

**Dunkirk Historical Museum
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
July 14, 2026**

Present: Kay Szewczuk, Graham Tedesco-Blair, Matt Sutton, Diane Andrasik, Vikki Johnson, Roger Schulenburg
Guest: Roy Davis

President Matt Sutton called the meeting to order. He moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and the vote to approve passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Vikki Johnson reported the total income from membership that included membership, donations, the store revenue, and interest was \$1012 for the month of June;
- Outgoing expenses for utilities, computer related, purchases and other was \$1348.
- Totals for Key Bank accounts were reviewed, including amounts on hand from CD accounts.
- The total in the Robert Harris Fund is \$25,285.
- She explained the use of the cash box policy going forward.
She noted there would be no credit card for use at the fair, but a price sheet would be used.
- More training using the Square will take place in the future.

Director's Report:

Graham Tedesco-Blair gave the report, noting the following:

- We are still looking for coverage from Lawley for the museum building; we are covered until August.
- Graham said a deadline for preregistration of a NYSCA grant was missed but other grants are in the offing.
- The occupancy bed tax application has been sent in.
- A lecture about Toby Halicki and Gone in 60 Seconds will be held October 15, 2026 at the Fredonia Opera House.
- We received a grant for supplies that would include moisture mitigation silica packs for display cases and hygrometer device.

Vice President's Report

Katherine Szewczuk reported the newsletter was put together and it will be out in July. She will be requesting feedback about the web store and its completeness and accuracy.

Curator's Report

Kay reported

- A conservation grant is a possibility from the Greater Hudson Heritage Network amounting to \$10,000 for preservation of 3 objects. Using the grant must involve a professional and it must involve a 3D object. It has a September 1 deadline.
- The new exhibit opens Aug. 1, starting 10 AM to 2 PM.

- There will be extended open hours for the museum August 12, from 4:30 to 7, for the 1976 DHS reunion.
- Additional hours will include Aug. 15 from 10-2 and Aug 22 from 10-2 for the Mindszenty reunion.
- The exhibit was reported as nearly complete and Kay outlined items still needed including a 60's or 70's chair, and a few other items.
- Jim Raszak donated \$250 to the museum for its use, and Kay outlined items needed to be purchased including a wig for mannequins and bluetooth speaker.

Railroad Report:

Roger Schulenberg noted we were ready for fair week events, with the boxcar recently repainted. Decal graphics will be applied soon.

On Saturday, September 5, the public dedication and open house will be held, highlighting the Dunkirk engineering model created by Roger's brother. The model, protective enclosure, and stand are in place, all donated by Roger Schulenberg.

Roger will be making a donation to cover costs for the Dunkirk Engineering Company panel was submitted. He thanked Diane Andrasik for her design of the informational panel about the company.

Old Business:

It was noted the Brooks plaque recently attached to the wall downstairs requires some cleaning of residue.

New Business:

- Kay proposed her policy for visitors with signage at every entry noting visitors will be under observation. This included age requirements to be in the museum without accompaniment by a parent. Pets will not be permitted. Service animals are permitted.
- The flagpole pulley is broken and needs replacement.
- Matt fixed the roof leak.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45

Upcoming events include:

McClurg will hold its Annual antique show July 18 and 19.

The Chautauqua History Expo will be held August 2.

The next meeting is set for August 11, 6 PM Amended to August 18.