

Town of Palmyra – Minutes for 1909

Special meeting of the Palmyra Town Board was held at the Village Hall on Thursday, January 7, 1909, called for the purpose of appointing a Collector to fill the unexpired term of Andrew Sully, who resigned; and for the transaction of such other business as might properly come before the meeting. Present: Charles F. Griswold, Supervisor; M. C. Finley, E. H. Clark, T. L. Cook, and H. H. Scofield, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Cook, the name of W. A. Cady was placed before the Board; and on motion of Mr. Scofield, the Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for the appointment of Mr. Cady to fill the unexpired term of Collector in place of Andrew Sully, who resigned—which term will expire on December 31, 1909.

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

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Palmyra held at the Village Hall on Friday afternoon, January 15, 1909. Present: M. C. Finley, E. H. Clark, and T. L. Cook, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk.

Owing to the absence of Supervisor Griswold, Mr. Finley was chosen Chairman; and he called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on December 20, 1908 and the Special Meeting held on January 7, 1909, were read and approved.

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 at the Village Hall on Friday afternoon, February 19, 1909. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; M. C. Finley, E. H. Clark, T. L. Cook, and H. H. Scofield, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Town Clerk.

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Griswold, and minutes of last meeting read for information.

On motion by Mr. Clark, duly carried, a resolution was passed discontinuing the regular monthly meetings.

On motion of Mr. Scofield, duly carried, it was voted to hold the next meeting at the call of the Supervisor.

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

Meeting of the Town Board was held at the Village Hall on Friday, March 19, 1909. Present: C. F. Griswold; M. C. Finley, T. L. Cook, and E. H. Clark, Justices; C. H. Hedden, Highway Commissioner; and H. L. Averill, Clerk.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold, and minutes of last meeting read for information.

On motion of Mr. Clark, duly carried, it was decided that the average sum of \$10 per mile be expended upon the 77 miles of highways throughout the town the coming year; and the following determination and agreement for the expenditure of the highway moneys for 1909 was carried.

On the road known as Vienna Road, south and southeast to the town line, commencing at Kent's Corners, a distance of two miles, \$800 for grading and gravelling.

On the road known as the Canal Road, commencing at Kent's Corners and leading east to the town line, a distance of two miles, \$1000 for grading and gravelling.

On the road known as Foster Street, commencing at Canandaigua Street and running east to Johnson Road, a distance of one mile, \$200 for gravelling.

On the roads known as Stafford and Canandaigua Streets, commencing at Foster Street and leading south to the town line, a distance of two miles east, \$800 for grading and gravelling.

On the road known as Marion Road, commencing at the George Parshall farm and leading north about one mile, \$400 for gravelling.

On the roads known as the Luce and Norris Roads, commencing at the foot of a hill and leading to East Palmyra Road, a distance of one mile, there shall be expended \$150 for grading and gravelling.

On the roads known as Hall and Stingle Roads, commencing north of No. 8 School House on Turner and at Hogback Hill on latter a distance of one mile, \$300 for grading and some gravelling.

On the Cornish Road from the town line, one-half mile west, \$400 for grading and gravelling.

It was also agreed that there be reserved in the hands of the Supervisor, the sum of \$539.13 which may be paid out by him upon the written order of the Town Superintendent.

The Clerk was instructed to fill out three copies of the above agreement and forward to the State Commission of Highways for approval.

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

Meeting of Town board was held at the Village Hall on Friday afternoon, April 30, 1909. Present: Charles F. Griswold, Supervisor; M. C. Finley, E. H. Clark, T. L. Cook, and H. H. Scofield, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Town Clerk.

Meeting was called to order by supervisor Griswold, and minutes of last meeting read for information.

On motion of Mr. Clark, the bond of Charles F. Griswold as Supervisor for \$11,000 given by the American Surety Company of New York covering highway moneys was approved, and the Clerk was instructed to send one copy to the State Highway Commission, one to the County Treasurer, and to file the original in Town Clerk's Office.

On motion of Mr. Finley and seconded by Mr. Clark, a resolution was adopted authorizing the payment of the bill of G. E. Bramall for \$33 for surety bond of C. F. Griswold for highway moneys, and of George H. Tripp for \$4 for moving voting machine from East Palmyra to Palmyra.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

H. L. Averill, Clerk

Special meeting of Town Board was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, June 1, 1909. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; M. C. Finley, T. L. Cook, and H. H. Scofield, Justices; C. H. Hedden, Highway Commissioner; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Meeting was called to order by Supervisor, and minutes read.

On motion of Mr. Scofield, duly seconded, the action of Commissioner Hedden in purchasing gravel from the Kniest gravel bed, was duly ratified by the Board.

On motion of Mr. Finley, duly seconded, the action of the Supervisor and Highway Commissioner, in the purchase of a grader was duly ratified by the Board.

On motion of Mr. Finley, duly seconded, the Commissioner of Highways was given authority by the Board to purchase necessary gravel for work on the highways.

On motion of Mr. Scofield, duly seconded, the salary of the Highway Commissioner was fixed at \$3 per day, which sum shall include all ordinary expenses.

On motion of Mr. Scofield, duly carried, the Commissioner of Highways was required to furnish a bond in the sum of \$1000 with two (2) sureties.

No further business appearing, the minutes were read and approved, and the meeting adjourned.

H. L. Averill

Special meeting of the Town board of the Town of Palmyra was held at the Village Hall on Friday afternoon, June 11, 1909. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; M. C. Finley, E. H. Clark,

T. L. Cook, and H. H. Scofield, Justices; C. H. Hedden Highway Commissioner; and H. L. Averill, Clerk.

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold, and minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Supervisor Griswold reported that he had received an offer from the Weedsport Construction Company of Weedsport, NY, of the sum of \$125 for the old highway bridge which was recently moved from Railroad Avenue and which is now on the town land near the town building. Upon the motion of Mr. Clark, duly seconded, a committee consisting of Supervisor Griswold, T. L. Cook, and C. H. Hedden, was appointed to look after the matter and were given full power to act.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

H. L. Averill, Clerk

Special meeting of the Town Board was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, July 13, 1909. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; E. H. Clark, M. C. Finley, T. L. Cook, and H. H. Scofield, Justices; C. H. Hedden, Highway Commissioner; and H. L. Averill, Clerk.

Meeting was called to order Supervisor Griswold, and minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Griswold, Chairman of the Bridge Committee, reported that the committee, consisting of the Highway Commissioner, Mr. Cook, and Mr. Griswold, had sold the old highway bridge formerly spanning Garnargua Creek on Railroad Avenue, and which was removed to the town land by the Central Railroad Company when the course of the creek was changed, to the Weedsport Construction Company for \$175. The amount had been deposited to the credit of the General fund. On motion of Mr. Scofield, duly carried, the report was accepted and adopted; and the committee discharged.

A communication was received from the State Department of Weights and Measures relative to the appointment of a Town Sealer. On motion of Mr. Scofield, duly carried, the matter was laid upon the table, and the Clerk was instructed to obtain further information regarding the duties, salary, and outfit required from the State Department.

No further business appearing, the minutes were read and approved, and the meeting adjourned.

H. L. Averill, Clerk

Meeting of the Town Board was held in the Justice Room of the Village Hall on Tuesday, September 7th, 1909. Present: Charles F. Griswold, Supervisor; M. C. Finley and T. L. Cook, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk.

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Griswold, and he stated that this was the date fixed by law for the designation of the registration and polling places for the General Election; and on motion, the following places were designated as the registration and polling places for the three districts of Palmyra:

District No. 1 – Justice Room, Village Hall

District No. 2 – Bennett Mason's Produce Office in Jenner Block, Main Street

District No. 3 – Ziegler Building, East Palmyra

On motion of Mr. Finley, duly carried, the Town Clerk was instructed to look after the duties of the Office of Poormaster during the illness of Mr. Hopkins.

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

Meeting of the Town Board was held at Justice Scofield's office on Friday, October 1, 1909. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; M. C. Finley, E. H. Clark, H. H. Scofield, and Thomas L. Cook, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Griswold, and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Griswold stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of appointing an Election Inspector in District No. 2 in place of W. A. Cady, whose appointment to the office of Collector made him ineligible to act as an Inspector. On motion of H. H. Scofield, duly seconded and carried, Fred H. Durfee was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Cady.

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

Meeting of the Town Board was held at the Village Hall as a Board of Canvassers and Town Board on Thursday, November 4, 1909, at 10 o'clock a.m. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; M. C. Finley, H. H. Scofield, E. H. Clark, and T. L. Cook, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold, and minutes of last meeting were read for information. On motion of Mr. Clark, duly seconded and carried, the estimates of highway purposes for the coming year made by the Town superintendent were adopted and approved.

The estimates as follows: Highway Fund \$4000
Bridges 300
Machinery Fund 300
Miscellaneous Fund 500

On motion of Mr. Clark, duly seconded and carried, the sum of \$125 was fixed as the special compensation under the Highway Law for the past year, and the Town clerk was allowed \$50 from the same source.

The Board then canvassed the votes for Town Officers, and the votes on the four Excise Local Option questions cast at the town election held on Tuesday, November 2, 1909, and the canvass showed the following vote:

	1 st District	2 nd District	3 rd District	Total
Supervisor:				
Charles F. Griswold	248	223	34	535
Walton	203	200	80	483
Town Clerk:				
H. L. Averill	318	250	78	646
J. W. Frahar	134	169	67	370
Justice of the Peace:				

W.W. Williamson	312	255	79	646
Collins Payne	144	165	62	371
E. H. Clark	317	251	80	648
A. R. Gamble	138	172	69	379

Assessors:

M. C. Finley	305	250	73	628
F. B. Smith	145	171	68	384
T. L. Cook	312	249	80	641
M. M. Parsons	145	174	65	384
C. Belty	320	253	88	661
George Steans	135	169	60	364

Town Superintendent of Highways:

C. H. Hedden	320	251	89	660
George J. McLouth	133	171	60	364

Collector:

W. A. Cady	311	251	78	640
F. E. Hooker	142	171	66	389

Overseer of the Poor:

A. C. Hopkins	323	249	80	652
C. H. Harrison	133	172	64	369

Constables:

W. H. Dennis	301	237	77	615
W. Gannon	149	179	66	394
Isaac Vienna	319	248	79	646
M. M. Calhoun	138	171	65	374
J. P. Lytle	311	251	78	640
T. B. Griffin	147	170	65	382
D. Mendendyke	319	251	74	644
W. F. Stoddard	135	168	71	374

Canvass on Local Option Question was as follows:

Proposition No. 1 – For	174	201	32	407
Against	198	126	88	412
Majority Against – 5				
Proposition No. 2 – For	169	202	33	404
Against	195	127	87	409
Majority Against – 5				
Proposition No. 3 - For	182	199	32	413
Against	193	124	87	404
Majority For – 9				
Proposition No. 4 – For	172	195	31	398
Against	196	119	89	404
Majority Against – 6				

We, the undersigned Town Board of Canvassers of the Town of Palmyra, do hereby certify that We have canvassed the vote for the above questions, and the vote for the town officers on the preceding page and that the above figures given for each officer and each question are correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. Signed: Charles F. Griswold, Supervisor; E. H. Clark and T. L. Cook, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Town Clerk. No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.
H. L. Averill

Meeting of the Town Board as a Board of Auditors was held in the Justice Room in the Village Hall on Thursday, November 4 and Saturday, November 6, 1909. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; M. C. Finley, E. H. Clark, H. H. Scofield, and T. L. Cook, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk.

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Griswold; and on motions duly seconded and carried, the following bills were audited, and the clerk was instructed to draw orders in payment of same.

No.	Name	Service Rendered	Amt. Claimed	Allowed
1	E. J. Burns	Inspector	21.12	21.12
2	Alfred Geer	Poll Clerk	4.00	4.00
3	N. G. Drake	Poll Clerk	4.00	4.00
4	Frank Orlopp	Poll Clerk	4.00	4.00
5	Charles Haskell	Poll Clerk	4.00	4.00
6	Albert Powers	Poll Clerk	4.00	4.00
7	F. T. Bontall	Inspector	15.00	15.00
8	F. H. Durfee	Inspector	15.00	15.00
9	A. T. Foskett	Inspector	15.00	15.00
10	H. M. Wood	Inspector	21.12	21.12
11	L. H. Smith	Vital Statistics	12.25	12.25
12	S. D. VanAlstine	Inspector	15.00	15.00
13	Bennett O. Mason	Rent Polling Place	18.00	18.00
14	Adam Ziegler	Rent " ; Laid Rails	20.00	20.00
15	T. F. Branman	Insurance	12.50	12.50
16	A. C. Hopkins	Poormaster Salary	250.00	250.00
17	Anna F. Jackson	Insurance	12.50	12.50
18	Williamson Law Book	Supplies	3.50	3.50
19	Village of Palmyra	Rent Justice Room	100.00	100.00
20	F. G. Quays	Livery Hire	3.00	3.00
21	Clarence Brown	Inspector	17.00	17.00
22	R. N. Reeves	Inspector	15.00	15.00
23	Kingsley Young	Inspector	15.00	15.00
24	Charles Harrison	Inspector	20.80	20.80
25	Harry G. Chapman	Poll Clerk	4.00	4.00
26	L. B. Darling	Vital Statistics	5.00	5.00
27	H. L. Chase	Vital Statistics	7.00	7.00
28	D. McPherson	Vital Statistics	4.75	4.75
29	Smith & Ziegler	Supplies	7.72	7.72
30	J. B. Lyon Company	Machine Supplies	9.00	9.00
31	S. M. Young	Copying Rolls	35.00	35.00
32	A. R. Knapp	Insurance	37.10	37.10

33 George Throop	Police Services	142.85	142.85
34 Isaac Vienna	Police Services	39.60	39.60
35 W. H. Dennis	Police Services	240.34	240.34
36 W. H. Dennis	Attendance Officer	50.00	50.00
37 James P. Lytle	Police Services	109.95	109.95
38 Ellison J. Hedden	Highway Services	50.00	50.00
39 W. J. Hennessy	Supplies; Board of Health	17.77	17.77
40 Palmyra Printing Co.	Printing and Advertising	107.75	107.75
41 Palmyra Courier	Printing and Advertising	134.35	134.35
42 W. J. Hennessy	Vital Statistics	7.50	7.50
43 W. J. Hennessy	Health Officer Services	74.55	74.55
44 Beatrice Collins	Boarding Prisoners	75.00	75.00
45 G. A. Tuttle	Livery & Work on Machines	5.00	5.00
46 T. L. Cook	Assessor	111.00	111.00
47 M. C. Finley	Assessor	111.00	111.00
48 C. Bely	Assessor	111.00	111.00
49 J. C. Feller	Citizen Member; Bd. of Health	6.00	6.00
50 C. H. Hedden	Superintendent of Highways	594.52	594.52
51 T. L. Cook	Justice Services	43.05	43.05
52 H. H. Scofield	Justice Services	86.65	86.65
53 M. C. Finley	Justice Services	165.20	165.20
54 E. H. Clark	Justice Services	34.75	34.75
55 H. L. Averill	Town Clerk Services	310.94	310.94
56 C. F. Griswold	Supervisor Services	161.75	161.75
57 H. L. Averill	Disbursed Mowing Machines	4.00	4.00
58 George S. Tinklepaugh	Legal Services	25.00	25.00
59 W. J. Bott	Vital Statistics	3.75	3.75
60 Claude Palmer	Inspector	15.00	15.00
61 G. A. Tuttle	Inspector	15.00	15.00
62 George Tripp	Carting Machines	6.00	6.00
	Totals		\$3590.61

We, the undersigned Town board of the Town of Palmyra, do hereby certify that the above audits are a true and correct and that the Clerk was instructed to draw orders in payment of same.

Signed: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; E. H. Clark, T. L. Cook, and H. H. Scofield, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Town Clerk

The Board re-convened after an adjournment as a Town Board, and the following business was transacted: On motion of Mr. Scofield, duly seconded and carried, the Town Clerk was instructed to have voting machine in District No. 3 brought to the Village Hall and stored with the two other machines.

On motion of Mr. Clark, it was voted to pay \$50 as a sum for the Soldiers' Relief and Memorial Day Fund.

On motion of Mr. Scofield a resolution was passed authorizing the payment of the town audits and the \$50 appropriated for the Soldiers' Relief and Memorial Day Fund from funds now on hand.

On recommendation of the Republican and Democratic parties, the following Inspectors of Election were appointed for the three Election Districts of Palmyra, the same to hold office for two years beginning January 1, 1910.

District No. 1: S. D. VanAlstine – Republican
G. A. Tuttle – Republican
Claude Palmer – Democrat
Charles F. Powers – Democrat

District No. 2: F. T. Boutall – Republican
C. A. Sessions – Republican
E. J. Burns - Democrat
F. B. Smith – Democrat

District No. 3: R. N. Reeves – Republican
H. F. Ziegler – Republican
C. R. Harrison – Democrat
Clarence Brown – Democrat

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned to Saturday, November 13, 1909, at 2 o'clock p.m. H. L. Averill, Clerk

Adjourned meeting of the town board of the Town of Palmyra was held at the Village Hall on Saturday afternoon, November 13, 1909. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; T. L. Cook and E. H. Clark, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Griswold, and minutes of last two meetings were read and approved.

The two copies of the abstract of town accounts and the official canvass were signed. One copy of abstract was filed with the Supervisor and one in the Town Clerk's Office.

On motion of Mr. Clark, duly seconded and carried, the Clerk was instructed to have the highway report for 1909 printed in both village papers in accordance with the highway laws.

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

Annual settlement day of the Town of Palmyra was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, December 28, 1909. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; T. L. Cook, H. H. Scofield, E. H. Clark, Justices; A. C. Hopkins, Overseer of the Poor; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold, and minutes of the last meeting were read for information.

The annual report of A. C. Hopkins as Overseer of the Poor for the Town of Palmyra was received, examined, and as a motion was accepted, adopted, and ordered placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Clark, a unanimous resolution was passed expressing a vote of thanks to Mr. Hopkins for the efficient manner in which he had conducted the affairs of his office during 1909.

On motion of Mr. Scofield, a resolution was passed authorizing the supervisor to transfer from the general town account to the Special Highway Fund \$62.28.

On motion of Mr. Scofield, the report of the Grand Army Committee in relation to the Soldiers' Relief and Memorial Day fund was accepted, and the report was ordered placed on file in the Clerk's Office.

On motion of Mr. Clark, a resolution was passed designating the First National Bank of Palmyra as the depository for all the town funds.

On motion of Mr. Clark, a communication from the Grand Army Post was read by the Clerk and ordered laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Clark, the Chairman was authorized to appoint a committee of two to draft suitable resolution on the death of Justice M. C. Finley. The Chairman appointed Mr. Clark and Mr. Scofield as such committee.

On motion of Mr. Cook, the reports of Supervisor Charles F. Griswold, which had been received and examined, were accepted, adopted, and ordered place on file.

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