

**TOWN OF AMHERST SENIOR SERVICES
MINUTES OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

PRESENT: James Bardot, Chairperson, Senior Services Advisory Board; Aaron Carlson; Gary Henry; Del Szczesniak; Melissa Abel, Director, Amherst Center for Senior Services; Honorable Deborah Bruch Bucki, Councilmember/Liaison to Senior Services Department; Mary-Diana Pouli, Executive Director, Amherst Youth & Recreation Department; Tammy Jacobs, Program Coordinator

EXCUSED: Asst.Chief Michael Camilleri; Rev. Susan Frawley; Rhonda Frederick; Dal Giuliani; Ann Nichols; Julie Whitbeck-Lewinski

Report from Chairperson Jim Bardot: Meeting called to order at 8:30am. September minutes & Updated By-Laws were not approved - low attendance did not constitute a quorum. Jim introduced new Board Members Gary Henry & Ann Nichols. 2024 meeting dates & times will be discussed in December.

Discussion of increasing Membership fees: New member rates have not increased in more than 10 years. It was proposed that beginning in 2024, the lifetime rate for Amherst residents would be \$50.00 for a single & \$75.00 for a household. Non-resident rate would be \$50.00 per year. We will no longer offer a lifetime or household rate for non-residents. Board members were in agreement with the rate increase. It will be brought to a vote in December.

Report from Amherst Senior Services Director, Melissa Abel: Donna Muck has retired. Interviews are being held for her replacement.

Report from Debbie Bucki: Debbie wished Donna well. She commented on Donna's wonderful job performance, her dedication & her willingness to be accommodating when special lunches were offered.

Report from Tammy Jacobs: University Express classes have started & are very well attended. We've started planning for the holidays & have started working on Breakfast with Santa & the Holiday Happening. The new "My Active Center" will be available soon.

Report from Representatives' Council President, Del Szczesniak: Online registration fills up too fast for those who do not have a computer. It was mentioned that the computer room is available to members in need of a computer.

Member Reports:

Aaron Carlson: Hearts & Hands is recruiting for new volunteers.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Abel.

***The next Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 8:30am
370 John James Audubon Parkway***