

ADAMS COUNTY BOROUGH ASSOCIATION
Pike Restaurant ▪ Gettysburg, PA 17325
ACBA MEETING ▪ MAY 16, 2016

ATTENDANCE

BOROUGH REPRESENTATION PRESENT (13):

Abbottstown: April Trivitt

Biglerville: Melinda Elnaggar

Carroll Valley: Andy Strausbaugh; Ron Harris

East Berlin: Robbie Teal

Fairfield: None

Gettysburg: None

Littlestown: Jim Eline Sr.; Betty Bucher; Sandy Conrad

McSherrystown: David Bolton; Robert Niederer; Michael Calderone;

New Oxford: None

York Springs: Bob Megonnell; Sally Vance

TOWNSHIPS PRESENT (3):

Berwick: None

Germany: Jack Ketterman

Hamiltonban: Bob Gordon

Huntington: None

Liberty: Bob Jackson

Oxford: None

GUEST PRESENT (3):

Shannon Harvey – Vice President of HACC's Gettysburg Campus

Judy Chambers – Penn State Extension

Marty Qually – Adams County Commissioner

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CALL TO ORDER

The Adams County Boroughs Association met in session and the meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Ron Harris and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROUND TABLE

Introductions were made by all in attendance.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Dave Bolton and seconded by April Trivitt to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2016 as written. Motion adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT

**TREASURER:
ANDY STRAUSBAUGH**

Treasurer, Andy Strausbaugh reported the following:

Balance as of January 18, 2016.....	\$2,362.75
Receipts for 36 meals @ \$10.....	\$ 360.00
Dues paid	\$ 600.00
Balance.....	\$3,322.75
Expenses for 38 meals @ \$10.....	\$ 380.00
Balance as of December 31, 2015.....	\$2,942.75

A motion was made by Dave Bolton and seconded by Jim Eline, Sr. to accept the Treasurers Report as read by Andy Strausbaugh. Motion adopted.

ACBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

PSAB COMMITTEES: DAVID BOLTON

MEDICINAL CANNABIS RESOLUTION

Congressional leaders were curious as to who was responsible for pushing the Medicinal Cannabis and Industrial Hemp Resolutions and complaining about the negative blow-block for blocking the bills. Due to the support of these two resolutions there has been no opposition seen thus far and they are moving through with unanimous votes.

MUNICIPAL PENSION & LABOR

The focus on pension reform has been on the plan structure and benefits for police and paid firefighters. PSAB has been working with Governor Wolf's Task Force on this subject. PSAB is opposed to any plan that would mandate local government pension plans to be consolidated into a state administered plan. The push for sensible Act 111 Collective Bargaining for Police & Firefighter reform, such as Senate Bill 211.

STORMWATER FEE

House bill 1394 that is being introduced will amend the Borough Code to allow stormwater fees. This fee should exist for boroughs that do not wish to create an authority. This bill will help alleviate the burden on general funds and the responsibility of this mandate will be spread to all property

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owners. This bill did pass the House in December with a vote of 152-45 and with amendments is for consideration as of May 10th by the Senate Local Government Committee.

RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW REFORM

Senate Bill 411 is being supported by PSAB. This bill will make some much needed updates to the seven-year-old Right-to-Know Law. The bill passed the Senate last year and is now in the House State Government Committee.

RECESS

A 40 minute recess was taken for dinner.

GUEST SPEAKER(S)

SHANNON HARVEY VICE-PRESIDENT OF HACC'S GETTYSBURG CAMPUS

Shannon Harvey along with being the VP of HACC's Gettysburg Campus is also a member of the College's senior leadership team. Her responsibilities include setting strategic direction for the Gettysburg Campus as well as overseeing all operational and programmatic activities of the campus.

Shannon is also a member of the boards of Wellspan Gettysburg Hospital, Rotary Club of Gettysburg, Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce and St. Francis Religious Education. In addition, she also serves as a member of the Adams County Business Education Partnership, and Delta Kappa Gamma.

Shannon discussed the impact on business community. Within an analysis year, HACC Gettysburg and its students added \$23.5 Million in income to the Gettysburg area economy. This is equals about 0.3% of the Gross Regional Product. The breakdown of this economic impact is as follows:

- *Operations and spending impact* – Gettysburg HACC in the 2013-2014 employed 187 full-time and part-time employees. \$9 Million dollars went to payroll and much was spent in the Gettysburg area to purchase groceries, clothing, and other household goods. Another \$4.4 Million went to support day-to-day operations. During the analysis year the net impact of payroll and expenses in the Gettysburg area was approximately \$9.5 Million in added income.
- *Impact of student spending* – The percentage of students attending HACC Gettysburg that originate from outside the region is about 33%. There was an economic impact in relations to groceries, transportation, rent, and so on at regional businesses for Gettysburg as some of these students relocated to the Gettysburg area. This added approximately \$829.1 Thousand in income to the economy.
- *Alumni impact* – HACC Gettysburg students have either entered or re-entered the workforce with newly-acquired skills. Thousands of

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former students have been employed in the Gettysburg area. This has added about \$13.1 Million in income.

Also, discussed was the return on investment to students, society and taxpayers. During 2013-2014 students paid a total of \$8.4 Million to cover the cost of tuition, fees, books and supplies. \$12.6 Million would have been earned if the students would had been working instead of learning. From a social perspective Pennsylvania will receive a present value of \$238.6 Million in added state income over the course of the students' working lives. In addition, to the social perspective the taxpayers' perspective in Pennsylvania paid \$2.6 Million to support the operations of HACC Gettysburg. The net present value of the added tax revenue stemming from the students' higher lifetime incomes and the increase output of businesses amounts to \$19.3 Million in benefits to taxpayers and savings to the public sector added another \$1.7 Million in benefits due to reduced demand for government-funded services in Pennsylvania.. The average annual return on investment for taxpayers is 23.6%.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Then next Adams County Boroughs Association meeting will be held on September 19, 2016.

ACBA NEWSLETTER

Ron Harris stated that he puts together the newsletter and the purpose of the newsletter is to share information, so if anyone has information political or not to please email him the information.

Submitted by:

Sandy Conrad

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ACBA Secretary