near the Rogers farm on Vienna Street. Mr. Warner was present and discussed the matter with the Board, but no action was taken.

On motion by Mr. Finley, George Throop was appointed Truant and Attendance Officer for the Town of Palmyra.

On motion of Mr. Finley, the Building Committee consisting of Backus, Griswold, and Averill was instructed to attend to the re-building of the town structure on Kent Street.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

H. L. Averill, Clerk

Special meeting of the Town Board held at the Justice Room in the Village Hall on Monday p.m., September 10, 1906, for the purpose of designating polling places for the coming registration days and election. Present: M. C. Finley, C. F. Griswold, E. H. Clark, and J. M. Sutphen, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk.

Owing to the absence of Supervisor Backus, Justice Finley was elected to preside over the meeting.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the following places were designated as registration and polling places:

District No. 1 - Justice Room, Village Hall

District No. 2 - Vacant Store in Sanford Block on Main Street

District No. 3 – Robinson Building, formerly known as Adam Ziegler's Blacksmith Shop in East Palmyra

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

H. L. Averill, Clerk

Regular meeting of Town Board held in Village Hall on Friday, September 22, 1906. Present: Mr. Backus, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Sutphen, Mr. Finley, and Mr. Averill.

Meeting called to order by Mr. Backus, and minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Report of Building Committee was to the effect that the work on the Town building, which is being re-built was progressing as rapidly as possible, and that the building would be stronger than ever.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

H. L. Averill,

Regular meeting of the Town Board held at the Village Hall on Friday afternoon, October 19, 1906. Present: Mr. Finley, Mr. Backus, Mr. Clark, Mr. Sutphen, Mr. Griswold, and H. L. Averill, Clerk.

Owing to the absence of Supervisor Backus at the time of calling the meeting to order, Mr. Finley was made chairman and presides until Mr. Backus arrived. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Darling, Health Officer, appeared before the Board and asked that he be allowed some remuneration during the time he was in attendance at the meeting of the State Sanitary Officers at Syracuse other than his actual expenses. Matter was discussed at considerable length; and upon motion of Mr. Finley, duly carried. It was voted that the Health Officer be allowed the regular \$2 per day while attending these meetings. As for other days, services in discharging the duties of the office.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

H. L. Averill,

Annual meeting of the Town Board as a Board of Auditors held at the Justice Room in the Village Hall on Thursday, November 8 and Saturday, November 10, 1906. Present: Supervisor Backus, Justices E. H. Clark, C. F. Griswold, J. M. Sutphen, M. C. Finley, and H. L. Averill, Clerk.

Supervisor Backus called the meeting to order, and on motions duly carried, the following bills were audited and orders ordered to be drawn for their payment:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Service Rendered</u>	<u>Amt Claimed</u>	<u>Allowed</u>		
1	Vincent Crouse	Poll Clerk	\$4.00		\$4.00	\$4.00
2	Charles Haskell	Poll Clerk	4.00		4.00	4.00
3	E. J. Burns			Poll Clerk		4.00
4	H. H. Scofield	Poll Clerk	4.00		4.00	4.00
5	W. M. Parsons	Poll Clerk	4.00		4.00	4.00
6	Fred H. Durfee	Poll Clerk	4.00		4.00	4.00

7	Fred C. Beal			Election Inspector		
8	Benton H. Pyatt	Election Inspector			14.00	
9	Albert Durei			Election Inspector		
10	Kingsley Young	Election Inspector			19.80	19.80
11	C. A. Palmer			Election Inspector		
12	Fred L. Boynton	Election Inspector			14.00	14.00
13	G. A. Tuttle			Election Inspector		
14	Frank Boutall			Election Inspector		
15	J. W. Phelps			Election Inspector		
16	A. F. Foskett			Election Inspector		
17	W. J. Gorman	Election Inspector			20.12	20.12
18	Henry M. Wood	Election Inspector			20.12	20.12
19	W. J. Jones			Police Service		
20	J. P. Lytle			Police Service		
21	Isaac Vienna			Police Service		
22	Charles F. Hislop	Police Service			13.30	13.30
23	W. H. Dennis			Police Service		
24	George G. Throop	Police Service			146.20	146.20
25	George G. Throop	Truant Officer			50.00	50.00
26	C. H. Hedden	Comm. of Highways	497.50	497.50		
27	A. C. Hopkins	Overseer of Poor			250.00	250.00
28	C. Bely			Assessor		
29	Thomas D. Cook	Assessor				
30	M. C. Finley			Assessor		
31	Palmyra Courier	Printing & Advert.	153.50	153.50		
32	Palmyra Print. Co.	Printing & Advert.			157.25	157.25
33	G. A. Tuttle			Hardware & Paint		
34	G. S. Tinkelpaugh	Legal Services			40.30	40.30
35	Chas. Stupplebeen	Police Services			71.95	71.95
36	John VanDoorn	Vital Statistics			2.00	2.00
37	Adam Ziegler			Blacksmithing		
38	S. D. VanAlstine	Copying A. Books			30.00	30.00
39	Henry Ziegler	Painting Bridge			20.00	20.00
40	N. H. Dennis			Painting Town Bldg.		
41	R. S. Carr			Vital Statistics		
42	Adam Ziegler	Rent & Storing Mach.			5.00	5.00
43	T. Robinson & Son	Rent & Moving V. Mach	20.00	20.00		
44	Alonzo Langdon	Assessor; 2 Days			5.00	5.00
45	G. R. Stetson, Agt.	Store Rent; Elect & Reg.	18.00	18.00		
46	F. E. Converse	Filing Cabinet			3.00	3.00
47	W. J. Jones	Moving Dist. 1 & 2 Mach.			7.00	7.00
48	Peter McKenzie	Vital Statistics			1.00	1.00
49	W. J. Hennessy	Medical Attention			1.00	1.00
50	Rev. J. Merlindyke	Vital Statistics			1.00	1.00
51	W. J. Hennessy	Vital Statistics			4.50	4.50
52	L. H. Smith			Vital Statistics		
53	H. L. Chase			Vital Statistics		
54	Rev. E. J. Brooks	Vital Statistics				1.75

55	Rev. J. E. Hartley	Vital Statistics			1.75
56	Rev. G. Hubbard	Vital Statistics			1.25
57	Abram VanHolden	Feeding Prisoners		57.25	57.25
58	Bird & Ross			Hardware, etc.	15.85
59	H. D. Braman	Special Police, Dist. 2		2.00	2.00
60	M. C. Finley			Police Justice	214.35
61	Williamson Law Bk.	Supplies			20.15
62	M. C. Finley			L. H. Assessors	10.00
63	S. N. Sawyer			Legal Services	15.00
64	Charles Wilbur	Blacksmithing			9.05
65	Village of Palmyra	Rent			1
66	S. E. Braman			Insurance	
67	C. A. Sessions & Son Coal, Cement, etc.		118.62	118.62	
68	D. C. Wellman	Lumber			121.80
69	J. C. Feller			Board of Health	10.00
70	Palmyra Printing Co Advertising				4.00
71	L. B. Darling			Vital Statistics	5.75
72	W. J. Bott			Vital Statistics	2.50
73	H. G. Mason			Moving Safe	
74	C. F. Griswold	Justice of Peace		58.00	58.00
75	E. H. Clark			Justice of Peace	50.00
76	J. M. Sutphen	Justice of Peace			50.00
77	D. McPherson	Vital Statistics			2.50
78	Smith & Ziegler	Stationery & Supplies		6.52	6.52
79	R. H. Bareham	Town Clerk; 9 months	230.09	230.09	
80	H. L. Averill			Town Clerk; 3 months	110.49
81	John Bulmer			Lumber	
82	L. B. Darling			Service Health Officer	182.70
83	L. B. Darling			Expense to Albany	40.62
84	A. R. Knapp			Insurance; 3 Machines	26.30
85	Anna Jackson	Insurance; Bldg. & Cont.		12.50	12.50
86	M. C. Finley			Salary; Expense to Lyons	3.52
87	C. Belty			Salary; Expense to Lyons	3.52
88	Thomas L. Cook	Salary; Expense to Lyons		3.52	3.52
89	S. E. Braman			Insurance; Bldg. & Contents	12.50

On motion duly carried, Justice Clark and the Clerk were appointed a committee to investigate the present quarters of the voting machine in District No. 3. No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

Supervisor, 4 Justices of the Peace, Clerk

Meeting of December 10 continued: It was moved and seconded, and a resolution duly adopted that no member of the Board should have the authority of retaining any counsel (?) in the matter without consulting the Supervisor. No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

H. L. Averill, Clerk

Meeting of the Town board held at the Village Hall on Friday, November 30, 1906. Present: R. N. Backus, Supervisor; M. C. Finley, J. M. Sutphen, E. H. Clark, and C. F. Griswold, Justices; H. L. Averill, Clerk; and C. H. Hedden, Highway Commissioner.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted: We, the undersigned Town Board and Highway Commissioner of the Town of Palmyra, County of Wayne, State of New York, do hereby certify that at a meeting of the Board, duly called and held at the Village Hall on Friday, November 30, 1906, and voted to raise the sum of \$3031 upon the taxable property of the Town of Palmyra outside of the Village (incorporated) of Palmyra for highway purposes for the ensuing year, which sum is hereby fixed and certified to in accordance to the provisions of Section 53 of the Highway Law.

On motion, the supervisor was instructed to raise by tax on the taxable property of the town for: Town Audits

Note on Voting Machine
Note on Road Scraper
To Contingent Fund
Soldiers' Relief Fund

A resolution was passed instructing the Clerk to have the voting machine, which was used in District No. 3 and which was stored in a barn owned by Robinson and Son moved to the Village and stored in the Village Hall with the other two machines.

It was voted to audit the bill of \$9.00 of Mr. F. W. Clemons, which was not presented in time to audit on the regular auditing day.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.