

**Dunkirk Historical Museum
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
June 9, 2026**

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

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 on the finances, noting income from membership, donations, and the store amounted to a total of \$619.00.
- She reported \$123,000.06 operating income present in the banking account.
- The 2024 federal income taxes are nearly completed and will be able to be submitted.

Director's Report:

- The CDBG community grant has been submitted for concrete improvement.
- A lecture on the Halicki family and movies by the family member will take place October 15, 2026, at the Fredonia Opera House
- Updates have been done on the website with help from Erika Clary-Jones. The email situation still needs to be resolved. An updated membership form and its pdf have been uploaded
- He is working on a NY State Council for the Arts grant due July 8 in the amount of \$10,000.
- Info from Lawley Insurance states that Michigan Miller Insurance is dropping the museum's property insurance. In 2023 certain recommendations were made but not carried out. These included eliminating tree branches hanging over the roof, combustible items being near the furnace, fixing water line issues (galvanized steel water lines to be replaced as necessary), replacing of the hot water heater.

Kay suggested a separate meeting with the building people just about these items and what has been done or needs to be done..

Curator Report:

Kay gave the vice-president's report first.

- The newsletter will be sent at the end of July.
- The May visitor's list included 36 people; 15 people attended her lecture on locomotives. The Opera House lecture by Bill Burt had 134 in attendance. She raised the issue as to whether additional open houses or more events would be more important for attendance.
- The Web store has been completed and a draft of the museum Attendance policy by visitors has been made.

The Curator's report followed:

- The women's exhibit ends June 30 with the new one starting to be put together July 8. She listed some of the highlights and items she is still searching for.
- She applied for a grant from GAHWAY in the amount of \$600, including preservation supplies.

Railroad Report:

Roger Schulenberg reported on several items:

- The Bill Burt lecture on the Erie Railway occurred at the Fredonia Opera House; Its director Rick Davis stated that it has been the most popular event so far.
- He and Diane are finishing work on the Dunkirk Engineering panel, and he is working on completing work on the model to be part of the display.
- He is working on the repainting of the boxcar at the railroad display, the old graphics having been scraped off, to be followed by sanding and repainting of the car.

President's Report:

Matt said two dehumidifiers have been purchased after the old one broke down.

Old Business: The search for a person to serve as secretary continues.

New Business:

- The county fair approaches and members and volunteers are asked to sign up for maintaining the display for visitor hours.
- Discussion was held in regard to the scanning of the Baker painting of ships in battle and how to handle the situation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 PM, July 14, at the Barker Library..