

**TOWN OF AMHERST SENIOR SERVICES
MINUTES OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 12, 2024**

PRESENT: James Bardot, Chairperson, Senior Services Advisory Board; Asst.Chief Michael Camilleri; Gary Henry; Ann Nichols; Del Szczesniak; Julie Whitbeck-Lewinski; Melissa Abel, Director, Amherst Center for Senior Services; Tammy Jacobs, Program Coordinator

EXCUSED: Aaron Carlson; Rev.Susan Frawley; Dal Giuliani; Mary-Diana Pouli, Executive Director, Amherst Youth & Recreation Department;

ABSENT: Shawn Lavin, Councilmember/Liaison to Senior Services Department

Meeting opened at 8:30am. Motion made by Jim to approve the April meeting minutes as written. Second by Gary, all in favor, motion passed. A motion was made by Jim to approve the Values as written. Second by Gary, all in favor & motion passed.

Report from Chairperson Jim Bardot:

- **Our Vision**

To identify, understand, and create opportunities for improved quality of life for adults as they age.

- **Our Mission**

Empower all people with quality of life as they age.

- **Our Values**

ACCESSIBILITY

Ensuring that members can participate and benefit from the many services by providing opportunities for all members to reach their potential and contribute their skills and talents to the Center.

COMMUNITY

Assisting older adults to remain independent by working with families, volunteers, and community partners by building strong bonds through shared objectives.

DIVERSITY

Embracing differences in skills, knowledge, cultural heritage, ethnicity, and gender orientation of older adults and their families.

INCLUSION

Offering individuals a sense of belonging, identity, and support by recognizing, respecting, embracing, celebrating, and valuing the unique abilities, perspectives, and experiences that each individual brings.

KNOWLEDGE

Committed to Life-Long Learning that encourages growth, engagement, and innovation among its members.

SUPPORT

Demonstrating understanding and empathy with the unique needs of our members by providing programs, activities, and services dedicated to ensuring satisfaction and building lasting relationships by extending a helping hand.

Report from Melissa Abel, Director, Amherst Senior Services:

- The 2025 Budget requests are due. Budget meetings begin in July.
- The kitchen project to replace the pipe below the floor will go to bid.
- The Café & Gift Shop will close at the end of June. New Café construction will begin at the end of August.

Report from Mary-Diana Pouli, Executive Director, Youth & Recreation Department: No Report.

Report from Tammy Jacobs, Program Coordinator:

- Summer concerts are on Thursdays this year. We have a couple additional concerts by the Bar Room Buzzards & our own Blues Group.
- The Old Home Days Parade takes place on July 16th. Senior Day is July 17th along with lunch & a concert by the Boomers.
- The Arts & Wellness Program through the Prevention Council of Erie County ended in June. The program went really well & members have asked for a part 2.

Report from Del Szczesniak, President, Representatives' Council: No Report

Reports from Board Members: No Reports.

Adjourn: Jim made a motion to adjourn at 9:10am. Second by Mike.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Abel.

***The next Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 8:30am
370 John James Audubon Parkway***