

## **Town of Palmyra – Minutes for 1915**

Meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Tuesday, January 5, 1915. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, K. F. Young, and T. L. Cook, Justices; and H. H. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Young, and minutes of last meeting were read for information.

On a motion, duly carried, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved that the Palmyra Town Board, in accordance with Chapter 129 of the County Law, hereby makes application to the Board of Supervisors of Wayne County for the change of the present system of taxation of dogs in said town to the registration system fees for the same to be \$1.00 (one dollar) for each male dog and two dollars (\$2.00) for each female doge with expense of tag or collar additional. Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors with the request that the resolution be taken up at the first meeting of the Board thereafter.

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, March 11, 1915. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; K. F. Young and C. W. Williamson, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Young, and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. O. R. Tillotson of Newark and Mr. Schwab of the eastern part of the Town of Palmyra appeared before the meeting and asked that something be done regarding the determination of a road leading north and west from Stop 41 on the road running on the south side of the Barge Canal, west from Peek's Bridge, and which the Town of Arcadia, after taking care of said highway for upwards of sixty years had denied the ownership of said road, claiming it to be in the Town of Palmyra. Supervisor Brown of Arcadia was present at the meeting and stated that according to the maps on file in the Supervisor's rooms at Lyons, the section of the road in question was beyond all doubts in the Town of Palmyra and that the Town of Arcadia consequently refused to lay out any money repairing it, and that Town would not go into the expense of making a survey of that section with the Town of Palmyra jointly, claiming that he was of the opinion that there was no doubt regarding the road lying within Palmyra's limits.

On information which Supervisor Young and Town Superintendent Hedden received from the people who had lived along the highway for many years, which was to the effect that the Palmyra town line between Palmyra and Arcadia was west of the highway, and owing to the fact that Arcadia had always taken care of the road, the Board passed a resolution authorizing the Supervisor and Town Superintendent to take measures at once to secure a survey of the eastern boundary of the Town of Palmyra to determine whether Palmyra owned the road or whether it belongs in the Town of Arcadia.

Town Superintendent C. H. Hedden was present at the meeting, and the agreement for the expenditure of highway moneys, in accordance with Section 105 of the Highway Law was adopted:

For the general repair of the 80 miles of highway in the town @ \$15.00 per mile	\$1200
For the repair and construction of sluices, culverts, and bridges having a span of less than 5 feet	1000
For the permanent improvement of highway commencing at Walker Farm and leading to Jeffery's Corners, a distance of 1½ miles, grading and gravelling	1000
For the permanence improvement of highway commencing at pumping station and leading to town line of Arcadia, a distance of 2½ miles, surfacing	600
It was also agreed to reserve in the hands of Supervisor as a Contingency Fund	4250

The total receipts and disbursements appearing in agreement follow:

Receipts		
Balance, Highway Fund from previous year	295.18	
Highway Tax Levied	6000.00	
State Aid	2000.00	8295.18
Expenditures		
Average \$15 per mile, 80 miles	1200.00	
Repair and Construction of Culverts	1000.00	
Special Appropriations	1600.00	
Reserve Fund	4250.02	
Payment of Orders from November 1, 1914	245.16	8295.18

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, April 22, 1915. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, T. L. Cook, and K. F. Young, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Young, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved that the name of R. M. Smith be recommended to the Board of Supervisors for the appointment as the committee to look after the indigent soldiers in the Town of Palmyra to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Jacob Ziegler.

The matter of changing the system of taxes on dogs from the present system to the license system in accordance with the resolution passed at the meeting held on January 5, 1915, was discussed at length, and supervisor Young was instructed to bring the matter before the attention of the Supervisor at their special meeting on Monday, April 26, 1915.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

H. L. Averill, Clerk

Meeting of Palmyra Town Board was held at Clerk's Office on Thursday, July 15, 1915. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, T. L. Cook, and K. F. Young, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Young, and minutes of last meeting were read for information.

The matter of building the proposed highway between the West Shore Railroad and Railroad Avenue was taken up and discussed at length, and the lease of certain portions of land owned by the New York Central Railroad Company on which some of the road would have to be constructed was examined. Supervisor Young reported that the lease had been presented to the County Superintendent of Highways, and he had written his opinion stating that the lease could not be accepted by the Town of Palmyra as the state would not authorize the expenditure of highway money on a highway, any portion of which would be constructed on leased property. The contents of the letter being as follows:

Lyons, July 10, 1915

Mr. S. M. Young, Supervisor  
Palmyra, New York

My Dear Mr. Young:

I have carefully gone over the lease presented to your Town Board by the West Shore Railroad for land to build a highway upon. I cannot approve of building a highway upon leased land for the following reasons:

First – They ask \$5 a year rental, and at any time after ninety days notice can take possession of the road and close it.

Second – They only give you sixteen feet in width, which is not wide enough to build a proper highway upon.

Third – Portions of this strip of land are near the high tension wires of the Niagara, Lockport, and Ontario Power Company which may be dangerous.

Fourth – The Town is assuming all damage that might happen upon said highway.

I do not feel that it would be right or proper to expend so large an amount of the taxpayers' money in building a highway under these conditions.

I had understood that when this highway was proposed that the railroad would dedicate the right-of-way. Now I believe that this road is almost a necessity to the people of Palmyra connecting as it does the New York Central and the West Shore Railroad Stations.

If there is any other way that a right-of-way can be procured that would be safe and no restrictions required, I will be glad to approve the plans and assist your Town Board in any way that lies within my power.

Yours very truly,  
W. G. Sisson, County Superintendent

Complying with the contents of Mr. Sisson's letter, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved that inasmuch as the New York Central Railroad Company would not consent to dedicate or lease to the Town of Palmyra for any specified time a piece of land to be used in building a highway between the West Shore Station and Railroad Avenue.

Be it further resolved that the Supervisor notify said Railroad Company that the lease as presented by them to the Palmyra Town Board could not be accepted.

And be it further resolved that the Supervisor and Town Superintendent be appointed a committee to further investigate another site for the proposed road to be located south of the West Shore tracks and solely upon private property, the title of which could be purchased by the town.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

H. L. Averill, Clerk

Meeting of the Palmyra Town Board was held at the Clerk's Office on Friday, August 6, 1915. Present: Sanford M. Young, Supervisor; Thomas L. Cook, Kingsley F. Young, and Charles W. Williamson, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor S. M. Young, and minutes of previous meeting were read for information.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, the following polling places were designated for the coming year, and the Clerk was instructed to notify the Wayne County Election Commissioners of said designation:

District No. 1: Justice Room, Village Hall Building

District No. 2: Garlock Garage, east side of Fayette Street

District No. 3: Adam Ziegler Shop, East Palmyra

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

H. L. Averill, Clerk

Special meeting of the Town Board was held at the Clerk's Office on Tuesday, September 28, 1915. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, K. F. Young, and T. L. Cook, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk.

The question of the manner of voting at the coming General Election on November 2, 1915, was discussed at length, and a number of citizen were asked to be present at the meeting and give their opinion on the matter of voting by machine or ballot. After a general discussion, a resolution was passed adopting the machine as the method of voting, and the Supervisor was instructed to notify the County Election Commissioners of the resolution.

No further business appearing, 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 4, 1915. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, K. F. Young, and T. L. Cook, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Young, and the votes given for town officers and the Town Local Option Questions at the biennial town meeting held on Tuesday, November 2, 1915, were canvassed and showed the following results:

Supervisor	1 <sup>st</sup> District	2 <sup>nd</sup> District	3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Young	318	245	91
Harrison	91	114	41
Young Total Vote			654
Harrison “			246
Young's Majority			408
Town Clerk			
Averill	319	246	90
Fisher	95	115	33
Averill Total Vote			655
Fisher “			243
Averill's Majority			412
Justice of the Peace			
Cook	311	241	89
Reeves	93	115	40
Spier	302	237	84
Powers	99	115	32
Cook's Total Vote			641
Reeves' “			248
Spire's “			623
Powers' “			246
Assessors – 4 years			
Cady	322	236	94
Smith	90	115	31
Cady's Total Vote			652
Smith's “			236
Cady's Majority			416
Assessor – 2 years			
Cook	306	236	86
Payne	102	115	33
Cook's Total Vote			628
Payne's “			250
Cook's Majority			378

Town Superintendent			
Hedden	326	254	101
	Hedden's Total Vote		682
	(No Opposition)		
Collector			
VanHall	314	240	93
Hickey	87	102	25
	VanHall's Total Vote		647
	Hickey's "		214
	VanHall's Majority		433
Overseer of the Poor			
Hopkins	323	243	90
	Hopkins' Total Vote		656
	(No Opposition)		
Constables			
Dennis	243	196	86
Throop			
Braze	276	214	79
Manders	287	312	84
Griffin	122	118	33
Throop	401	340	115
Hood	95	97	37
Calhoon	85	95	27
	Dennis' Total Vote		525
	Throop's "		856
	Braze'		569
	Manders'		583
	Griffin's		273
	Hood's		229
	Calhoon's		207

Sanford M. Young, 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.

Thomas L. Cook and William E. Spire, having received the greatest number of votes for the offices of Justices of the Peace, were declared elected.

Thomas L. Cook, having received the greatest number of votes cast for the office of Assessor for two years, was declared elected.

William A. Cady, having received the greatest number of votes cast for the office of Assessor for 4 years, was declared elected.

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

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

Alfred 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 John Manders, having received the greatest number of votes for the offices of Constables, were declared elected.

George L. Abbott, having received the greatest number of votes cast for the office of School Director, was declared elected.

#### Local Option Questions

	District 1	District 2	District 3
No. 1			
Yes	212	258	47
No	218	138	68
	Total Yes Votes	517	
	No	424	
	Majority For	93	
No. 2			
Yes	213	254	46
No	213	136	72
	Total Yes Votes	513	
	No	421	
	Majority For	91	
No. 3			
Yes	229	259	52
No	196	127	64
	Total Yes Votes	540	
	No	387	
	Majority For	153	
No. 4			
Yes	207	251	44
No	209	138	69
	Total Yes Votes	502	
	No	411	
	Majority For	91	

There having been the greatest number of votes cast in favor of Local Option Question No. 1, it was declared carried.

There having been the greatest number of votes cast in favor of Local Option Question No. 2, it was declared carried.

There having been the greatest number of votes cast in favor of Local Option Question No. 3, it was declared carried.

There having been the greatest number of votes cast in favor of Local Option Question No. 4, it was declared carried.

We hereby certify that the foregoing canvass is correct and in accordance with tally sheets made out election officers.

Supervisor, 3 Justices, and H. L. Averill, Town Clerk

Meeting of the Palmyra Town Board was held on Thursday afternoon, November 4, 1915, as a Board of Auditors. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Young. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; C. W. Williamson, T. L. Cook, and K. F. Young, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk.

On motions, duly carried, the following bills were audited:		Claimed	Allowed
1 G. A. Tuttle	Election Officer	34.60	34.60
2 Charles Harrison	"	27.84	27.84
3 Harry O. Braman	"	27.36	27.36
4 Frank P. Waterman	"	27.28	27.28
5 C. Henry Harrison	"	22.00	22.00
6 Don C. Brae	"	5.00	5.00
7 S. D. VanAlstine	"	4.00	4.00
8 Charles Haskell	"	9.00	9.00
9 Charles Woodworth	"	9.00	9.00
10 E. W. Anderson	"	4.00	4.00
11 J. W. Frahan, Jr.	"	4.00	4.00
12 Otto Ford	"	28.34	28.34
13 Otto Kirchoff	"	9.00	9.00
14 T. Y. Callahan	"	9.00	9.00
15 Harry Sessions	"	20.00	20.00
16 Joe Gavin	"	9.00	9.00
17 Harlow Verdee	"	20.00	20.00
18 Francis Beck	"	9.00	9.00
19 C. W. Williamson	"	9.00	9.00
20 W. A. Flynn	"	5.00	5.00
21 Roy Smith	"	9.00	9.00
22 H. C. Mertz	"	5.00	5.00
23 W. Ray Converse	"	20.00	20.00

24	W. M. Parsons	"	16.00	16.00
25	Harry G. Chapman	"	20.00	20.00
26	Abram O'Meal	"	9.00	9.00
27	Kingsley L. Young	"	22.00	22.00
28	Gas & Electric	Service in Booth	4.51	4.51
29	Mason & Hubert	Labor & Material	10.23	10.23
30	Alvin LaRue	Labor & Material	8.95	8.95
31	A. R. Knapp & Son	Insurance	31.05	31.05
32	Anna F. Jackson	Insurance	12.50	12.50
33	S. C. Braman	Insurance	12.50	12.50
34	E. M. Rodenberger	Vital Statistics	7.75	7.75
35	D. McPherson	"	5.25	5.25
36	W. J. Hennessy	"	4.50	4.50
37	L. H. Smith	"	19.00	19.00
38	W. J. Hennessy	Expenses & Disbursements	13.28	13.28
39	George Tripp	Moving Voting Machines	10.00	10.00
40	Jeremiah Greene	Care of Old Cemetery	5.00	5.00
41	W. H. Langdon	"	5.00	5.00
42	Adam Ziegler	Rent of Polling Place	24.00	24.00
43	O. J. Garlock & Co.	"	24.00	24.00
44	G. S. Tinklepaugh	Legal Services	50.00	50.00
45	Williamson Law Book Co.	Supplies	3.30	3.30
46	L. B. Darling	Vital Statistics	7.00	7.00
47	Smith & Ziegler	Supplies	7.95	7.95
48	Grange Hall Committee	Rent	8.00	8.00
49	Arthur Barnhart	Auto Hire	10.00	10.00
50	C. R. Harrison	"	20.00	20.00
51	George G. Throop	Constable	308.65	308.65
52	W. A. Cady	Assessor	144.00	144.00
53	T. L. Cook	"	144.00	144.00
54	C. Belty	"	144.00	144.00
55	Cyphus & Rolland	Auto Hire to Clyde for Ballots	6.00	6.00
56	C. H. Hedden	Highway Superintendent	868.00	868.00
57	W. J. Hennessy	Health Officer	226.86	226.86
58	Palmyra Village	Rent – Justice Room	100.00	100.00
59	Ellison J. Hedden	Highway Auditor	100.00	100.00
60	C. H. Hedden	Expenses & Disbursements	36.99	36.99
61	Palmyra Printing Co.	Printing & Advertising	277.50	277.50
62	Palmyra Courier	"	278.75	278.75
63	A. C. Hopkins	Overseer of Poor	250.00	250.00
64	Sanford M. Young	Supervisor	318.60	318.60
65	W. H. Dennis	Constable	386.46	386.46
66	W. H. Dennis	Truant Officer	50.00	50.00
67	George Griffin	Constable	122.43	123.43
68	Charles Brazee	"	44.95	44.95
69	H. L. Averill	Town Clerk & Custodian/Voting Machines	525.00	525.00

70	H. L. Averill	Disbursements	14.75	14.75
71	C. W. Williamson	Justice	590.00	590.00
72	C. W. Williamson	Attending Board Meetings	26.00	26.00
73	Kingsley F. Young	Justice & Board Meetings	27.00	27.00
74	Sanford Young	Board Meetings	26.00	26.00
75	Thomas L. Cook	"	26.00	26.00
	William D. Perry	Sheep Audits	11.00	11.00
	Grand Army for Memorial Day & Soldiers Relief Fund		75.00	75.00

The estimate of Town Superintendent Hedden Was received and approved as follows: First Item Highway Fund: For the repair and improvement of town highways including sluices, culverts, and bridges having a span of less than five feet

	5000.00	5000.00
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Second Item – Bridge Fund: For the general repair of all bridges having a span of five feet or more and not included in above

	500.00	500.00
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Third Item – Machinery Fund: For the purchase and repair of machinery, tools, and implements

	500.00	500.00
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Fourth Item – Miscellaneous Fund: for removal of obstructions casued by snow, cutting weeds and brush, wire fencing, allowiance for shade trees, allowance for watering troughs, and other miscellaneous purposes

	500.00	500.00
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No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned. H. L. Averill, Clerk

The annual Town of Palmyra Settlement Day was held at the Town Clerk's Office on Tuesday, December 28, 1915. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; K. F. Young, C. W. Williamson, and T. L. Cook, Justices; and H. L. Averill, Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Young, Supervisor; and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The accounts of the Overseer of the Poor, A. C. Hopkins, were examined, audited, and approved; and with his annual report ordered placed on file.

The report showed receipts amounting to \$1028.63, and disbursements amounting to \$973.73, leaving a balance of \$54.90.

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

General Fund	\$463.18
Dog Fund	621.58
General Highway Fund	544.21
Special Hwy. Fund	3582.35

On motion of Mr. Williamson, the following sheep bills were audited, and the Supervisor was instructed to draw checks in payments of same, and charge to Dog Fund.

The report of the Town Clerk was examined and approved. The report was as follows:

301 Hunting Licenses	\$30.10
20 Marriage Licenses	20.00
74 Chattel Mortgages	7.40

The Town Clerk paid to the Supervisor the sum of \$57.50 covering these fees.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, duly seconded and carried, a resolution was adopted increasing the salary of the Palmyra Town Overseer of the Poor from \$250 to \$300 per year, the same to take effect on January 1, 1916.

On motion of Mr. Young, duly seconded and carried, the following bills were audited and ordered paid. The Supervisor being instructed to draw checks in payment of same:

S. W. Reese & Company	Dog Tags	10.40
Clarence Brown	Election Inspector	4.00
Marshall McKee	Photograph of Schools	5.00

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

Special meeting of Town Board was held at the Clerk's Office on Monday. Present: S. M. Young, Supervisor; K. F. Young and T. L. Cook, 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, a resolution as adopted extending the limit for the collecting of the dog tax to January 15, 1916. Constable Charles Frazee was appointed Pound Keeper at a salary to be fixed at a later date. Each Town Constable will be allowed the sum of \$2.00 for taking to the pound any untagged dogs, and the Constables were instructed to keep a diligent outlook for all untagged dogs.

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