

Town of Palmyra Minutes, 1917

Regular meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on January 8, 1917. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor;; C. W. Williamson, T. L. Cook, W. E. Spire, and K. F. Young, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Young, and minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The question of employing engineers to assess values of lands and properties of the Public Utilities Corporations was discussed by the Supervisors prior to this meeting was taken up, and a letter from Ellsworth & Barry, engineers of Buffalo, NY, was read by the Supervisor setting forth expense of said appraisal; and on motion duly seconded and carried, it was voted to leave the placing of values of all properties and franchises in this place in the hands of the Town Assessors.

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 January 29, 1917. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, K. F. Young, and W. E. Spire, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Town Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Young, and minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Clerk reported that he had received an acknowledgement from the Public Service Commission stating that they had received a copy of resolution adopted by the Town Board praying for a flagman on gates at the Water Station Crossing over the New York Central tracks, and that action was already being taken on the matter of guarding the crossing in question.

Mr. C. H. Hedden, the Town Superintendent of Highways, was in attendance at the meeting; and with the Board the following determination and agreement was made out and approved, according to Section 105 of the Highway Law:

For the General Repair and Primary Work - \$30 per mile for 80 miles	\$2400.00
For the Repair and Construction of Sluices and Culverts having a span of less than five feet	1000.00
For the Permanent Improvement on the road commencing at the Walker Farm and leading to the Parker Farm, a distance of 1½ miles, there shall be expended the sum of \$1500 for grading and gravelling	1500.00
It was also agree that there be reserved in the hands of the Supervisor	2449.46

The total receipts and disbursements contained in the agreemen were as follows:

Receipts

Balance, Highway Fund from Previous Years	\$ 658.62
Town Highway Tax Levy	5000.00
State Aid to be Received	<u>2320.19</u>
Total	\$7978.81

Expenditures

Average \$30 per mile for 80 miles	2400.00
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Repair of Sluices and Culverts	1000.00
Special Appropriations	1500.00
Reserve Fund	2449.46
Payment of Orders Nos.1 to 23, inclusive	<u>629.35</u>
Total	\$7978.81

The Clerk was instructed to fill out three blanks in accordance with the above agreement and forward to the County Superintendent of Highways, W. G. Sessions, for his approval.

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 Thursday, February 15, 1917. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; T. L. Cook, K. F. Young, C. W. Williamson, and W. E. Spire, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Young, and minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, duly seconded and carried, a resolution was passed fixing the penalty at 50 cents on all dog registrations made after February 15, 1917, excepting in cases that are brought before a Justice Court.

On motion of Mr. Cook, duly seconded and carried, a resolution was passed appointing Charles Frazer, official Dog Catcher and Pound Keeper for the coming year.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, duly seconded and carried, the bill of S. E. Braman, amounting to \$62.64 for premiums on town official's bonds was approved, and the Supervisor was authorized to pay the same.

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

Meeting of the Palmyra Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Friday, April 27, 1917. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, K. F. Young, T. L. Cook, and W. E. Spire, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Young, and the minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, duly seconded and carried, Peter D. Nagle was re-appointed a special Town Constable without pay, and the Clerk was instructed to notify him of his re-appointment.

The matter of the duties of the official Dog Catcher and Pound Keeper under the present dog law were discussed; and from complaints coming to the Board, it was the opinion of the Board that the present incumbent of that office, Charles Brazee was not giving the time and attention the office that it demanded. A resolution was passed ordering the Town Clerk to notify Mr. Brazee that unless he could give more time and attention to the office that his resignation was asked for so that the Board could appoint his successor.

Judge Williamson was notified to write personal letters to all owners of dogs who had not yet paid the dog tax stating that unless the tax was paid at once, proceedings would be commenced against them according to the Dog Law.

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

Meeting of the Town Board was held at the Clerk's Office on Friday, June 8. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, K. F. Young, T. L. Cook, 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 matter of appointing a committee of three citizens to comprise the Excise Commission of the Town of Palmyra under the new Excise Law was discussed at length, and the following appointments were made: O. Clate Silver, Roy Pullman, and Fred F. Kelly. The Supervisor was instructed to notify each one of the appointments.

The matter of the duties of the official Dog Catcher and Pound Keeper was discussed, and it was the opinion of the Board that the present incumbent of that office was not doing as good work as he should in looking after untagged dogs, and it was voted to obtain the services of a new man. The Clerk was instructed to insert a suitable advertisement in the Palmyra Courier and the Palmyra Journal for a man to act in the above capacity, and for all applicants to apply to the Supervisor.

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, August 24, 1917. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; K. F. Young, W. E. Spire, C. W. Williamson, and T. L. Cook, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Young, and the minutes of last meeting were read for information.

On motion of Mr. Cook, the following polling places were designated:

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

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

Meeting of the Palmyra Town Board was held at the town Clerk's Office on Thursday, November 8, 1917. Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Young as a Board of Canvassers. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, W. E. Spire, K. F. Young, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Young, the votes given for town offices and the four Local Option Questions at the annual town meeting held on Tuesday, November 6, 1917, were canvassed and showed the following results:

Local Option Question No. 1 – The whole number of affirmative votes cast for the Local Option question No. 1 submitted were 416, divided as follows:

District No. 1	190
2	155
3	71

Local Option Question No. 1 – The whole number of negative votes cast for Local Option Question No. 1 submitted were 407, divided as follows:

Distict No. 1	227
2	117
3	63

Local Option Question No. 2 – The whole number of affirmative votes cast for Local Option Question No. 2 submitted were 484, divided as follows:

District No. 1	193
2	223
3	68

The whole number of of negative votes which were cast against Local Option Question No. 2 submitted were 421, divided as follows:

District No. 1	211
2	138
3	72

Local Option Question 3 – The whole number of affirmative votes cast for Local Option Question No. 3 submitted were 516, divided as follows:

District No. 1	212
2	231
3	73

The whole number of negative votes which were cast against Local Option Question No. 3 submitted were 397, divided as follows:

District No. 1	200
2	133
3	64

Local Option Question No. 4 - The whole number of affirmative votes against Local Question No. 4 submitted were 469, divided as follows:

District No. 1	190
2	221
3	58

The whole number of negative votes cast against Local Option Question No. 4 submitted were 432, divided as follows:

District No. 1	217
2	143
3	72

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 8, 1917, do hereby make the following statement and determination: That there having been 9 more votes cast in the affirmative than in the negative for Local Option Question No. 1 at the election on Tuesday, November 6, 1917, we declared the question carried.

That there having been 63 more votes cast in the affirmative than in the negaative for Local Option Question No. 2 at the election on Tuesday, November 6, 1917, we declare the question carried.

That there having been 119 more votes cast in the affirmative than in the negative for Local Option Question No. 3 at the election held on Tuesdayh, November 6, 1917, we declare the question carried.

That there having been 37 more votes cast in the affirmative than in the negative for Local Option Question NO. 4 at the election on November 6, 1917, we declare the question carried.

The vote on the following town officers was as follows: Supervisor: 1st Dist. 2nd Dist. 3rd Dist.
 S. M. Young 302 224 91
 No opposition – Young's total vote 617

Town Clerk:	H. L. Averill	297	218	82
	No opposition – Averill's total vote	597		
Justice of the Peace	C. W. Williamson – Republican	295	218	74
	" Democrat	44	45	18
	Williamson's total vote	694		
	Kingsley F. Young – Republican	272	204	89
	Fred L. Reeves – Democrat	83	76	37
	Young's total vote	565		
	Reeves' total vote	196		
	Young's majority	469		
Assessor – 4 years	Thomas L. Cook – Republican	273	193	74
	Collins Payne – Democrat	89	78	34
	Cook's total vote	540		
	Payne's "	201		
	Cook's majority	339		
Assessor – 2 years	C. Bely – Republican	267	191	81
	C. F. Powers – Democrat	91	81	36
	Bely's total vote	539		
	Powers' "	208		
	Bely's majority	331		
Supt. of Highways	C. H. Hedden – Republican	284	207	82
	" Democrat	41	36	14
	Hedden's total vote	664		
Collector	John VanHall	285	208	88
	No opposition			
	Hall's total vote	582		
Overseer of the Poor	A. C. Hopkins – Republican	274	199	70
	T. B. Griffin – Democrat	78	69	37
	Hopkins' total vote	543		
	Griffin's "	184		
	Hopkins' majority	359		
Constables	W. H. Dennis – Republican	255	184	73
	George G. Throop "	277	205	76
	" Democrat	37	29	12
	George Griffin – Republican	265	188	69
	William Haskell – Republican	248	188	70
	C. Henry Harrison – Democrat	84	66	45
	Dennis' total vote	512		
	Throop's "	636		
	Griffin's "	522		
	Haskell's "	506		
	Harrison's "	195		

School Director	H. L. Chase	260	189	69
	No opposition			
	Chase's total vote	518		

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 8th, 1917, do hereby make the following statement and determination: That Sanford M. Young, having received the greatest number of votes cast at the General Election on Tuesday, November 6, 1917, 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 6, 1917, for the office of Town Clerk, we declare him elected.

That Charles W. Williamson and Kingsley F. Young, having received the two highest number of votes cast for the office of Justice of the Peace at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 6, 1917, we declare them each elected.

That Thomas L. Cook having received the greatest number of votes cast for Assessor for four years at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 6, 1917, we declare him elected.

That Christopher Belty, having received the greatest number of votes cast for Assessor for two years at the General Election on November 6, 1917, we declare him elected.

That C. H. Hedden, having received the greatest number of votes for the office of Town Superintendent of Highways at the General Election on Tuesday, November 6, 1917, we declare him elected.

That John VanHall, having received the greatest number of votes cast for the office of Town Collector at the General Election on Tuesday, November 6, 1917, we declare him elected.

That Alfred C. Hopkins, having received the greatest number of votes cast for the office of Overseer of the Poor at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 6, 1917, we declare him elected.

That William H. Dennis, George Y. Throop, George Griffin, and William Haskell, having received the four highest number of votes cast for the four offices of Constables at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 6, 1917, we declare them elected.

That Herman L. Chase, having received the greatest number of votes cast for the office of School Director at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 6, 1917, we declare him elected.

Meeting was then adjourned and re-organized as the Town Board. Town Superintendent Hedden presented his annual estimate, which was passed upon and approved as follows:

First Item – Highway Fund 1 – For the repair and improvement of town highways including sluices, culverts, and bridges having a span of less than five feet \$6000

Third Item – Machinery Fund 31 – For the purchase and repair of machinery, tools, and implements 250

Fourth Item – Miscellaneous Fund 32 – For removal of obstructions caused

by snow

1000

C. H. Hedden, Town Superintendent

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

H. L. Averill, Clerk

Meeting of the Palmyra Town Board was held at the town Clerk's Office on Friday, November 9, 1917. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, W. E. Spire, and K. F. Young, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Town Clerk.

On motion, duly carried, the following bills were audited:

		Claimed	Allowed
1.	Charles Haskell	6.00	6.00
2.	Charles Woodworth	6.00	6.00
3.	Kingsley F. Young	29.22	29.22
4.	Charles R. Harrison	29.00	29.00
5.	Frank Waterman	24.00	24.00
6.	Henry Harrison	24.00	24.00
7.	G. A. Tuttle	22.00	22.00
8.	Joseph Blaby	22.00	22.00
9.	Charles Williamson	22.00	22.00
10.	Charles McLouth	22.00	22.00
11.	Otto P, Ford	29.57	29.57
12.	H. D. Braman	28.54	28.54
13.	Harlow Verder	22.00	22.00
14.	J. W. Hickey	6.00	6.00
15.	W. J. Gorman	6.00	6.00
16.	Otto W. Kirchoff	22.00	22.00
17.	Harry G. Chapman	36.01	36.01
18.	P. A. Greene	5.00	5.00
19.	S. L.. Knapp	6.00	6.00
20.	Dr. A. Y. Earl	4.50	4.50
21.	Dr. W. J. Hennessy	1.50	1.50
22.	Dr. Arthur Bessemer	1.00	1.00
23.	Dr. H. L. Chase	11.00	11.00
24.	Dr. L. H. Smith	12.75	12.75
25.	Dr. D. McPherson	12.75	12.75
26.	Dr. L. B. Darling	1.25	1.25
27.	Dr. L. R. Pierce	5.00	5.00
28.	Smith & Ziegler	9.74	9.74
29.	Adam Ziegler	24.00	24.00
30.	O. J. Garlock Company	24.00	24.00
31.	W. H. Dennis	368.45	368.45
32.	George Griffin	14.40	14.40
33.	W. H. Fitzgerald	16.40	16.40
34.	Charles Brazee	38.25	38.25
35.	George G. Throop	84.70	84.70
36.	C. W. Williamson	360.40	360.40
37.	Christopher Bely	210.00	210.00
38.	Thomas L. Cook	210.00	210.00
39.	Frank M. Boutall	210.00	210.00
40.	S. E. Braman	12.50	12.50
41.	S. E. Braman	257.49	257.49

42. Palmyra Printing Company	Advertising	152.00	152.00
43. Palmyra Courier	" & Printing	188.20	188.20
44. George G. Tinklepaugh	Legal Services	77.00	77.00
45. C. H. Hedden	Supt. of Highways	1020.00	1020.00
46. C. H. Hedden	Expenses & Disbursements	15.57	15.57
47. Bird & Flynn Company	Supplies	4.94	4.94
48. Tuttle & Company	"	2.00	2.00
49. John DeCann	Care of E. Palmyra Cemetery	5.00	5.00
50. W. H. Dennis	Truant Officer	50.00	50.00
51. Anna F. Jackson	Insurance	12.50	12.50
52. A. R. Knapp & Son	"	31.05	31.05
53. Village of Palmyra	Rent – Justice Room	100.00	100.00
54. W. J. Hennessy	Health Officer	250.05	250.05
55. George H. Tripp	Moving Voting Machines	12.00	12.00
56. Williamson Law Book Company	Supplies	4.04	4.04
57. Sanford M. Young	Supervisor	331.26	331.26
58. A. C. Hopkins	Overseer of the Poor	300.00	300.00
59. H. L. Averill	Expenses & Disbursements	19.20	19.20
60. C. W. Williamson	Board Meeting Attendance	33.00	33.00
61. S. M. Young	"	33.00	33.00
62. W. E. Spire	"	33.00	33.00
63. Kingsley Young	"	33.00	33.00
64. Thomas L. Cook	"	33.00	33.00
65. H. L. Averill	Town Clerk & Hwy. Dept.	450.00	450.00
66. H. L. Averill	Voting Machine Custodian	75.00	75.00
67. E. J. Hedden	Hwy. Accounts Auditor	100.00	100.00

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

H. L. Averill, Clerk

Annual Palmyra Town Settlement Day was called for December 28, 1917, and adjourned to December 31, 1917. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, T. L. Cook, K. F. Young, and W. E. Spire, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Meeting was called to order by supervisor Young, and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Overseer of the Poor, A. C. Hopkins, submitted his annual report for 1917, which showed his receipts amounted to \$1341.37, and his disbursements \$1340.02, leaving a balance on December 31, 1917, of \$1.02. The report was compared with his books and found to be correct and were approved, accepted, and ordered placed on file.

Town Clerk, H. L. Averill, submitted his report and statement for monies received in his office during 1917, excepting dog fees, which were turned over to the Supervisor in August, when the new State Dog Law went into effect. The report was as follows and was audited, accepted, and placed on file:

277 Hunting Licenses @ \$.10	27.70
37 Marriage Licenses 1.00	37.00
83 Chattel Mortgages .12	9.96
8 Dog Registrations under State Law .25	2.00

Mr. Averill paid to Supervisor Young the sum \$76.66

Supervisor S. M. Young submitted his books and statement for 1917, and same were audited and found to be correct. The books showed the following balances in the various funds:

General Fund	4932.19
Special Highway Fund	4366.30
General Highway Fund	88.48

The Board then proceeded to canvass the vote for Town Officers according to the statements rendered by the Election Inspectors in Districts 1, 2, and 3, who were appointed to canvass the soldier vote on December 18, 1917.

The canvass showed the soldier vote to be as follows in each Election District:

District No. 1 - Supervisor: Sanford M. Young – Republican	1
Blank Vote	1
Total Votes	2
Town Clerk: John W. Frazer – Democrat	1
Blank Vote	1
Total Votes	2
Justice of the Peace: Charles W. Williamson – Dem	1
Blank Votes	3
Total Votes	4
Assessors - Long Term: Thomas L. Cook – Rep.	1
Blank Vote	1
Total Votes	2
Assessors – Short Term: Charles F. Powers – Dem.	1
Blank Vote	1
Total Votes	2
Supt. of Highways: C. H. Hedden – Republican	1
Blank Vote	1
Total Vote	2
Collector: John VanHall – Republican	1
Blank Vote	1
Total Vote	2
Overseer of the Poor: A. C. Hopkins, Republican	1
Blank Vote	1
Total	2
Constables: George Griffin – Republican	1
William Haskell - "	1
George G. Throop – Democrat	1
Henry Harrison - "	1
Blank Votes	4
Total	8
School Director: W. Ray Converse – Democrat	1
Blank Vote	1
Total	2

District No. 2: Supervisor:	Sanford M. Young	2
	Frederick C. Rowley	2
	Blank Vote	1
	Total	5
Town Clerk:	H. L. Averill	3
	John W. Frazer	1
	Blank Vote	1
	Total	5
Justice of the Peace:	Kingsley F. Young	2
	Charles W. Williamson	4
	Frederick L. Reeves	1
	Blank Votes	3
	Total	10
Assessor – Long Term:	Thomas L. Cook	2
	Collins Payne	1
	Blank Vote	1
	Total	5
Assessor – Short Term:	Charles F. Powers	1
	Christopher Bely	3
	Blank Vote	1
	Total	5
Supt. of Highways:	C. H. Hedden	4
	Blank Vote	1
	Total	5
Collector:	John VanHall	2
	James Hickey	2
	Blank Vote	1
	Total	5
Overseer of the Poor:	A. C. Hopkins	2
	Thomas B. Griffin	1
	Blank Votes	2
	Total	5
Constables:	George G. Throop	4
	George Griffin	3
	William Haskell	3
	W. H. Dennis	2
	W. Fitzgerald	1
	Henry Harrison	3
	Blank Votes	4
	Total	20
School Director:	Herman L. Chase	1
	W. Ray Converse	1

	Blank Votes	3
	Total	5
District No. 3 - Supervisor:	T. E. Rowley	1
Town Clerk	James W. Frazer	1
Justices of the Peace:	Charles W. Williamson	1
	Fred L. Reeves	1
	Total	2
Assessor:	Collins Payne	1
	Christopher Bely	1
	Total	2
Supt. of Highways:	C. H. Hedden	1
Collector:	John VanHall	1
Overseer of the Poor	Thomas B. Griffin	1
Constables:	William Haskell	1
	George Throop	1
	William Fitzgerald	1
	Henry Harrison	1
	Total	4
School Director	W. Ray Converse	1

The following bill pertaining to the canvass of December 18, 1917, were audited:

C. W. Williamson	Election Inspector & Postage	6.25
Otto P. Ford	"	6.00
Harry G. Chapman	"	6.00
C. Henry Harrison	"	6.00
Kingsley Young	" "	6.16
H. D. Braman	" "	6.21
Adam Ziegler	Rent of Polling Place	6.00
A. J. Garlock & Co.	"	6.00

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