

Gleanings from the Township minutes

Feb. 11, 1856 Application of John Dean, president of Bayham branch of Elgin Agricultural Society asking for a grant of \$12.10s Yeas 2 Nays 2

Apr. 10 1856 Loan to Pt. Rowan & B. Road Co. passed -yea of reeve Licence to Levi Davidson to keep a house of Publick Entertainment in village of Straffordville.

George Southwick Esq. - M.P. for East Elgin
Directors of Talbot St. Road Co.- sell toll gate mortgage

May 12, 1856 - \$3 for 6 chairs for use of Council

June 9, 1856 - July 28 - S.S.'s where alterations are required that they call a special meeting & report to council results.

Sept. 1 Sept. 15, 1856 - Bylaws for School Sections

Oct. 20 , 1856 - extract from McField's notes of the survey of twp. in 1810 year - allowance for road between 10 & 11 from front 10 Con. - are of the opinion that a road allowance does not exist between said lots through N.C. of 11th (can't read rest)

Amount of Clergy Reserves - appropriation for Twp. of Bayham be applied to the ----- of the tax as of the current year.

Bylaw No. 1 expired - assessments Mar. 5 180

2 - Salaries

3 - Repealed - common seal of municipality

4 - Repealed - fees of poundkeeper

5 - Repealed - licensing of certain houses Victualling House - not repealed - oysters & beverages (not distilled) are sold \$3. Exhibit was figure puppet show, Pig shows - procure licence for \$1. Circus (horses used) & 5 Menagerie & 5 pd & receive receipts.

6 Animals running at large - horses, hogs, rams, bulls, geese & other poultry, unruly cattle & sheep shall not be allowed to run at large at any season during current year. Cattle & sheep shall be restrained from running about grist mills, villages, public houses of entertainment from 1st Oct. to 1st Apr.

7 - Repeal - dog tax - dogs kept chained or muzzled, etc.

8 - licence for spirituous liquors

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10 - assistant assessor & enumerator

11 - wagers, betting etc.

12 - height & description of fences, built of rails or other substantial material 4 feet high.

13 - limiting licences of houses to 1 year

14 - appointment of twp. officers

15 - Public inns & taverns for public convenience & accommodation - not encouragement of tippling, gambling & drinking - doors & shutters close on his bar on Sabbath - no gaming at dice, cards or otherwise, fines, etc.

16 - appraising of damage - animals - fence viewer

17 - duties of poundkeeper

18 - Pathmaster duties - Statute labour - breach of highway - obstruction, etc.

19 - amendment of Bylaw 4th Apr. 1850

20 - place & holding elections

21 - establish roads in twp.

According to survey reports of Jesse P. Ball - surveyor- detailed full description of 11 roads - dec. 23, 1850.

Scale of fees to be charged by poundkeeper

Protecting Bridge & Publick Structures - unlawful any person to drive, ride or lead any horses or other animals over plank bridge (30' in length) more than a walk - damage of ploughs, harrows, - fine, etc.

Bylaw 112 overning licence laws - shop, store keepers - auctioneer.

113 - licensing keepers of houses of Public Entertainment etc.

114 - restraining certain cattle

115 - duties of pathmaster

116 - money to B.R. & Pt. Burwell Road Co.

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Dec. 1, 1856 Jan. 12, 1857 Jan. 19 Feb. 17 1857

Pathmaster - Wm. Chandler

Toll gate # 1 to be sold 1st May

Absentee lands in several S.S.'s

Apr. 25, 1857 complete sale of Toll gate # 3 in village of Straffordville

May 12 - Susanna Edison mentioned

Oaths of pathmaster - John Dean, Alexander Moore, Henry Howey, Samuel Livingston Sr., John Ketchabaw, Wm. F. Baldwin, Alvin Buchner, Eli, Hodkins Wm. Bowes

May 23, 1857 - H- John House

Sept. Nov. 14

Jan. 8, 1858 - Jan 18 - Wm. Baldwin

Apr. 6 Pathmaster - Amos Weeks, George Doan, David Dean, Andrew House, Henry Howey, John Katzebaw, Jacob Katzebaw, Rbt. Kidd, Wm. Bowes, John Buchner, Wm. Crane.

Upper Canada - Oath

Israel Stilwell, Wm. Bowes, John Ketchabaw, Rbt. Hatch, Henry Berry, John Buchner, Rev. H. Jessop, May 8, 1858

Apr. 8, 1858 Bridge over Otter Creek near Richmond by law establishing road across S.E. corner of Lot 25 in 8 Con. report of J.P. Ball.

May 22 - June 26 - Clergy Reserve Funds

July 24, 1858 rescind & not make of no effect by law No. 132 referring to sale of side road between Lots 15 & 16 in # 9 Con.

Aug. 21 Sept. 4 - draft bylaw legalizing the disposition of Clergy

Reserve Fund. Sell the Government allowance for road between Lots 15 & 16 in Con. 9

Birdsell Mill mentioned - Otter creek

1858

Oct. 9 Oct. 16 Oct. 30 - pay for toll gate house on Talbot St. Road Co. & keep a book especially for that purpose.

Jan. 10, 1859 - bridge over Otter Creek between 8 & 9 Con.

Jan. 17 - Thomas Dobbie D. Reeve St. Andrews' Ward - arresting A. Woodward and taking him to jail (county)

Geo. A. Dobbie - government allowance for road between 15 & 16 9 Con. between Lots 13 & 14 - 9th road be divided

Apr. 16, 1859 - May 7, June 18 July 2

\$4.38 payment in full of funeral expense of indigent person

Aug. 20, 1859

Toll gate \$150.00 John Burwell's building destroyed by fire, to repair a bridge in N.E. corner of Lot # 19 - 9th Con.

Sept. 3, 1859 - bylaw describing boundaries of S.S.'s in twp. - on new map of twp.

Sept. 17, 1859 - repair hill on Con. road near Mr. Caswell's mill

dispose of $N\frac{1}{2}$ allowance for road between Lot 15 & 16 in 8th Con.

$n\frac{1}{2}$ disposed to Daniel Caswell & $s\frac{1}{2}$ to Wm. Bowes

Oct. 15, 1859 bylaw establishing township Fair in village of Straffordville 1st fair to be held month of April 1860

Nov. 26 - Dec. 17 1859 - \$10.02 - non-resident land tax to # 18 Mr. Plewes Mill

Jan. 9, 1860 - Jan. 16 1860 - Henry Edison still councillor

Mar. 5, 1860 - Revision of Absentee tax - J.H. Jones - Reeve Wm. Hatch tendered his resignation - motion vote of thanks (40 years)

Defining duties of overseers of highway.

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Mar. 15, 1860 - grading down hill between Lot 9 & 10 near Mr. Plewes Mill. Make survey of village of Straffordville & furnish 2 maps one for Registry office & one for twp. & be paid \$30.00 for same. Wm. Veitch - book & money of twp.

Reeve directed Hiram Swayze, Harvey Howey, Geo. McLean & Sam Howey Jr. as Bondsman to amount of \$10,000.00.

May 7, 1860 - cut down hill on east side of Otter Creek between 9 & 10 Con. Wm. Grey (Plewes Hill)

May 14, 1860

June 18 Aug. 27 1860 - repair foundation of Hill - Still Clergy Reserves

Dec. 23, 1860 Licences - 1856

John H Jones shop &7.10

Daniel Caswell shop &7.10

Israel Stilwell tavern &7.10

L.J. Hatch shop &7.10

Wm. J. Partlow auctioneer

Lewis Ostrander - tavern

1854 John Millard tavern

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Jan. 1873

Caroline Reed at Mary Lucie's - paper - 43 per week for Mrs. Wilson, widow of Cap. Jas. Wilson

Wm. Backhouse - arbitrator

Alvin J. Bouchner - \$4.00 to St. Thomas

D.F. Silverthorne - constable

Dr. C.S. Vail, Dr. Kingston

Viotella June McCallum - deaf & dumb to Belleville

Ashley Wellington Nancy Carnes - relief money

Gilbert Wilson - all the time

Mary Sanger to jail

Jan. 6, 1873 (Wm. Lane clerk) Daniel Freeman Reeve

Councillors Milton L. Bell & Geo. W. Best, Michael Hunsberger D. Reeve

Edwin Gray

Jan. 13 Allen Weaver \$4.00 sheep killed by dogs

Archibald Ostrander \$53.00 filling in gully side road #25 & 26 - 9 Con.

Solomon Moore \$14.00 keep of Jonathan Nute - indigent

John Ford, Job Taylor - \$4.00 burying unknown washed ashore.

Samuel Howey \$8.32 - lumber for bridge Lot 21 N.G.

Feb. 12 Petition for aid - James Ribble

John Fitch & wife Mrs. Elizabeth Ostrander Mrs. Iva Walker

\$3.00 & 2.00 Simeon Ostrander \$90.00 assessor.

Feb. 18 1873 - first mention of gravel pit (gravel mentioned in 1850s in connection with plank road.)

Feb. 27 Talbot "Gravel" Road - examine titles

A. Hilts - tavern licences James Z. Leach

Indigent - John Wilson \$2.10 Mrs. Boughner \$5.62 James Wilson \$1.00

Jacob S. Jones - cutting wood for hall

Mar. 8, 1873 - Daniel Freeman resigned Leonadis Burwell at meeting.

Apr. 2 - John Ketchabaw - commissioner to be in culvert & repair gully on road (Bylaw - advertise in Tillsonburg Observer) Division 45 \$30,000.00 for Norfolk Railway Brantford to Pt. Burwell.

May 7, 1873 - Petition from Isaiah Dougherty (storekeeper) & 14 others in respect to Statute Labour in village of Eden

Philander Caswell - Moses Leach

E. Gray as one of two com. to examine Townline between Malahide & Bayham.

That the inhabitants of the village of Eden be allowed to perform their Statute labour in said village & that Israel Stilwell be appointed overseer of Roads in said village. *Moved by M. Hunsberger & seconded by M.L. Bell

that Bylaw No. 304 for the purpose of raising money to erect a School House in S.S. # 18 Bayham to be read for the first time. Bell & Gray 2nd Gray

& Bell 3rd - finally passed. (Note: the two storey white brick house)

1024 ft. of plank at E. Gray's Mill for bridge purposes

Benjamin Stilwell be appointed pathmaster for road division No. 65 in place

of Isaac Plewis.

Bayham - assess Cheese factory Lot 15 in 11th Con.

John H. Crossett - 10th part of 17

John Harris - 2.84 for Plank road.

Nehemiah - \$10.00 indigent daughter

Wm. F. Baldwin - stone for Gilbert gully

Aug. 23, 1873 James Morrison \$100.00 salary

collecting twp. rate for building S.S. # 18

Wm. Buchner - gravel pit on his farm in Middleton

Dec. 1, 1873 No. 308 - subdividing twp. in polling places J.S. Jones as clerk R.P. Scidmore - 1263 feet - plank road

Dec. 29, 1873 Wm. Backhouse - declined nomination for Reeve

May 11, 1874 N. Stilwell & 18 other taxpayers for privilege for watering place running westerly across N. end of No. 20 in 8 Con. \$25.00 on Caswell hill providing Henry Ostrander expend like sum. Portion of road on flats between Leach Mill bridge be enclosed in Division No. 41.

M.G. Burwell for \$11.00 account for printing.

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May 16, 1874 - Special meeting - N. Railway - laid over

June 1874 - John Ostrander com. repairing hill on county line N.W. of New England. Tavern license of M. Westover be transferred to Gray & Caswell
Petition of Levi Hatch & 11 others - road - next meeting
\$50.00 on H. Ostrander Mill on the expectation that Ostrander & those in Eden interested give $\frac{1}{2}$ the amount.
Wm. Jones \$42.50 job done on hill at Ostrander Mill

Aug. 24, 1874 - Survey for road - Nov. 26,7,8 - 8th Con. Geo. H. Backhouse No. 10 & 11.

Oct. 12, 1874 - \$6.66 for Buck sheep killed by dog.

Nov. 9, 1874 - John Boughner - com. to let job of filling gully East of Eden near Baptist Church
Toll gate at Griffins Corners (polling booth)
Coffin & trimming - digging grave & cotton - Mrs. Van Tassel

1875 Coffin for Ira Walker \$11.00 Lewis family \$25.00 - moved out of twp.

Apr. 5, 1875 - that $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 16 in 9th Con. belong to Joseph Norton be placed in road bed. No. 54
Samuel Baldwin \$3.00 clearing flood wood from bridge on Lot 12 8th Con.
John Pygall - Wilson Phelps road 8th transfer to John H. Soper.
Fence views - E. Buchner Murray Travis
Poundkeeper - Sam Howey Jr., Franklin Gray
Road Overseers - No. 26 John Eichenberg No. 30 Geo. Backhouse & son
\$45 John Ketchabaw No.49 Wm. Howey #51 John E. Moore #55 Simeon Ostrander #59 Wm. Caswell #65 R.P. Scidmore #86 Levi Hatch #94 Jacob Bentley #108 Alex Moore #146 Rbt. Kennedy #48 Mathew Caswell #52 Wm. M. Ford #54 James Ford #55 John Ford #56 John Buchner #78 Henry Ostrander #100 Lewis Ketchabaw
Lewis Ketchabaw - gully - 8th Con. reduce 2 days labour - those assessed \$5.00, 1 day additional up to \$30.00

May 31, 1875 - sickness & death late Miss Boughner
W.R. Griffin, Henry Howey, John Morrison, Rbt. Howey, Wm. Crossett, & Mrs. Boughner allowed to do S.L. road between Lot 128 & NG to plank road.
Geo. Buchner - #25 & 26 - 9 Con.
F. Allemand & son - 22 & 23 N.G.

July 5, 1875 - John Inman, S. Ostrander, & E. Gray's com. \$50.00 on gully near Baptist Church S. of Eden

Sept. 6, 1875 - Can. Southern Railways Bonus?
Hamilton & Harris - pathmaster J.P. Ball - Surveyor
Isaac House - road division 97
buried seaman - Patrick Doyle
\$200.00 arrest & conviction of person or persons who set fire to E. Gray's Barn & Sheds in Oct. last

1875 Wm. Backhouse - Deputy Reeve - Samuel - councillor
Dec. 27, 1875 Moved by T.W. Dobbie Reeve 2nd by Albert McDowell that Dr. P.M. Mann be councillor - Israel Stilwell (declined)
councillor

Jan. 10, 1876 - Wm. Buckburrrough \$8.71 tax refund

Feb. 1 Ebenezer Buchner - collector

Feb. 24, 1876 - Tavern \$75.00 Wilson Hollow
\$8.00 for auditing I Connor & Wm. Dobbie
Ostrander Hill \$25.00 Lots 21 & 22 Stilwell & Gray commissioners
Gilbert Wilson Martha Millard Rbt. Draper & 11 others \$ 30.00 to C.C.COan
John Scanlan Lots 20 & 21 - surveyor Jesse P. Ball
Joseph Hatch for nails & toil acting as Roadmaster
E.D. Tilson - planks for roads
Eli Hodgkins - repairing Little Otter bridge
Lewis Ketchabaw - \$18.56 Lot 12 8th Con.
Raised to $4\frac{1}{2}$ mills on \$1.00
Thomas French - work \$5.00 8th Con. & N.G.
Telegraphing mentioned

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Feb. 24, 1876 John Veitch - 8th Con. of Bayham
Work done on culvert on Ridge road
Nomination meeting for 1877 - A.S. Stilwell

Feb. 12, 1877 Wm. Baldwin 25 sheep killed \$56.67

Mar. 26, 1877 - repairing bridge over 10th Con. Otter Creek

June 25, 1877 Dr. McLay \$126.00 for attending smallpox patients at
Corinth - suits for clothes destroyed.

John Ketchabaw \$194.00 - plank for road \$45.00 P.D. Scidmore

Aug. 20, 1877 - D.D. Healy \$3.00 examining 2 dead bodies, as per acct.
Dr. A. McLay \$12.00 - small pox patients.

Nov. 5, 1877 Wm. Baldwin bridge on 2nd Con. near home
Joseph Norton \$1.32 - 132 ft. oak plank bridge over Otter creek

Jury \$6.00 for selection

Geo. Leach 50¢ for townline work (Middleton & Bayham)

Sam D.(?) Sinden 250 ft. paid @\$7.00 for M bd.ft.

W.H. Gilbert - collector for S.S.S # 18 \$8.28

Nov. 1877 That bylaw #358 - to make regulation for preservation of Public
Morals in Township of Bayham be received and read first time.

1878 R.P. Scidmore - councillor

Jacob S. Jones - returning officer

Jan. 14, 1878 - Lewis Ketchabaw for removing driftwood from bridge near
Fraser's

W.A. Moore, deputy returning officer \$7.10 Poll clerk \$1.50

constable \$1.00 Jacob Thomas - use of house for polling \$3.00

Lewis Vincent \$4.00 building culvert near L. Mack's on road on 8th Con.

E. Gray using hall for municipal electors \$2.00

\$105.00 for assessing Twp. of Bayham

\$2.00 for man & team - \$1.00 for a man, gulley near Baptist church

Mar. 14, 1878 - Road division be formed on Townline Middleton & Bayham exted
from Leach mill - n to Goshen Road & Sidney Dean be Road Overseer of same
having the Statute labour of Wm. Stilwell, S. Dean and John Ostrander

Apr. 21 1878 L.N. Stilwell for work on hill & filling approach East of
Bridge on 9th Con. \$8.50 Lyman Smith \$1.50 repairing bridge over Otter
between 9 & 10 Con. (Ball still surveying)

Apr.

May 31, 1878 A.T. Boughner \$15.00 - service of notice Court of Review
Road Division on side road commencing at N. side of 9 Con. & extending
S. along side road to top of Fraser's Hill & that the Lots bordering on
said be included.

Aug. 12 1878 - Duncan Shepherd, Chas. S. Smith & 19 others to have 11 Con.
line Surveyor Lot 20, also asking council to grant & approx. amt. of money
to repair the hills on gulley

Oct. 7, 1878

L. Burwell & 140 others praying council pass resolution to consent to an
extension of time to complete the Railroad to Port Burwell That John Buchner
be appointed a commissioner do a job of work on sideroad on 9th Con. east
of Eden of Judge Hugh.

\$160.00 Bonus money Brant- Great Western Railway Co. if completed Nov. 4

Martin Howey & Harvey Caswell remove their fences now in road allowance
of sideroad between Lots 20 & 21 in 8th Con.

L.N. Stilwell - 9 & 10 Con. Bridge approaches

John Inman \$3.33 damage to sheep by dogs

John Buchner \$1.00 error in dog tax

Rbt. Howey \$10.00 partial compensation for work

building road on sideroad between 20 & 21 - 8th Con.

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Oct. 7, 1878

Jacob Buchner - Lot 21 & 22 in 3 Con.

Andrew Stilwell work on Townsline Houghton & Bayham near Leach mills
(Note: Wm. Cook wrote notes part of the meeting)

Jas. Buchner - plank for ditch

June 13, 1879 - James Ford - collector of School rates for S.S. # 18

Henry Ostrander \$1.00 error in dog tax

Lawrence J. Hatch \$6.60 $\frac{1}{2}$ pay on Townline Middleton & Bayham

John Ostrander Con. 11

Henry Ostrander 2nd deputy reeve

E.T. Martin - assessor \$105.00

Mar. 18, 1879 Thom. Ball \$12.00 removing drift wood from Ostrander bridge

Mar. 26, 1879 John Ketchabaw, R.T. Scidmore, John Chandler, L.N. Stilwell, & A.S. Stilwell - bylaw removing said parties from S.S. # 23 to unite them to # 18 - finally passed

Gravel 5¢ a load.

May 5, 1879 - Levi J. Hatch - comm. to repair townline

Jacob Ball - be allowed to cut silvers, maples & willows (Pt. Burwell) and agrees to plant maples.

May 26, 1879 Israel Stilwell - Middleton & Bayham townline Com. Mathew Caswell sheep killed 2/3 value

May 26, 1879 - prepare a bylaw setting forth a portion of the Streets of each village or where a sidewalk may be built in township for road walks to impose penalties on person travelling thereon on horseback or cutter on the same - M. Wm. Moore 2nd H.T. Godwin Carried

*(Wm. Thomas mentioned)

A.S. Stilwell - teaming & putting (9 Con) in culvert

Israel Stilwell - townline

L.J. Hatch - repairing hill at Otter Creek townline

July 7, 1879 Wm. Moore - fill in gully - 8th Con.

Levi Baldwin mentioned on 3rd Con.

Sept. 1 Wm. Kennedy repairing bridge across Otter Creek \$33.30

On Lots 11 & 12

Nov. 3, 1879 \$68.00 - repairing Con. 7 & 8

Solomon Moore - filling creek east of Corinth

Samuel Howey - Dog fund - Dec. 1 Dr. Kingston - indigent patient

Dec. 15, 1879 Rbt. Travis opening side road between Lot 128 & 129 in 6 Con.

1880 Wm. Backhouse - Reeve in Port Burwell

Jan. 19, 1880 \$20.00 in error in back tax against Wm. French on SE part of L.25 in 8th Con. containing 33 acres

Salary assessor 180 be \$105.00

Isaac Connor - new assessor

Mr. Buchner - lease gravel pit to municipality

C. Long - services as messenger \$2.00

Apr. 5, 1880 - Rbt. Dickie & 38 others petition Con. road between 9 & 10 Con. sideroad at S.E. corner of Lot 15 in 10 Con. fit for public travel.

May 17, 1880 - meeting called by Reeve for purpose of replying to questions A.H. Dymond Esq. - Com. appointed to inquire of "The soil, climate, topographical features, cultivation, area & products of several sections of province & progress & condition of Husbandry of Ontario & also for other purposes in connection with municipal council - members all present - Questions answered.

Aug. 9, 1880 Mrs. Henry Ostrander work on hill near her mill

Aug. 9, 1880 Wm. Howey - timber for bridge & culvert - pulling stumps (first mentioned)

1881 James Pauling - township clerk

Jan. 11