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Congressman Thompson Convenes First Meeting of Philipsburg Area Advisory Council

On Friday, October 11th, Congressman Glenn Thompson convened the first meeting of the new Philipsburg Area Advisory Council. The meeting was held in the MVEDP's conference room at the Moshannon Valley Enterprise Center facility.



In mid-September, GT contacted the MVEDP and asked if we could assist in getting a meeting of area officials together to talk about the issues that are most impacting our area. The response from local officials was excellent. As the MVEDP staff assisted in organizing the local group, we thought it important to have leaders from all types of businesses represented at the meeting.

Able to attend the meeting on the 11th were: Rebecca Inlow of the Rowland Theatre, John Streno, Mayor of Philipsburg, Ben Eltz of Diamondback Truck Covers, Bob Etchells and Shelly Mann of Windy Hill Village, Faith Maguire and Eric Kelmenson of the Philipsburg Revitalization Corporation, Pauline Raab and Mark Wendle of Cen Clear Child Services, Scott Mitchell of the Centre County YMCA, Wes Cartwright of the emergency response community, Leonard Oddo of The GEO Group, and Stan LaFuria of the MVEDP.

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A Message from the Executive Director



We were pleased to assist in the efforts to schedule Congressman Glenn Thompson and State Senator Jake Corman for meetings in the Philipsburg area. These two elected officials proactively asked to meet with folks from our region.

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Congressman Thompson

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Congressman Glenn Thompson

Topics for discussion at that first meeting included: workforce availability and training, how to make the federal Opportunity Zone program work in rural areas like the Moshannon Valley, the presence of blight in certain areas of the community and region, the importance of the GEO Group-FBOP contract to this area, and the Corridor O four-lane highway project that was developed and discussed years ago. Corridor O would be a four-lane highway from I-99 in the Port Matilda area, to I-80 in Clearfield County.

PIDA Loan Program – Rates Lowered Again

The Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA) has lowered the interest rates on loans through their state loan program. PIDA is a loan program available to companies for their projects such as land and buildings, machinery and equipment and working capital/lines of credit.

A business can now get a loan with a rate of 1.75% for the first seven years of a fifteen year

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MVEDP Board of Directors Election Results

The MVEDP concluded its board of directors election on Friday, November 1st. Six candidates were running for the five available seats on the board. Five incumbents were running to retain their seats.

The MVEDP received 69 ballots back from its members which was almost half of the total number of ballots mailed to the MVEDP's members. The five winners, in the order of the number of votes that they received were: Jeff Herr, Bill Jones, John Shimko, Karen Blair, and Gene Wardo. Congratulations to these board members.

Message

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Our elected officials are very important to local economic development efforts, an example being Congressman Thompson's recent efforts to help us secure USDA funding for renovations at our Enterprise Center facility.

Congratulations to Steve Dershem, Mark Higgins and Michael Pipe for their reelection to the Centre County Board of Commissioners. For Clearfield County, we congratulate John Sobol, Tony Scotto and Dave Glass for their victories in the race for Clearfield County Commissioner.

The two sets of county commissioners are ad hoc members of the MVEDP's board of directors. Rush Township has a newly elected supervisor in Jason Vaux, congratulations to Jason.

The MVEDP had its own election for our board of directors and congratulations are in order to Karen Blair, Jeff Herr, Bill Jones, and John Shimko of the current board for their re-election victories. Congratulations too to Gene Wardo for winning a seat on the board. Gene was on the MVEDP board previously, went off the board, and then wanted to run again to serve the board and community.

Senator Jake Corman Provides a Harrisburg Update to the Region



Senator Jake Corman guest speaker at Philipsburg Kiwanis Club meeting

We were pleased to have State Senator Jake Corman speak at the October 24th meeting of the Philipsburg Kiwanis Club. Senator Corman had asked for an opportunity to come over the mountain to Philipsburg to meet with local residents and provide an update on the key issues in Harrisburg.

Senator Corman provided an excellent talk about the current status of state government. He spoke of the improved economy in the state and the positive flow of tax

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Nittany Laser, LLC Expands at the MVRBC



Drew Nissley, Owner of Nittany Laser

Nittany Laser, LLC has expanded again at the Partnership's Moshannon Valley Regional Business Center. Drew Nissley of the State College area is the owner of this company. Nittany Laser has been a business tenant of the

MVRBC since June

2013. The company provides a wide range of laser processing tools and services, from custom-designed laser cladding tools and turn-key systems to in-house laser cladding, welding and machining.

This business started with just over 2,000 square feet of space and has now grown to a manufacturing and production area of just over 7,700 square feet.

Eric Kelmenson Honored by the Philipsburg Historical Foundation



Eric Kelmenson, PRC President

Eric Kelmenson was recently honored by the Philipsburg Historical Foundation at their annual dinner held October 16th. Mark Seinfeld of the PHF presented the J. Clair Simler Memorial Award for Historical

Preservation to Eric.

Eric is the current president of the Philipsburg Revitalization Corporation. Through his leadership, the PRC board has been reorganized and Faith Maguire hired as the projects coordinator.

Eric moved to this area from the state of Maine. He has been renovating multiple properties in the downtown area of Philipsburg. He has terrific enthusiasm for generating positive outcomes in the downtown. Congratulations Eric on being recognized by the PHF.

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Advanced Powder Products Approved for State PIDA Loan



Advanced Powder Products

Advanced Powder Products, Inc., a company owned by Don Heaney, has been approved for a state PIDA loan of \$1,863,795.00 for the construction of a 27,000 square foot addition to their manufacturing facility. APP is located within the Moshannon Valley Regional Business Park.

APP was first incorporated in 2000, and the company's owners at that time, Don Heaney and Tracy Potter, built their first manufacturing facility in the MVRBP in 2004. The company started with just two employees. Today, the company has 65 employees. Thirty (30) of those employees were added just since 2016.

The total cost of the new construction will be approximately \$3.5 million. There will also be bank financing and company funds involved in the project.

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Corman Update

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revenues into state coffers. State government is always an interesting proposition when there is a Democrat in the Governor's office and Republican majorities in the state house and senate. He explained how important it is for there to be give and take, and middle ground found on important issues.

Senator Corman said it is interesting that even with an improved economy, various polls across the state identify that the majority of residents think that the state is moving in the wrong direction. He believes that the media pushes for polarization and is very negative about state government. He said our system of state government is set up to mandate compromise.

Senator Corman was asked a question about the size of the legislature and should it be reduced. He responded that he believes the size of the Senate is appropriate with 50 state senators. He said there are currently 203 House members and that any reduction in the size of the legislature should be in the House. A constitutional amendment is needed and must be passed by the legislature in two sessions.

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PIDA Loan Program

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loan term. The rate is reset after seven years but by a maximum of just 2%. Another option for businesses is a fixed rate of 2.75% for the entire term of the loan.

PIDA only provides 50% of the financing for a project so it is important for businesses to maintain good relationships with their bank or other lending partners. Recent PIDA loan recipients include Advanced Powder Products, Genna Ice, Organic Climbing, and the MVEDP for a project at its Moshannon Valley Enterprise Center multi-tenant/incubator facility.

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