

Lookout #4 Board Meeting

May 9, 2026 2:36pm Bruce Township History Library

The meeting was opened by chairman Mary Ann Schallip. Bob Schallip and Dusty King were in attendance. Stephanie Schallip- Pins, and Bob & Mary Ann Holvenstot joined the meeting by zoom. Minutes from the February 7, 2026 meeting were read by Dusty. They were accepted on a motion by Stephanie and second by Mary Ann H. Carried.

The treasurer's report was given by Mary Ann S. Current assets total \$19,337.49 in checking and \$5,000.00 in approved grant dollars. Current liabilities are \$4,994.98 (materials for construction). The report was accepted on a motion by Bob S. and second by Dusty. Carried.

Standing Committee reports

Fundraising: The invoice for the construction costs was approved by Amrica250 MI grant administration. 90% is forthcoming with the remainder to be paid on job completion. The grant deadline is extended until August 31, 2026.

Site Planning & Restoration: Jeff Dumler sent in a report. Materials were ordered. Waiting for windows to arrive. Restoration will begin soon after they come in (late May?).

Public Relations & Community Engagement: There will be a float in the Barbeau Parade in July. Mark Schallip volunteers to assist with this.

A dedication ceremony is being planned for that same day. It will take place near the Neebish Island Ferry on the Island side. Bob S. is to contact the Coast Guard for a "coastie" to raise a flag over the Lookout Station. More information will be posted.

Volunteer Coordination and Research: Postings on both our website and face book page included 4 interviews and one article from the past about all the lookouts along the river. Dusty to contact the Sugar Island Historical Society for info on Lookouts #2 and #7.

Pam Mayes sent in a report on the US Life-Saving Service Heritage Association which she has joined on behalf of this project. It may have information on the Lookout Stations across the Great Lakes and has grants available to preserve maritime structures.

Compliance & Safety: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business- Dusty is to send out the new Organizational Structure to Board members.

Communications & Bills- A motion was made by Dusty and second by Mary Ann H. to pay the bill for the website and domain name. \$108.00 Carried. We now own Shipmates.org and it is tied to our webpage.

New Business- Staggered term limits for the Board are complete. Press releases need to be sent out after July 4 to comply with America250 MI grant.

The meeting adjourned at 3:19pm. On a motion by Stephanie and second by Mary Ann H. Our next meeting will be June 30 at 7pm.