

Town of Palmyra – Minutes for 1913

Meeting of the Palmyra Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Tuesday, February 18, 1913. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; T. L. Cook, J. L. Warner, and C. W. Williamson, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold, and minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Griswold reported that he had paid to the County Treasurer the sum of \$1453.06, the sum charged to the Town of Palmyra for its share of the county highway construction in this town during 1912.

On motion, duly carried, the Clerk was instructed to draw orders for the payment of the premium on the Town Collector's bond in the sum of \$55.54 and the Supervisor's bond (highway department and school money) amounting to \$27.00.

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

Special meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Tuesday, March 11, 1913. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; T. L. Cook, J. L. Warner, 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 last meeting were read for information.

The matter of the agreement and expenditures of highway moneys for 1913 was discussed; and on motion, the following sums were designated: The Clerk was instructed to fill out the proper blanks and forward to the Highway Department.

For general primary work upon the 80 miles of highways in town - \$15 per mile

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

For repairs on road commencing at NY Central Station and leading to Durfee's Corners, a Distance of two (2) miles - \$600 for grading and gravelling

On the road commencing at Jeffery's Corners and leading to Rodney Parker's farm, a distance of 100 rods - \$300 for grading and gravelling

On the road commencing at Newark & Marion Railroad and leading west and north to town line, a distance of 1½ miles \$1000 for grading and gravelling

On the road commencing at --- of Warner Road and leading to town line, Marion, and Palmyra, north and west past Jagger farm, a distance of 1½ miles - \$400 for grading and gravelling

It was also decided to leave in the hands of the Supervisor the sum of \$1734.16 as a Contingency Fund to be paid in orders drawn by the Town Superintendent.

The total receipts and disbursements of the Highway fund are:

Receipts	
Balance, Highway Fund from previous year	\$1364.46
Town Highway Tax Levied	4000.00
State Aid	<u>2000.00</u>
	\$7364.46
Expenditures	
Average per Mile 80 miles @ \$15	1200.00
Repair and Construction – Culverts, etc.	1000.00
Special Appropriations	2300.00
Reserve Fund	1734.16
Orders Drawn from Nov. 1 to date (1 to 49)	<u>1130.30</u>
	\$7364.46

The Clerk was instructed to draw orders for the following persons in these amounts:

Frank P. Waterman	\$25.00
Christopher Bely	15.00
J. C. Feller	4.00

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 July 11, 1913. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; T. L. Cook, C. W. Williamson, and J. L. Warner, Justices; C. H. Hedden, Town Superintendent; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold, and minutes of the last meeting were read for information.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the Supervisor and Town Superintendent of Highways to make arrangements and let contract for the building of a concrete bridge on the Vienna Road south of the corners near the end of D. G. Briggs' farm.

A motion, duly carried, the Superintendent of Highways was instructed to construct a concrete watering trough at East Palmyra in place of the old wooden trough now in use there.

On motion, duly carried, the action of the Supervisor and Town Superintendent in buying a new road grader was ratified by the Board and their action commended.

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 22, 1913. Present: C. f. Griswold, Supervisor; J. L. Warner, C. W. Williamson, and T. L. Cook, 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.

Supervisor Griswold stated that the contract to erect a new concrete bridge on the Vienna Road had been let to J. A. Darrow & Son for the sum of \$500.

On motion, duly carried, a resolution was passed appointing W. H. Dennis Attendance Officer for the Town of Palmyra for one year from September 1, 1913, at a salary of \$50 a year.

On motion, duly carried, a resolution was passed naming the following polling places for Primary Election, Registration, and General Election:

District No. 1 – Justice Room, Village Hall Building, Main Street

District No. 2 – Garlock Garage and Paint Shop, east side of Fayette Street

District No. 3 - Adam Ziegler's Carriage Shop, East Palmyra

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, October 17, 1913. Present: C. Griswold, Supervisor; J. L. Warner, 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 for information.

Supervisor Griswold reported that the concrete bridge on Vienna Street built by Darrow & Son of Canandaigua was finished, and the same had been approved by the County Superintendent. On motion, duly seconded and carried, Supervisor Griswold was authorized and instructed to draw an order on the Bridge fund for the sum of \$500 in payment of the same.

A communication was received from the T. A. Gillespie Construction Company stating that the temporary siding constructed across the highway from the west shore track near the J. H. Walton residence had been removed, and the company asked that they be relieved from the surety bond. On motion, duly seconded and carried, the Clerk was instructed to notify the Gillespie Company that the highway had been inspected and found to be in good condition and that they were hereby relieved from the necessity of continuing surety bond referred to in original "consent" from this date.

A communication was received from the Central New York Gas & electric company in relation to the discontinuance of the bond given by the company in favor of the town of Palmyra for indemnity against damage caused by said company's gas main on electric wires, which run through township. On motion, duly carried, the Supervisor was instructed to investigate the matter with an attorney and the Clerk was instructed to notify said company of the action.

On motion, duly carried, the Town Superintendent was instructed to construct gravel crosswalks at East Palmyra, the number and size of which to be left with him.

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

H. L. Averill, Clerk

Special meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Saturday, November 1, 1913. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; T. L. Cook, J. L. Warner, and C. W. Williamson, Justices; C. H. Hedden, Town Superintendent; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold, and minutes of last meeting were read for information.

Town Superintendent Hedden presented his estimate for highway purposes for the coming year. Upon motion, duly carried, a resolution was passed approving and accepting the same. The estimate follows:

1 st Item – Highway Fund	
For the repair and improvement of town highways, including sluices, culverts, and bridges having a span of less than 5 feet	\$4000
2 nd Item – Bridge Fund	
For the general repair of all bridges having a span of 5 feet or more and not included above	300
3 rd Item – Machinery Fund	
For the purchase and repair of machinery, tools, and implements	300
4 th Item – Miscellaneous Fund	
For removal of obstructions caused by snow, cutting weeds and brush, wire fencing, Allowance for shade trees, watering troughs, and other miscellaneous purposes	300

Supervisor Griswold reported that he had consulted an attorney regarding question of Central New York Gas & Electric Company's bond given while their lines and gas mains were being erected through the township, and he stated that the attorney was of the opinion that the Town could not compel said company to continue to bond now that the work of construction had been completed as all damages would now be controlled by the statute. On motion, duly carried, a resolution was passed authorizing the Gas & Electric Company to cancel said bond; and the Clerk was instructed to notify the company of this action.

On motion, duly carried, a resolution was passed authorizing the transfer from the Miscellaneous Fund to the Bridge Fund the sum of \$100.11.

On motion, duly carried, a resolution was passed authorizing the transfer from the Miscellaneous Fund to the Machinery Fund the sum of \$104.02.

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 6, 1913. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, James L. Warner, and Thomas L. Cook, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to

order, and the votes given for the biannual town meeting and the town local option questions were canvassed and showed the following results:

Supervisor	1 st District	2 nd District	3 rd District
Cunningham	131	143	44
Griswold	269	196	80
Cunningham	79	86	43
	Cunningham's Total Vote		526
	Griswold's Total Vote		545
	Griswold's Plurality		19
Town Clerk			
Converse	129	137	41
Averill	289	208	89
Converse	67	85	38
	Converse Total Vote		497
	Averill Total Vote		586
	Averill Plurality		89
Justice of the Peace			
C. W. Williamson – D	128	137	41
C. W. Williamson – R	286	213	88
C. W. Williamson – P	72	83	38
Kingsley Young – R	283	210	95
Frank Reeves – P	73	83	35
Frank Reeves – D	76	133	41
	Williamson's Total Vote		1086 No opposition
	Young's Total Vote		588 Young's Plurality 147
	Reeves' Total Vote		441
Assessor – 4 Years			
McKnut – D	127	135	37
C. Belty – R	287	210	93
Warner – P	72	84	39
	McKnut's Total Vote		299
	Belty's Total Vote		590
	Warner's Total Vote		195 Belty's Majority 96
Assessor – 2 Years			
Warner – D	127	135	43
Cady – R	289	213	88
McKnut – P	68	81	38
	Warner's Total Vote	305	
	Cady's Total Vote	590	
	McNutt's Total Vote	187	
	Cady's Majority	95	

Town Superintendent			
Hedden – D	127	133	38
Hedden – R	280	208	77
Lusk – P	78	88	52
	Hedden’s Total Vote		863
	Lusk’s Total Vote		218
	Hedden’s Majority		645
Collector			
Smith – D	129	131	37
VanHall – R	294	219	94
Smith – P	64	79	34
	Smith’s Total Vote		474
	VanHall’s Total Vote		607
	VanHall’s Majority		133
Overseers of the Poor			
Johnson – D	124	135	40
Hopkins – R	288	213	92
Johnson – P	73	83	37
	Johnson’s Total Vote		492
	Hopkins’ Total Vote		593
	Hopkins’ Majority		101
Constables			
Throop – D	140	148	45
Griffin – D	138	137	42
Harding – D	134	140	40
Gere – D	128	137	28
Dennis – R	270	192	85
Throop – R	284	211	91
Brazeo – R	276	206	90
Muelendyke – R	279	208	93
Gere – P	72	88	39
Throop – P	72	88	39
Harding – P	73	84	38
Griffin – P	75	86	37
	Throop’s Total Vote		1112
	Dennis’ Total Vote		547
	Muelendyke’s Total Vote		580
	Brazeo’s Total Vote		572
	Griffin’s Total Vote		515
	Harding Total Vote		509
	Gere’s Total Vote		492

Charles F. Griswold, having received the greatest number of votes cast for the office of Supervisor was declared elected.

Harry L. Averill, having received the greatest number of votes cast for the office of Town Clerk was declared elected.

Charles W. Williamson and Kingsley F. Young, having received the greatest number of votes cast for the offices of Justice of the Peace for four years, were declared elected.

Christopher Belty, having received the greatest number of votes cast for Assessor for four years, was declared elected.

W. A. Cady, receiving the greatest number of votes cast for Assessor for two years, was declared elected.

C. H. Hedden, having received the greatest number of votes cast for the office of Town Superintendent, was declared elected.

John VanHall, Jr., having received the greatest number of votes cast for the office of Collector, was declared elected.

H. C. Hopkins, having received the greatest number of votes cast for the office of Overseer of the Poor, was declared elected.

George G. Throop, W. H. Dennis, Charles Brazee, and Daniel Meulendyke, having received the highest number of votes cast for the Offices of Constable, they were declared elected.

No. 1	Local Option Questions		
	District 1	District 2	District 3
Yes	228	247	46
No	163	103	60
	Total Yes Vote	521	
	No Vote	326	
	Majority For	195	
No. 2			
Yes	227	250	46
No	157	102	60
	Total Yes Vote		521
	Total No Vote		318
	Majority For		203
No. 3			
Yes	242	253	48
No	142	98	58
	Total Yes Vote		543
	Total No Vote		298
	Majority For		245
No. 4			
Yes	234	252	44
No	151	97	56

Total Yes Vote	530
Total No Vote	304
Majority For	226

Local Option Question 1: There having been more votes cast in favor Question No. 1, it was declared carried.

Local Option Question 2: There having been more votes cast in favor of Question No. 2, it was declared carried.

Local Option Question 3: There having been more votes cast in favor of Question No. 3, it was declared carried.

Local Option Question 4: There having been more votes cast in favor of Question No. 4, it was declared carried.

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

H. L. Averill, Clerk

Meeting of the Town Board as a Board of Auditors was held on Friday, November 7, 1913. Present: C. F. Griswold, Supervisor; T. L. Cook, J. L. Warner, and C. W. Williamson, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Griswold, and the following bills were presented and audited as follows:

No.	Name	Service Rendered	Claimed	Allowed
1	G. A. Tuttle	Election Officer	34.75	34.75
2	Claude Palmer	Election Officer	15.00	15.00
3	E. D. Lyon	Election Officer	5.00	5.00
4	W. M. Parsons	Election Officer	15.00	15.00
5	S. D. VanAlstine	Election Officer	20.00	20.00
6	Harry G. Chapman	Election Officer	5.00	5.00
7	Albert Powers	Election Officer	5.00	5.00
8	A. C. Hopkins	Election Officer	4.00	4.00
9	C. W. Williamson	Election Officer	4.00	4.00
10	Lee Chisholm	Election Officer	8.00	8.00
11	E. J. Burns	Election Officer	17.00	16.00
12	F. T. Boutall	Election Officer	29.00	28.00
13	Fred H. Durfee	Election Officer	21.00	20.00
14	Otto P. Ford	Election Officer	27.84	26.84
15	Harry D. Braman	Election Officer	10.00	9.00
16	E. J. Hedden	Election Officer	26.92	26.92
17	Charles R. Harrison	Election Officer	22.00	22.00
18	Clarence S. Brown	Election Officer	27.17	27.17
19	Frank P. Waterman	Election Officer	20.00	20.00

20 Charles Haskell	Election Officer	9.00	9.00
21 Kingsley Young	Election Officer	4.00	4.00
22 C. Stingle	Election Officer	5.34	5.34
23 Frank G. Orlopp	Election Officer	5.00	5.00
24 Williamson Law Book	Supplies	7.48	7.48
25 George Tripp	Moving Voting Machines	10.00	10.00
26 Dr. H. L. Chase	Vital Statistics	2.75	2.75
27 Smith & Ziegler	Supplies	1.70	1.70
28 Tuttle & Company	Supplies	10.20	10.20
29 G. S. Tinklepaugh	Legal Services	70.70	70.70
30 E. H. Lapp	Vital Statistics	.25	.25
31 S. E. Braman	Insurance	12.50	12.50
32 Anna J. Jackson	Insurance	12.50	12.50
33 L. H. Smith	Vital Statistics	5.50	5.50
34 Bird & Ross	Supplies	2.27	2.27
35 Dr. D. McPherson	Vital Statistics	5.25	5.25
36 A. R. Knapp & Son	Insurance	31.05	31.05
37 Sanford M. Young	Copying Tax Books, etc.	50.00	50.00
38 J. E. Rowley	Lumber	5.07	5.07
39 Dr. W. J. Hennessy	Vital Statistics	7.75	7.75
40 George G. Throop	Telephone Charges	4.98	4.98
41 Thomas Griffin	Labor	2.50	2.50
42 E. L. Hurlburt	Carpenter Work, Material, etc.	51.04	51.04
43 Village of Palmyra	Rent – Justice Room	100.00	100.00
44 W. H. Langdon	Labor	3.00	3.00
45 T. Robinson & Son	Material	3.50	3.50
46 Lyons Republican	Printing Excise Ballots	7.50	7.50
47 W. H. Johnson	Auto Hire for Election Supplies	12.00	12.00
48 Silore & Cady	Chairs for Polling Places	5.00	5.00
49 George Throop	Police Service & Feeding Prisoners	301.70	301.70
50 George Griffin	Police Service & Feeding Prisoners	59.20	59.20
51 A. C. Hopkins	Overseer of the Poor Services	250.00	250.00
52 Thomas Griffin	Police Service & Feeding Prisoners	20.65	20.65
53 H. L. Averill	Town Clerk Services	400.00	400.00
54 T. L. Cook	Board Meetings	16.00	16.00
55 C. W. Williamson	Board Meetings	18.00	18.00
56 James L. Warner	Board Meetings	18.00	18.00
57 C. H. Hedden	Expenses; Money Advanced	45.20	45.20
58 T. L. Cook	Justice Services	5.00	5.00
59 J. L. Warner	Assessor Services	144.00	144.00
60 Christopher Bely	Assessor Services	144.00	144.00
61 T. L. Cook	Assessor Services	144.00	144.00
62 E. J. Hedden	Asst. Town Supt. Services	100.00	100.00
63 Dr. W. J. Hennessy	Medical Services	3.00	3.00
64 Dr. W. J. Hennessy	Health Officer Services	234.07	234.07
65 Palmyra Printing Co.	Advertising & Printing	144.80	144.80

66 Palmyra Courier	Advertising & Printing	195.50	195.50
67 C. F. Griswold	Supervisor Services	229.21	229.21
68 H. L. Averill	Services under Hwy. Law	50.00	50.00
69 C. F. Griswold	Supervisor Services	30.00	30.00
70 C. H. Hedden	Town Supt. Services	988.00	988.00
71 C. F. Griswold	Expenses	19.75	19.75
72 H. L. Averill	Custodian/Voting Machines	75.00	75.00
73 C. W. Williamson	Justice of the Peace Services	343.00	343.00
74 L. B. Darling	Vital Statistics	5.75	5.75
75 W. H. Dennis	Police Service & Feeding Prisoners	403.10	400.00
76 W. H. Dennis	Truant Officer Services	50.00	50.00
77 T. L. Cook	Justice Fees	2.00	2.00
78 J. W. Phelps	Election Officer	4.00	4.00
79 O. J. Garlock & Company	Polling Place Rent	24.00	24.00
80 Adam Ziegler	Polling Place Rent	24.00	24.00
81 C. Henry Harrison	Election Officer	4.00	4.00
82 John Scutt	Sheep Killed by Dogs	9.00	9.00
	Grand Army Appropriation		
Grand Army Post	Soldiers' Relief & Mem. Dog Fund	75.00	75.00
	Total	5345.44	5337.34

On motion, duly carried, the Clerk was instructed to draw orders on the town funds for the above amount, making orders payable after February 15, 1914.

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

A special meeting of the Town Board, duly called, was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Monday afternoon, December 1, 1913. Present: C. W. Williamson, T. L. Cook, and J. L. Warner, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. Owing to the death of Supervisor Charles F. Griswold, the meeting was called to order by the Clerk; and Justice Thomas L. Cook was chosen Chairman.

After Mr. Cook took the Chair, he announced that the meeting would be held open until after the funeral of the late Charles F. Griswold, which was to be held at 2:30 o'clock. Upon the re-assembling of the Board after the funeral, the matter of making an appointment as Supervisor to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Griswold would be taken up.

The Board re-assembled after the funeral serviced with Mr. Cook in the chair; and upon motion of Justice Charles W. Williamson, duly seconded, the name of Sanford M. Young was placed in nomination for the office of Supervisor.

The appointment was discussed at some length, after which a ballot was taken; and Mr. Young was unanimously elected and appointed to fill the vacancy of Supervisor caused by the death of Charles F. Griswold, to hold office according to law from this date and until his successor is elected or appointed.

The Clerk was instructed to make a copy of the appointment and file in the records of the Town, and to notify Mr. Young at once of his appointment.

Present: James L. Warner, T. L. Cook, C. W. Williamson, and H. H. Averill; and all voted.

No further business appearing, the minutes were read and approved; and 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 Saturday, December 27 at 9:30 o'clock. Present: Sanford M. Young, Supervisor; T. L. Cook, C. W. Williamson, and James L. Warner, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Young. 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 \$976.37 since January 1, 1912. The receipts, including balance on hand, January 1, 1913, amounting to \$49.98 were \$1059.09 leaving a balance January 1, 1914, of \$82.72.

The records and accounts of the Supervisor in all departments of his office were examined and found to be correct. The various books were signed by the members of the Board. The report showed a balance in the General Fund of \$2418.68, and in the Dog Fund, \$491.98.

The report of the Town Clerk for one year from January 1, 1913, showing receipts in fees and disbursements as follows was accepted, and the balance was paid to the Supervisor:

Hunting License Fees	30.10	Postage	2.25
Marriage License Fees	26.00	Car ??	<u>1.10</u>
Chattel Mortgage Fees	<u>7.20</u>		
	\$63.30		3.45
	<u>3.45</u>		
	\$59.85		

On motion, duly carried, the compensation of the Supervisor and Town Clerk's allowance was fixed in the same sum as last year, viz.: Supervisor \$125.00; Town Clerk \$50.00. On motion, duly carried, the Overseer of the Poor was instructed to pay to Mrs. DeVoist the sum of \$50 for taking care of small pox patient at her home on Main Street.

On motion, duly carried, the First National Bank of Palmyra was designated as the depository for all town funds for the coming year.

On motion, duly carried the following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted: Whereas, on the 27th day of November last, in the prime of his manhood and in the midst of labors of great public service, Charles F. Griswold, a member of this Board, was called to his fathers. This sad visitation, coming as it did on a day of national Thanksgiving, changed for his immediate family and friends, a period of joy and festivity into an occasion of deepest grief and

gloom. We, his long-time associates on this Board, while bowing with due humility to an act of inscrutable intelligence, express in these few words our heartfelt sorrows at the loss of one whom we collectively and individually called our friend,

Therefore, be it resolved that in the death of Charles F. Griswold this entire community has lost one whom it will be difficult to replace; one whose taking away has left a vacancy in our midst which will long remain unfilled. In his office he was looked up to and respected, as is evidenced by the many offices of trust and responsibility which he was called upon to fill

Now therefore be it resolved that as an expression of our sympathy and sorrow, the Clerk be instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to the bereaved widow and to have a copy spread upon the minutes of this Board.

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