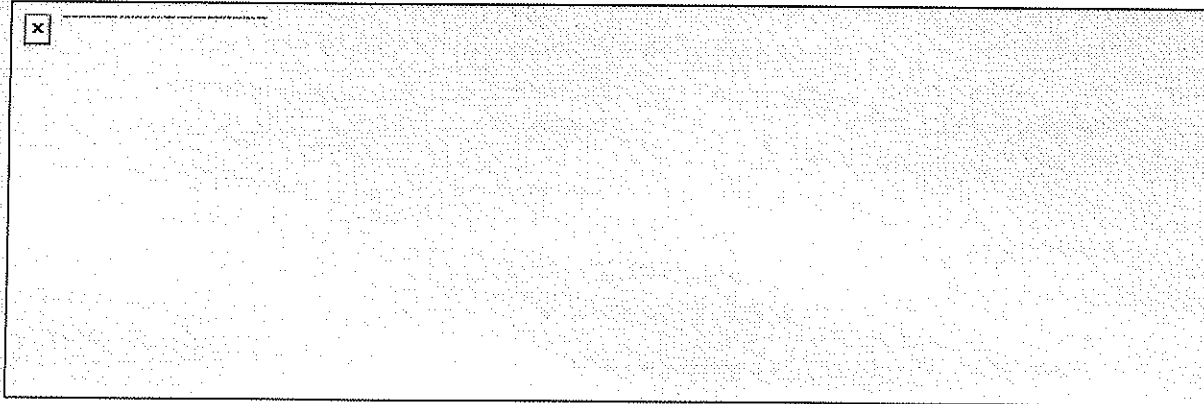


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June 22, 2021

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### Township Video News



#### **TVN's PSATS Roulette | Regional Forums Starting in July**

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### Latest News

#### **Reminder: Susquehanna River Basin Commission Offers Water Level Monitoring Grants**

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) is offering grants to support the collection and reporting of water level data in groundwater production wells in the basin. Municipalities and municipal authorities that have existing SRBC groundwater permits are eligible to apply. Applications are due **June 30, 2021**.

Grants may be used for projects not currently collecting water level data from their wells or to upgrade or replace equipment. Grants of up to \$1,500 per source are

available, with a facility cap of \$7,500 per year. [Click here](#) to learn more.

#### **This Day in History...**

On June 22, 1944, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the G.I. Bill, an unprecedented act of legislation designed to compensate returning members of the armed services—known as G.I.s—for their efforts in World War II.

The American Legion, a veteran's organization, successfully fought for many of the provisions included in the bill, which gave returning servicemen access to unemployment compensation, low-interest home and business loans, and—most importantly—funding for education.

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## Legislation & Policy



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#### **House Passes Authority Rate Legislation**

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#### **House Passes Floodplain Management Administration Legislation**

Yesterday, the House unanimously passed HB 1598 which would amend the Floodplain Management Act to move the administration of the Act from the state Department of Community & Economic Development to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. HB 1598 is now before the Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee.

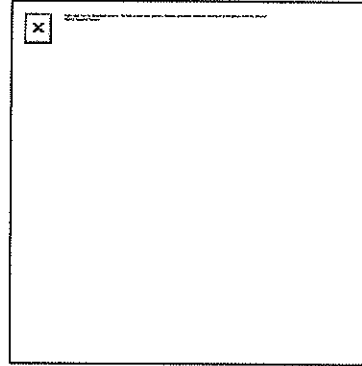
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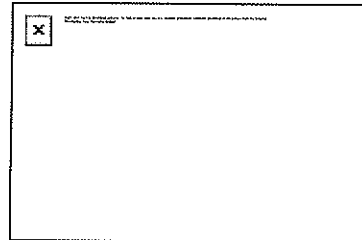


**PSATS Northwest 2021 Regional Forum - 7/20/21 - Erie**  
**PSATS Lehigh Valley 2021 Regional Forum - 7/28/21 - Breinigsville**  
**PSATS Northcentral 2021 Regional Forum - 8/5/21 - Williamsport**  
**PSATS Southcentral 2021 Regional Forum - 8/17/21 - Grantville**  
**PSATS Southwest 2021 Regional Forum - 8/24/21 - Canonsburg**  
**PSATS Southeast 2021 Regional Forum - 10/27/21 - Exton**  
**PSATS Northeast 2021 Regional Forum - 11/10/21 - Wilkes-Barre**

### **Developing Your Township Budget**

This class will provide proven and effective methods and techniques to help new and veteran township supervisors, secretaries, treasurers, managers, road masters and public works officials develop budgets that work.

**8/5/21 - Butler Co.**  
**8/6/21 - Crawford Co.**  
**8/12/21 - Montgomery Co.**  
**8/13/21 - Lancaster Co.**  
**8/19/21 - Bradford Co.**  
**8/24/21 - Cumberland Co.**



### **2021 PSATS HR & Labor Management Institute - 9/23-24/21**

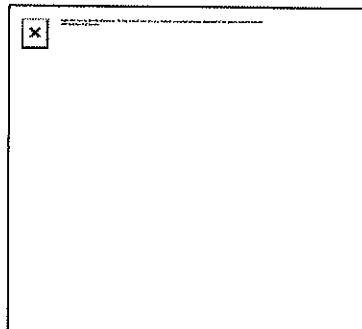
This day and a half class is a must-attend for anyone who has responsibility for HR and personnel management in their township.



### **2021 Solicitors Fall Seminar**

In the Solicitors Fall Seminar learn from experts on a wide variety of topics critical to the practice of a municipal solicitor.

**9/28/21 - West**  
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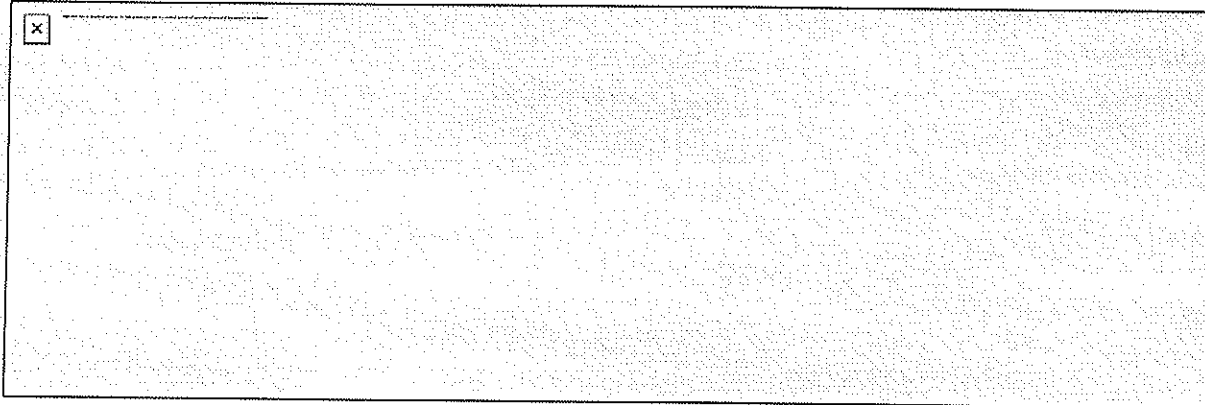
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June 23, 2021

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### Latest News

#### **PSATS Executive Director to Appear on PCN Thursday Evening and Friday Morning**

PSATS Executive Director Dave Sanko will appear on PCN tomorrow evening, June 24, and Friday morning, June 25, talking about a number of issues impacting townships, including legislation to allow townships to place legal advertising on websites and elsewhere, changes to the Right-to-Know Law that townships have been hoping for, the American Recovery Plan funds coming their way, unfunded mandates, solar siting in townships, and townships' response to COVID matters. The interview will air Thursday at 8 p.m. and Friday at 9 a.m.

#### **IFO Releases Revised Revenue Estimates**

The Independent Fiscal Office (IFO) has released updated revenue estimates for the commonwealth's 2020-21 and 2021-22 fiscal years that replace earlier projections. The estimates include unrestricted General Fund, Motor License Fund, and federal funds.

The IFO projects Motor License Fund revenues to be permanently reduced by the pandemic due to telework policies. The oil company franchise tax (gas tax) is adjusted annually based on the average wholesale price of gasoline and diesel fuel in the prior calendar year. Due to low fuel rates in 2020, the levy will remain at the statutory minimum of \$2.99 per gallon for the new fiscal year. [Click here](#) for more.

#### **Pennsylvania Remains at 13th for Vaccine Doses Administered Per Capita**

According to the Centers for Disease Control, Pennsylvania remains at 13th for total COVID doses administered per capita. Nationally, more than 150 million people have been fully vaccinated, or 55.9% of the adult population and 71.1% of those age 65 or older.

13.6 million vaccine doses have now been administered in Pennsylvania. According to the CDC, more than 6.2 million Pennsylvanians are now fully vaccinated, and an additional 1.7 million Pennsylvanians have received the first dose of a two-dose vaccine series. The CDC's data shows that 59% of Pennsylvanians age 18 and older are now fully vaccinated. [Click here](#) for state numbers and [here](#) for national numbers.

#### On This Day in History....

On June 23, 1683, Pennsylvania founder and first Governor William Penn signed a friendship treaty with the Lenni-Lenape Indians. It is the only treaty not sworn to and never broken!

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## Legislation & Policy



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#### Senate and House Pass Identical 5G Bills

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*Township officials should keep in mind that as currently written, SB 769 and HB 1621 would only apply to small cell wireless facilities and poles within the right-of-way; zoning and other local ordinances are preserved. Additionally, this legislation provides municipalities with the maximum allowable authority and control within the confines of the FCC order.*

#### Senate Passes Radar Bill

Yesterday, the Senate passed SB 419 which would permit local police officers in Pennsylvania to utilize radar or LIDAR for speed enforcement. It would require municipal police to meet and adhere to the same standards as the Pennsylvania State Police. SB 419 would also require a municipality's governing body to pass an ordinance and place signs in the municipality stipulating that the police may use radar or LIDAR, would require the issuance of written warnings for the first 90 days, and would place a cap on the amount of money a municipality may retain from speeding tickets written using either radar or LIDAR. Surplus revenue would fund future state police cadet classes. SB 419 is now awaiting committee assignment in the House.

#### Senate Passes Municipalities Planning Code Bill

Yesterday, the Senate unanimously passed SB 208 which would amend the Municipalities Planning Code to clarify that a municipality may not require a developer to post a bond of more than 110% of the costs of the improvements. SB 208 would also clarify that a municipality may retain 110% of the remaining costs of improvements prior to completion. SB 208 is now awaiting committee assignment in the House.

#### **Senate Passes Lemonade Stand Legislation**

Yesterday, the Senate unanimously passed HB 664 which would prohibit a municipality from requiring a license for a business that a minor operates occasionally and makes a profit of less than \$5,000 per year. HB 664 has passed the House and the Senate and will be presented to the Governor.

#### **House Passes Election Reform Legislation**

Yesterday, the House passed HB 1300 which would allow early in-person voting beginning in 2025, the correcting of non-fatal defects on mail-in ballots and would give counties the option of using secure mail-in ballot drop boxes. HB 1300 would also expand Pennsylvania's voted identification law, improve election uniformity among the 67 counties, enhance certification processes for all machines used in elections, require signature verification using ballot scanning equipment for mail-in and absentee ballots, improve lists of registered voters and more. HB 1300 is now before the Senate State Government Committee.

#### **Senate Transportation Committee Approves Electric Truck Weight Bill**

Yesterday, the Senate Transportation Committee approved SB 153 which would increase the maximum allowable weight for commercial vehicles powered by electric batteries from 80,000 pounds to 82,000 pounds. SB 153 is now before the Senate.

#### **House State Government Committee Approves Meeting Agenda Bill**

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#### **2021 PAAZO Fall Seminar - 10/19/21 - Central**

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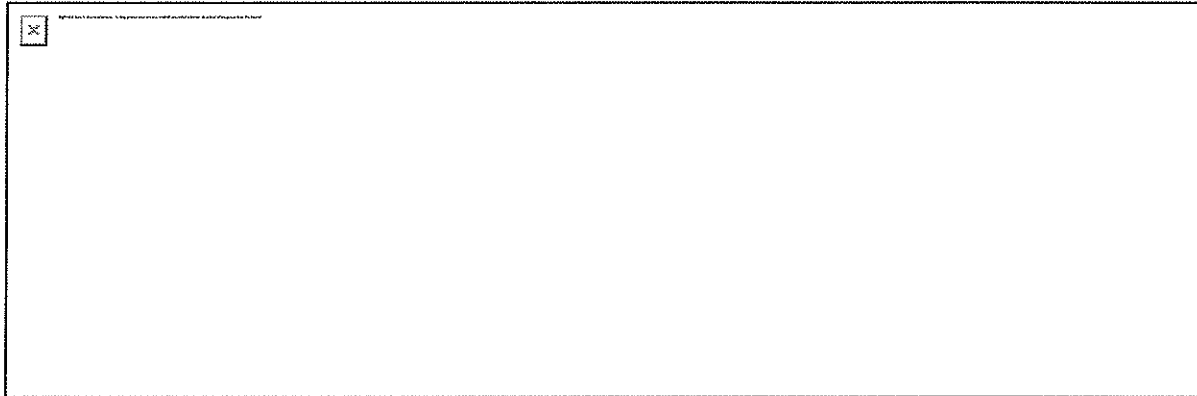


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June 25, 2021

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## Latest News

### **Treasury Updates ARP FAQs Yet Again**

Yesterday, the U.S. Treasury Department updated its [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs) document on the American Rescue Plan funds. One question was added on the use of funds for housing and eviction prevention efforts. In addition, the last page now includes a detailed chart of the types of revenues to include and not include when calculating lost revenues.

### **Harrisburg State Budget News**

Before this publication appears on Monday, we will learn that the legislature has proposed a budget of under \$40 Billion dollars for the Commonwealth for next year. Given the current budget surplus combined with the influx of federal stimulus funding, it should come as no surprise that the new budget will represent a significant increase from the current \$33.1 billion budget (that had money left over!). We will also learn of the departure of Governor Wolf's Chief of Staff Mike Brunelle as well as Budget Secretary Jen Swails.

### **On This Day in History.....**

On June 25, 1876, Native American forces led by Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull (Lakota Sioux tribal leaders) defeat the U.S. Army troops of General George Armstrong Custer in the Battle of the Little Bighorn near southern Montana's Little

Bighorn River. Out-armed and out-numbered, the bloody battle became known as Custer's Last Stand.

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## Legislation & Policy



The House and Senate will be in session today, June 25. Watch session live [here](#). Both chambers will also be in session tomorrow, June 26.

### **House Passes Overweight Hauling Permit Bill**

Yesterday, the House passed HB 1232 which would authorize the state Department of Transportation to issue an annual overweight hauling permit for the movement of agricultural liming materials, seed, and fertilizer between March and June. The permits would cost \$788 and vehicles with a permit would not be able to exceed 95,000. HB 1232 is now awaiting committee assignment in the Senate.

### **Bill Banning Vaccination Passports Passes**

Yesterday, the Senate passed SB 618 which would prohibit the state, counties, municipalities, school districts, and colleges that are subsidized by state taxpayers from requiring proof of vaccination against COVID-19. SB 618 has passed both chambers and will be presented to the Governor.

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## Emergency Management Fall Exercise Forum

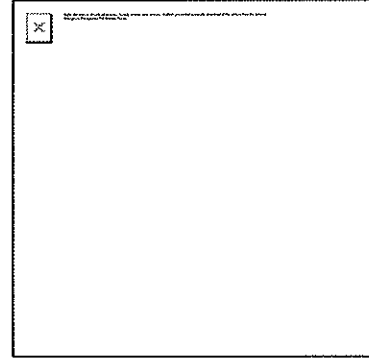
This full-day class is designed for everyone responsible for your municipality's emergency management program, including elected officials, municipal managers, road crew/public works personnel, and, most importantly, local emergency management coordinators (EMCs).

10/28/21 – PSATS (Cumberland Co.)

11/4/21 – West (Washington Co.)

11/9/21 – East (Montgomery Co.)

11/18/21 – Central (Centre Co.)



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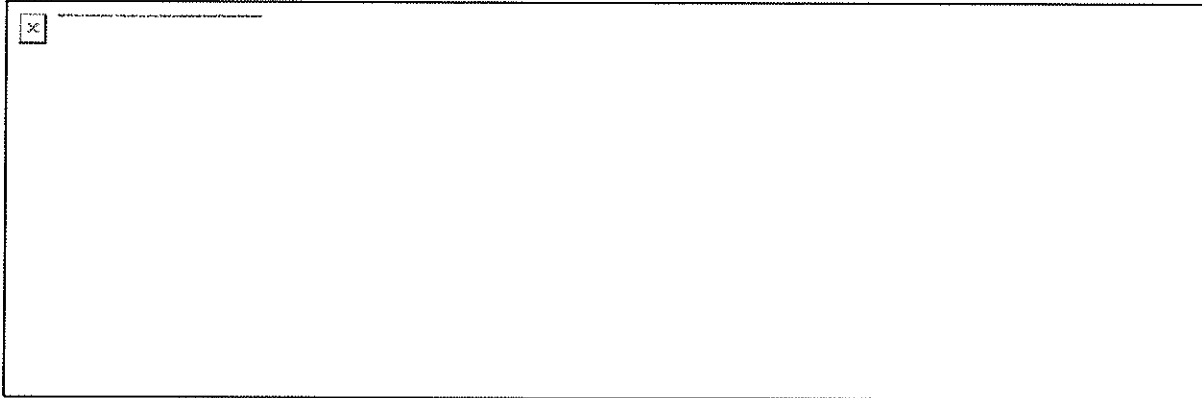
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June 28, 2021

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## Latest News

### **Reminder: Townships Need to Apply for American Rescue Plan Funds ASAP**

Township officials are reminded that each township with a population of less than 50,000 must apply for its American Rescue Plan funds through the state Department of Community and Economic Development's Single Application for Assistance as soon as possible. Completed applications can expect to see funds transferred in mid-July. Townships with populations of 50,000 or more must apply directly through the U.S. Treasury.

***PSATS has learned, from other states, that the U.S. Treasury Department has made clear that unapplied for ARP funds cannot be reallocated for 60 days (late July in PA). Accordingly, expect to hear this week that while townships are urged to apply by June 30, additional time will be provided in accordance with Treasury guidance. We are pressing DCED and the Governor's Office to confirm this extension which would provide welcome relief for the many townships struggling to update or apply to SAM.gov.***

PSATS has provided detailed information on how to apply on its COVID-19 page, which is available by [clicking here](#). Please note that ALL townships are now required to apply for a SAM.gov registration, and proof of application for a SAM.gov account is required for the DCED Single Application. **You do NOT need to wait for**

approval for SAM.gov before applying to DCED.

### **Together Again!**

### **Watch Your Mail for Information on PSATS Business Meeting, Centennial Celebration**

Join PSATS for two major events scheduled for this fall in Hershey! Registration information was mailed late last week for our **Centennial Celebration Dinner on October 14**, followed by **PSATS 2021 Annual Business Meeting on October 15**.

**Registration Opens August 2:** Registration for the Business Meeting and Centennial Dinner will open on Monday, August 2. Look for registration materials with detailed instructions in your mailbox this week!

**Business Meeting: On Friday, October 15**, voting delegates will conduct **PSATS' 2021 Annual Business Meeting**, hear committee reports, elect PSATS leadership, and most importantly, adopt resolutions that will guide state association policy in Harrisburg and Washington, D.C. All are welcome with priority registration going to voting delegates.

**Appointing Your Voting Delegates:** When registering for Business Meeting, you will need to note who your voting delegate is because no records were "rolled over" from the spring conference registration. Technically, it is the same event and does not require a public action unless you are changing your township's original designation. If making a change, be sure to decide at your next scheduled meeting so you are ready when registration opens.

**Centennial Celebration Dinner: On Thursday, October 14**, the Pennsylvania Leadership Institute will host a **Centennial Celebration of PSATS' First 100 Years**. This fun-filled historic evening, complete with dinner and light entertainment, is not to be missed!

### **Pennsylvania Mask Mandate Gone**

Effective at 12:01 am today, Acting Secretary of Health Alison Beam lifted the statewide mask mandate. Beam continues to encourage Pennsylvanians to follow Centers for Disease Control guidance for wearing a mask where required by local business and workplace guidance. The CDC recommends individuals wear a mask on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation, as well as airports and stations. Vaccinated individuals generally do not need to wear masks according to CDC guidance, except where required.

### **PennDOT Accepting Applications for Funding Opportunity**

The state Department of Transportation will accept applications for the 2021 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program **until October 15**. \$18 million is available for projects that enhance pedestrian and bicycle facilities, improve access to public transportation, create safe routes to schools, preserve historic transportation structures, provide environmental mitigation, create trails that serve a transportation purpose, and promote safety and mobility. Local governments are eligible to apply. For more information, click here. Questions about the TA Set-Aside program can be directed to RA-pdTASA@pa.gov or 717.775.3276.

### **Pa. COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, Deaths Continue to Drop**

Case counts decreased for the tenth week in a row with 1,263 new cases of COVID-19 reported this week, 38% less than last week. The statewide COVID-19 total case count now stands at 1,211,603. The commonwealth has dropped to the 41st highest growth in cases per 100,000, with Missouri, Nevada, and Wyoming

now making up the top three.

For the tenth week in a row, the [number of COVID-19 hospitalizations in Pennsylvania](#) has decreased from 441 to 350, a 20.6% decrease. 66 of these patients are in an ICU, down from 99 the prior week. The number of COVID-19 patients on a ventilator statewide decreased from 67 to 54.

Deaths attributed to COVID-19 in Pennsylvania decreased for the fifth week in a row. 85 deaths were reported this week, 10.5% less than the previous week. Total deaths in Pennsylvania have reached 27,654. Deaths nationwide officially passed 600,000 this week.

Pennsylvania's statewide percent-positivity rate has decreased for the tenth week in a row from 1.4% to 1.2% and is below 5% for the sixth week in a row. 65 counties now have rates less than 5% (*up from 64 last week*), two counties have rates of 5% to less than 10% (*down from three last week*), and no county had rates of 10% to less than 20% for the second week in a row. [Click here](#) for more county-specific information.

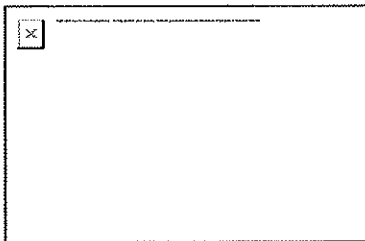
### **This Day in History**

On June 28, 1953, workers at a Chevrolet plant in Flint, Michigan, assemble the first Corvette, a two-seater sports car that would become an American icon. The first completed production car rolled off the assembly line two days later, one of just 300 Corvettes made that year.

Here is the link for this week's issue of the [Pennsylvania Bulletin](#).

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## **Legislation & Policy**



### **General Assembly Approves Final 2021-22 State Budget**

On Friday, the General Assembly approved the final \$40.8 billion 2021-2022 state budget package, which includes \$2.2 billion in federal stimulus funds and is a 8 percent increase in spending from the previous fiscal year. The final budget does not include any State Police fees, new taxes or tax increases.

Many line items are the same as the 2020-2021 budget, while gaps for some programs, primarily in education and health and human services, were filled with stimulus funds. The budget package also includes allocations for rental, utility and water assistance, as well as childcare stabilization for those struggling from the pandemic.

The Pennsylvania State Police received a net increase of \$14.6 million. As expected, the PSP budget received less funding from the Motor License Fund than in previous years, with the increase coming from the General Fund.

The state Department of Transportation's allocation from the Motor License Fund for traffic signals increased from \$10 million to \$40 million.

The state Department of Community & Economic Development received a slight increase of \$2 million while the Governor's Center for Local Government Services and the Office of Open records received level funding. The General Assembly also allocated \$20 million from federal stimulus funds for broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas.

Governor Wolf has expressed his support of the final budget package and is expected to sign it soon.

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#### **Microenterprise Loan Legislation Passes**

On Friday, the House unanimously concurred on Senate amendments to pass

HB 827 which gives municipalities the option to create a microenterprise loan program and allow for tax abatement for blighted properties. HB 827 has passed the House and the Senate and will be presented to the Governor.

### **House Judiciary Committee Approves Impeachment Bill**

On Friday, the House Judiciary Committee approved HR 117 which would direct the Judiciary Committee to investigate the conduct of Township Supervisor Kerry Bumbaugh, Quincy Township, Franklin County, to determine whether he is liable for impeachment for misbehavior in office. HR 117 is now before the House.

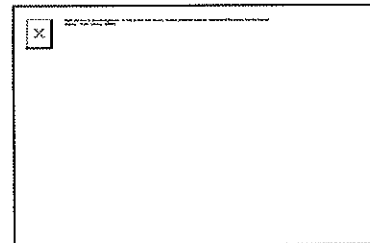
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### Webinar - Traffic Calming - 6/30/21

This webinar introduces traffic calming - an engineering tool that municipalities can use to address these requests and concerns.



### Webinar - Energy Assurance and Emergency Planning - 7/7/21

This webinar will provide an overview of the state's current energy assurance plan and efforts in relation to Emergency Support Function 12 - Energy.



### Webinar - Understanding & Implementing PA's Police Reform Bills: Acts 57 & 59 of 2020 - 7/8/21

This program will review the statutory and regulatory requirements for a municipality and their police department to properly implement Act 57, relating to background checks for law enforcement employment purposes and Act 59, relating to mental health evaluations and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) for law enforcement officers.



Webinar - Your Personal Financial Foundation -  
Session 2

Everyone knows that identity theft and ransomware is on the rise and is a headache to rectify when it happens, whether to you as an individual or as a township. But do you know all of the steps that you can take to better protect your identity and your personal information? In this webinar, you will learn some key tips to protect your personal information.



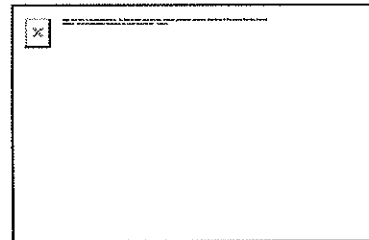
Webinar - Using Open Space to Deliver  
Economic, Social and Environmental Benefits -  
7/14/21

This presentation will discuss how planners and community leaders can meet the increased demand for open space while addressing broader social, environmental, and economic needs.



Webinar - Basic Parliamentary Procedure for  
Local Government - 7/15/21

Parliamentary procedure may not seem to be the most exciting topic, but it is the absolute foundation for running an efficient township meeting and instilling confidence in your residents that the township is being effectively governed.



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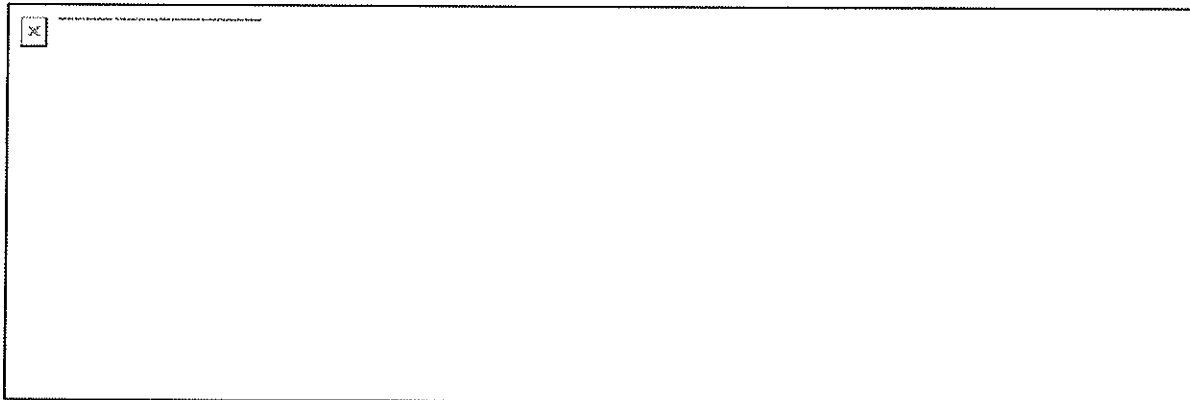
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June 29, 2021

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### Township Video News



#### **TVN's Question of the Week | Fireworks Frustration: What Can We Do?**

It's not even the Fourth of July, and residents are already complaining about fireworks in their neighborhoods. We explain the options townships have to manage their use. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. (1:12)

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### Latest News

**Breathe Easier!**



While the heat is stifling, there is cause for breathing easier today. The U.S. Treasury granted a 30-day extension to the Commonwealth of PA for ARP distributions. While there is now additional time to complete your application, it is still a good idea to do so sooner rather than later. Those who have completed the DCED application will be getting funds deposited in your account over the next few weeks. All communities with a population under 50,000 must apply to DCED. Communities with a population over 50,000 must apply directly to U.S. Treasury. Be careful of scams...neither application requires ANY personal information like social security numbers.

### **PennDOT Invites Private Sector to Submit Qualifications on P3 Bridge Tolling Candidates**

The state Department of Transportation is inviting the private sector to submit their qualifications to compete for the opportunity to enter into a public-private partnership to administer its Major Bridge Public-Private Partnership (P3) Initiative. The initiative would fund the reconstruction or replacement of the identified bridges through tolling.

While interested vendors have **until August 5** to submit their qualifications and interest, PennDOT has not yet identified which, if any, of the identified bridges will be chosen for a final P3 contract. The bridges under consideration and study for the initiative include the following:

- I-78 Lenhartsville Bridge Replacement Project (Berks County);
- I-79 Widening, Bridges and Bridgeville Interchange Reconfiguration (Allegheny County);
- I-80 Canoe Creek Bridges (Clarion County);
- I-80 Nescopeck Creek Bridges (Luzerne County);
- I-80 North Fork Bridges Project (Jefferson County);
- I-80 Over Lehigh River Bridge Project (Luzerne and Carbon counties);
- I-81 Susquehanna Project (Susquehanna County);
- I-83 South Bridge Project (Dauphin County); and
- I-95 Girard Point Bridge Improvement Project (Philadelphia County).

PennDOT's announcement was met with anger by some legislators, such as the chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, Sen. Wayne Langerholc, who feel that the announcement is the wrong move right after the close of budget negotiations. Langerholc sponsored legislation to terminate the P3 Bridge Tolling initiative, which passed the Senate and is pending in the House.

### **See Your Township in the 2022 PSATS Calendar!**

Township public works crews operate year-round, and we'd like to see your crew in action. Get creative and show us the many ways that your public works crew keeps your township running smoothly throughout the year.

For example, you could send photos of your crew:

- repairing or resurfacing roads;
- cleaning out ditches;
- mowing along roads or in parks;
- plowing snow or spreading salt and antiskid;
- sprucing up playgrounds, benches, pavilions, or other park amenities;
- working on a sewer project;
- sweeping streets or collecting leaves;

- processing yard waste at a composting facility;
- repairing or replacing a bridge or culvert;
- repairing or maintaining equipment; or
- any of the many other tasks public works crews perform.

To reproduce well in print, photos must have a resolution of at least **300 dpi** at a size of **4 inches x 6 inches**. Photos taken with a smartphone are fine but be sure to send them to us as "actual size" to ensure full resolution. Photos should be in color.

Email photos as jpeg attachments to [kacri@psats.org](mailto:kacri@psats.org) by **September 17, 2021**. Provide your name, position, township, county, and daytime telephone number. Identify everyone in the photo left to right, their titles or roles, and a brief description of what they're doing in the photo.

### **USDA Seeks Organizations to Provide Rural Homeowners with Water and Septic Loans**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is seeking qualified organizations to create loans to help rural homeowners finance household water systems. Funds are being made available under the Rural Decentralized Water Systems Grant program. Through this program, USDA awards grants to qualified nonprofit lending institutions to provide affordable loans to homeowners who need new household water systems or new or repaired septic systems. **The deadline for interested organizations to apply is July 19.**

Additionally, lending institutions can now use funds to provide grants to homeowners who earn less than 60 percent of area median income. These changes are expected to greatly increase the number of households that can participate in the program, providing safe, clean water throughout rural America.

Eligible applicants are required to provide 10 percent matching funds. **Please direct questions about this opportunity to the contact listed in the USDA announcement.**

### **This Day in History....**

On June 29, 1995, the American space shuttle Atlantis docks with the Russian space station Mir to form the largest man-made satellite ever to orbit the Earth. This historic moment of cooperation between former rival space programs was also the 100th human space mission in American history.

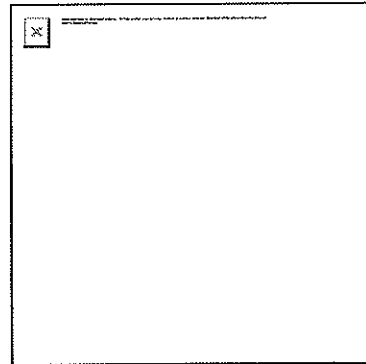
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### PSATS Regional Forums

"PSATS Live" is back, and we're going on the road again with our ever-popular Regional Forums at a location near you starting in July in Erie and running through November in Wilkes-Barre. We have all-new content and a one-day-only format now. Be sure to sign up for the one closest to you!



**PSATS Northwest 2021 Regional Forum - 7/20/21 - Erie**  
**PSATS Lehigh Valley 2021 Regional Forum - 7/28/21 - Breinigsville**  
**PSATS Northcentral 2021 Regional Forum - 8/5/21 - Williamsport**  
**PSATS Southcentral 2021 Regional Forum - 8/17/21 - Grantville**  
**PSATS Southwest 2021 Regional Forum - 8/24/21 - Canonsburg**  
**PSATS Southeast 2021 Regional Forum - 10/27/21 - Exton**  
**PSATS Northeast 2021 Regional Forum - 11/10/21 - Wilkes-Barre**

### **Developing Your Township Budget**

This class will provide proven and effective methods and techniques to help new and veteran township supervisors, secretaries, treasurers, managers, road masters and public works officials develop budgets that work.



8/5/21 - Butler Co.  
8/6/21 - Crawford Co.  
8/12/21 - Montgomery Co.  
8/13/21 - Lancaster Co.  
8/19/21 - Bradford Co.  
8/24/21 - Cumberland Co.

### 2021 PSATS HR & Labor Management Institute - 9/23-24/21

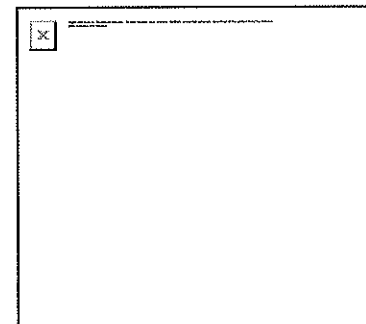
This day and a half class is a must-attend for anyone who has responsibility for HR and personnel management in their township.



### **2021 Solicitors Fall Seminar**

In the Solicitors Fall Seminar learn from experts on a wide variety of topics critical to the practice of a municipal solicitor.

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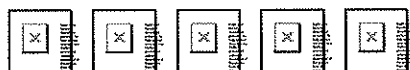


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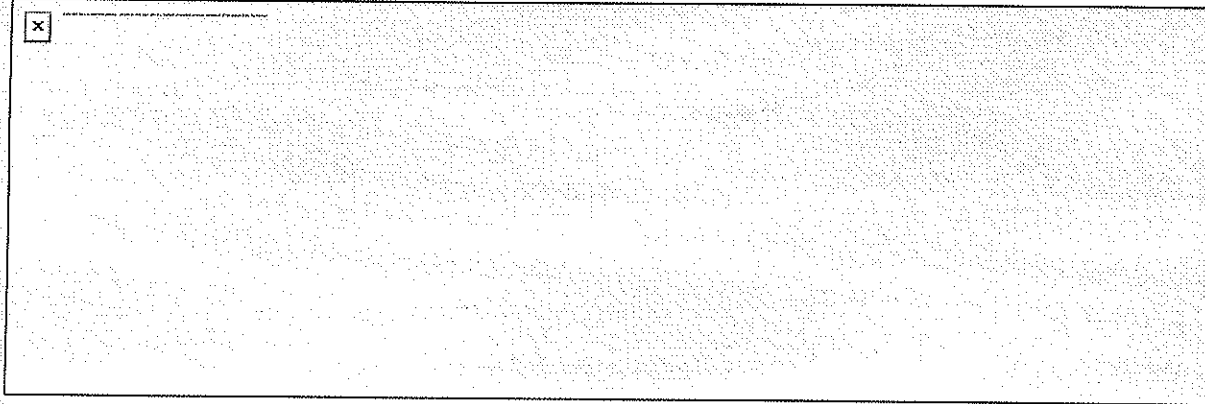
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### Latest News

#### Reminders After Applying for American Rescue Funds

The state Department of Community and Economic Development has noted that American Rescue Funds should be placed under 352.53 or 352.530 in its Chart of Accounts. The name for this account is Federal Entitlements to Governmental Units. Expenditures should be coded based upon the type of expense.

If you need to provide supporting information to DCED after you file your Single Application, such as your SAM.gov expiration date, you can email this information, along with your 12-digit confirmation number from DCED, township, and county to covidarpa@pa.gov.

Once the U.S. Treasury approves the final rules for the use of the funds and the board of supervisors is ready to spend some funds, be sure to pass a simple resolution to amend your budget that lists the new revenue and how you will use it. Again, the resolution is not needed until you are ready to spend some of your funds. [Click here](#) and scroll to the bottom of the box for a sample resolution.

#### Fireworks Safety Resources

Looking for fireworks safety resources to encourage safe celebrations this weekend? Here are a few resources:

- [National Fire Protection Association's Fireworks Page](#)
- [American Pyrotechnics Safety & Education Foundation](#)
- [Office of Fire Commissioner Fireworks Safety Press Release](#)

**Pennsylvania Remains at 13<sup>th</sup> for Vaccine Doses Administered Per Capita**

According to the Centers for Disease Control, Pennsylvania remains at 13<sup>th</sup> for total COVID doses administered per capita. Nationally, more than 154 million people have been fully vaccinated, or 57.2% of the adult population and 77.8% of those age 65 or older.

13.8 million vaccine doses have now been administered in Pennsylvania. According to the CDC, more than 6.3 million Pennsylvanians are now fully vaccinated, and an additional 1.7 million Pennsylvanians have received the first dose of a two-dose vaccine series. The CDC's data shows that 60% of Pennsylvanians age 18 and older are now fully vaccinated. [Click here](#) for state numbers and [here](#) for national numbers.

#### **This Day in History....**

Margaret Mitchell's *Gone With the Wind*, one of the best-selling novels of all time and the basis for a blockbuster 1939 movie, is published on June 30, 1936.

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## Legislation & Policy



#### **Governor Signs 2021-22 State Budget**

Today, June 30, Governor Wolf signed the recently passed \$40.8 billion dollar state budget for 2021-2022 calling it a document that moves Pennsylvania forward. More details will be available in tomorrow's Morning News.

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**2021 PAAZO Fall Seminar - 10/19/21 - Central**

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**2021 PAAZO Fall Seminar -11/9/21 - East**

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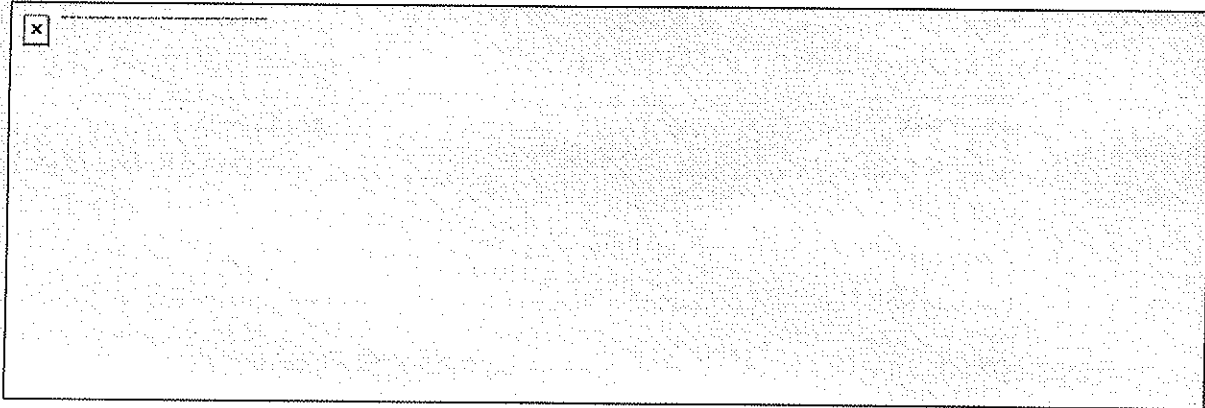
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### Township Video News



#### TVN's Question of the Week | Virtual Meetings: What Now?

Now that the governor's COVID-19 disaster proclamation has ended, what can we do in terms of our regular board of supervisors meetings? Find out where you go from here. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. (1:52)

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### Latest News

#### Can You Believe We Are Halfway Through 2021 Today?

It's a great time to update your records from CRM to Salary Survey Plus. Let us know if you need help....

#### DCED Confirms Extension for American Rescue Plan Funds as More Than 2,100 File

DCED confirmed that those municipalities with a population of less than 50,000 still have time to apply. While the extended deadline is July 29, PSATS and DCED strongly urge township officials to apply ASAP, and no later than mid-July to ensure that they receive their funds. As many have learned, the SAM.gov process,

which is now required of all municipalities, does not always go smoothly and significant delays have occurred due to no fault of the townships. And remember, all federal and state sites are free! PSATS has provided detailed information on how to apply on its COVID-19 page, which is available by [clicking here](#). Municipalities with populations of 50,000 or more must apply directly to the U.S. Treasury for these funds.

The state Department of Community and Economic Development has confirmed that more than 2,100 municipalities with populations of less than 50,000 have already applied for the American Rescue Plan funds. In addition, some townships have already received their funds and those approved can expect to see their funds by mid-July.

**SAM.gov reminder:** DCED is reminding townships that have applied to provide proof of their SAM registration as soon as it is received. Copies can be emailed to DCED at [covidarpa@pa.gov](mailto:covidarpa@pa.gov), along with your township, county, and 12-digit confirmation from DCED.

**Reminder: Federal Crime Reduction Grant Applications Due July 20**

The U.S. Department of Justice is accepting grant applications **until July 20** for the Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative for Law Enforcement Agencies. Rural townships with a local police department and a population of less than 15,000 are eligible to apply. The maximum grant award is \$150,000.

The grants will support improved training and technology, expanded community-based crime prevention programs, and partnerships with victim services providers. This initiative is intended to improve communication and collaboration between state and local law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve to address the unique criminal justice challenges in rural areas. [Click here](#) to learn more.

**ATV Regional Trail Connector Pilot Opens July 16**

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has announced that the ATV Regional Connector pilot program in the northcentral region of the state will open on July 16. This pilot provides ATV riders with more than 250 miles of connected trail routes, including 208 miles of township roads that are designated as open to ATVs. Riders will need a pass to access the Connector. DCNR will study the impact of the project and publish a report. [Click here](#) to learn more.

**This Day in History...**

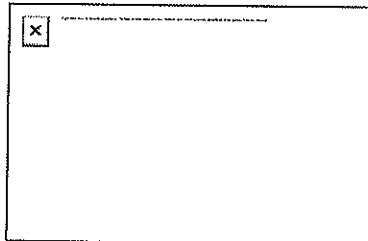
One of the largest military conflicts in North American history begins on July 1, 1863, when Union and Confederate forces collide at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The epic battle lasted three days and resulted in a retreat to Virginia by Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia.

**Happy American Independence Day!**

PSATS Morning News will return Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Enjoy and be safe on the 4th of July!

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## Legislation & Policy



**2021-22 State Budget**

As we reported yesterday, Governor Wolf signed the recently passed \$40.8 billion dollar state budget for 2021-2022. The final budget does not include any State Police fees, new taxes, or tax increases. Lawmakers also chose to save \$5 billion in federal funds for future budgets.



**Some key provisions of the budget include:**

- An increase of \$300 million for basic education, with \$100 million for underfunded school districts and a record high allocation of \$13.55 billion for K-12 education.
- Schools will also receive \$350 million from federal relief dollars for pandemic related disruptions and \$44 million in federal funds are allocated to career and technical schools.
- \$282 million in federal relief funds are allocated to help nursing homes, assisted living, and personal care homes with pandemic related costs.
- An additional \$14.6 million for the Pennsylvania State Police, including the addition of two cadet classes and a \$30 million allocation for violence intervention and prevention.
- \$279 million in federal funds for road and bridge projects to make up for pandemic-related losses in revenue in the Motor License Fund.
- The state Department of Transportation's allocation from the Motor License Fund for traffic signals will be restored to \$40 million.
- \$5 million in federal funds are allocated to the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund for first responders.
- The state Department of Community & Economic Development received an increase of \$2 million while the Governor's Center for Local Government Services and the Office of Open records received level funding.
- \$20 million from federal stimulus funds will go towards broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas.
- A deposit of \$2.5 billion into the Rainy Day Fund.

The governor also vetoed House Bill 1300, which contained a number of election law reforms and he line item vetoed the parts of Senate Bill 255, the General Appropriation bill, which provided funds for the establishment and operation of the Bureau of Election Audits contained in HB 1300.

**In addition to the budget, Governor Wolf also signed the following bills into law yesterday:**

**Lemonade Stands**

Act 34 of 2021 (formerly HB 664) prohibits a municipality from requiring a license for a business that a minor operates occasionally and makes a profit of less than \$5,000 per year.

**Signed:** June 30, 2021.

**Effective:** August 29, 2021.

**Special Event Permits**

Act 36 of 2021 (formerly HB 765) amends Title 75 (*Vehicles*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to prohibit the state Department of Transportation from requiring municipal indemnification when a third party with a special event permit has already provided indemnification to the Department.

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**Microenterprise Loan Program**

Act 37 of 2021 (formerly HB 827) gives municipalities the option to create a microenterprise loan program and allow for tax abatement for blighted properties.

**Signed:** June 30, 2021.

**Effective:** August 29, 2021.

**Authority Rate Adjustment**

Act 43 of 2021 (formerly HB 957) amends the Municipal Authorities Act to allow owners of multiple rental properties served by a single meter to request the authority to adjust the amount billed. An owner requesting an adjustment is required to show a minimum of five consecutive years of actual usage data showing the amount billed exceeds the actual usage by 30 percent or more. If the usage data shows an adjustment is needed, the authority is required to adjust the billing and use the adjusted amount going forward. An owner will not be able to request another adjustment for a period of 5 years after a rate adjustment.

**Signed:** June 30, 2021.

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### 5G Regulations

Act 50 of 2021 (formerly HB 1621) provides for the regulation of small wireless facilities in municipal rights-of-way. It also authorizes municipalities to charge an annual fee for the use of the right-of-way, not exceeding \$270 per small wireless facility or \$270 per new utility pole with a small wireless facility, and sets the maximum permitted height of the pole and small cell facility at 50-feet. Small cells are required to comply with restrictions in place in underground utility districts and municipalities are able to develop reasonable design guidelines to minimize aesthetic impact. Municipalities have 60 days to review applications for collocation on preexisting structures and 90 days for the installation of a new structure with attached small wireless facilities.

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*Look for additional guidance including a model ordinance from PSATS to assist with compliance.*

### Meeting Agendas

Act 65 of 2021 (formerly SB 554) amends the Sunshine Act to require agencies, including townships, to post a meeting agenda containing all items that will be voted on at least 24 hours before a meeting. Additionally, the agenda must be posted on an agency's website, if it has one, or at its building and meeting place. Act 65 does allow an agency to vote to add unadvertised items to the agenda if agreed to by a majority of the governing board.

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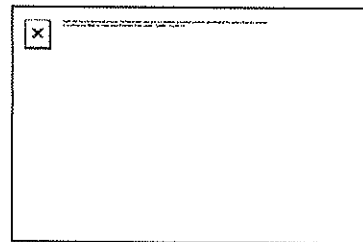
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### Everything you NEED to Know about Pavement Preservation!

This session will explore all of the essentials to ensure that your township's pavement preservation projects are a success. You will learn about proper site selection, site prep, lab testing and choosing the correct aggregate and emulsion.

**Fayette County - 7/13/21**

**Cambria County - 7/22/21**



### CDL - Probable Cause Training for CDL Supervisory Personnel

This workshop addresses these federal requirements by providing supervisory personnel with a working understanding of the federal CDL regulations, including on-the-job probable cause procedures.

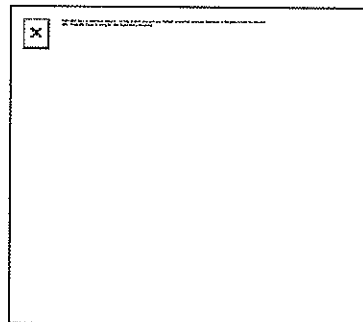
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**8/18/21 - Beaver County**

**8/19/21 - Fayette County**

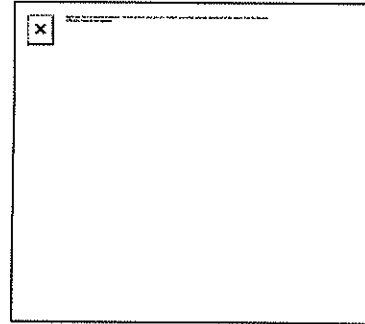
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#### **CMV/CDL Records Management**

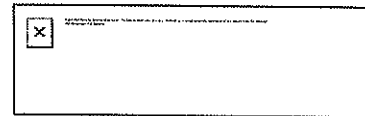
This workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork, including pre-employment inquiries regarding a CDL applicant's past drug and alcohol test results and driving safety reports; requests for CMV driver's license information; annually reviewing each CMV driver's qualification to continue driving; CMV daily vehicle inspection, maintenance, and repair reports; the employer's required policy on CDL drug and alcohol testing; and a general overview of all the CDL regulations.



8/11/21 - Crawford County  
8/12/21 - Clearfield County  
8/18/21 - Beaver County  
8/19/21 - Fayette County  
8/25/21 - Blair County  
8/26/21 - Warren County  
9/20/21 - Cumberland County  
9/30/21 - Montgomery County  
10/4/21 - Lycoming County

#### **2021 Engineers Fall Seminar**

This full-day seminar is designed to meet the educational interests and busy schedules of consulting engineers by providing a focused overview of important issues of interest to municipal engineers and their local government clients.



9/28/21 - East  
10/14/21 - Central  
10/21/21 - Southeast

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