

Amherst Ways & Means Meeting

October 25, 2021

Final

Attendees:

Mike Parisi, Chair (MP)

Lisa Eastland (LE)

Jim Kuhnert (JK)

Bill Loscocco (BL)

Lori Mix (LM)

Wendy Rannenberg (WR)

Diane Layton, Alternate (DL)

Michael Patterson (MP2) was absent

Ways & Means Meeting Call to Order at 7:43pm

1. **Citizens comments:** None
2. **Approve Minutes from October 12, 2021:** LE made a motion to approve the minutes of October 12, 2021. LM seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
3. **Discuss the Draft Budget as Presented at the BOS Meeting:**
 - a. Most in attendance commented that the budget information provided during the BOS was incomplete and included errors.
 - i. Dean Shankle explained during the BOS meeting those errors were the result of uploading information from the financial system into Excel. He did not have time to correct but will be working on updating information over the next few days.
 - ii. Salary information to include COLA and Health Insurance costs are not available at this time. COLA is set by the BOS and should be decided in one of the next two BOS meetings. Health Insurance is not likely to be available until December.
 - b. JK – suggested we make sure we understand whether salary increases represent full or half year
4. **Discuss FY23 Budget Timeline and Finalize Departmental Budget Meeting Assignments**
 - a. The Ways & Means committee finalized their assignments to attend various department budget meetings over the next two weeks. The “FY22 Budget Individual Departmental Meetings Schedule” table was completed and sent to Dean Shankle, Jennifer Stover and members of BOS.
5. **New Business:** None

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectively submitted,
Lori Mix
Ways & Means