

**PSATS STANDING  
RESOLUTIONS  
2005-2009**

**ADVERTISING**

07-58 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Title 45 (*Legal Advertising*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to authorize local governments to place legal advertisements in community papers of mass dissemination, such as shoppers, instead of daily or weekly newspapers.  
VENANGO COUNTY

09-01 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3102 of the Second Class Township Code to increase the required advertising and bidding limits from the current \$10,000 and increase the required telephone quotation limits from \$4,000, AND FURTHER, That these limits be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index. UNION COUNTY

09-54 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize the use of the Internet as an acceptable means of legal advertising when legal notices are required to be published by the municipality.  
CHESTER COUNTY

## AGRICULTURE

08-30 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Agriculture to adopt a formal system of notification to licensed veterinarians and farmers during outbreaks of wildlife disease through the county extension service office or the county conservation district, and recommend precautions to protect livestock. BEAVER COUNTY

08-34 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Agriculture to notify the public, including owners of domestic wildlife operations, during outbreaks of wildlife disease and suggest precautions to protect captive and domestic animals and the public's investment in these animals. BEAVER COUNTY

08-69 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Agricultural Area Security Law (*Act 43 of 1981*) to allow municipalities to limit the submission of proposals by any property owner to municipal governing bodies to create new areas or to add land to existing agricultural security areas to one time per calendar year. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-52 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968*) to provide that agricultural zoning be recognized as a legislative and zoning classification in Pennsylvania. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## ARBITRATION

05-8 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require full state funding for arbitration awards of post-retirement health coverage for retired police officers, AND FURTHER, If such awards are not fully state-funded, that legislation be enacted to prohibit arbitration awards of post-retirement health coverage for retired police officers. LANCASTER COUNTY

05-37 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Collective Bargaining Act (*Act III of 1968*) to require the board of arbitration to consider a municipality's financial status, budget, ability to raise taxes, and the potential effect on its bond rating before making any arbitration award; AND FURTHER, That any award that would create a financial hardship to the municipality be declared invalid, reduced, or modified by the court of jurisdiction on appeal.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-38 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Collective Bargaining for Police Officers Act (*Act III of 1968*) and the Collective Bargaining for Public Employees Act (*Act 195 of 1970*) to require municipalities to submit any changes to a uniform or municipal employee pension plan under a proposed collective bargaining agreement or arbitration award to the auditor general's office for review; AND FURTHER, That the auditor general be authorized to issue an opinion on the legality of the proposed changes under existing law prior to their adoption by the municipality.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-66 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 217.8 of Act 111 of 1968 (*Collective Bargaining by Police and Firemen*) to require both parties involved in arbitration to equally share the costs of compensating the third member of the board of arbitration and all other expenses incurred by the board. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-40 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require that in-service retirement option plans be negotiated between the municipality and police unit without recourse to arbitration, AND FURTHER, that such plans not require a guaranteed interest rate on the invested funds.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-48 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to eliminate binding arbitration as a means of settlement in union/employer contract disputes, AND FURTHER, that mediation be used to settle union/employer contract disputes. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## **BIDDING**

05-62 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of General Services to allow municipalities to bid on and purchase motor vehicles sold by the state before they are offered for public auction. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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09-54 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize the use of the Internet as an acceptable means of legal advertising when legal notices are required to be published by the municipality. CHESTER COUNTY

## **BONDING**

08-41 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Transportation to amend Chapter 189.4(d) of Title 67 (*Transportation*) of the Pennsylvania Code to increase the bonding amount on unpaved roads to \$50,000 per mile, from the current \$6,000 per mile. ARMSTRONG COUNTY

08-42 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Transportation to amend Chapter 189.4(d) of Title 67 (*Transportation*) of the Pennsylvania Code to increase the bonding amount on paved roads to \$100,000 per mile, from the current \$12,500 per mile. ARMSTRONG COUNTY

08-73 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 6109 of Title 75 (*Vehicles*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to create a category of roads for which bonding levels can be set without the need for an engineering and traffic study. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## CABLE

05-35 RESOLVED, That PSATS and the National Association of Towns and Townships seek legislation to amend the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to subject cable modem service to the same regulations as cable television service and to permit municipalities to levy a franchise fee on cable modem service. BUCKS COUNTY

05-68 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any removal and/or restriction of municipal cable franchising authority in Pennsylvania. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

06-1 RESOLVED, That PSATS support local franchising of cable service by telecommunications companies on the same basis as traditional cable operators, AND FURTHER, That PSATS oppose efforts by telecommunications companies to bypass local franchise agreements by obtaining statewide or nationwide cable franchises. BEAVER COUNTY

06-2 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any federal or state legislation that would directly or indirectly authorize any entity to use local government property, including rights of way, without compensation at fair market value, AND FURTHER, that PSATS oppose any federal or state legislation that would pre-empt local government control and management over local rights of way. BUCKS COUNTY

07-19 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose state and federal legislation that would eliminate a township's capacity to negotiate with any cable or telecommunications provider, usurp a township's authority to protect and maintain its rights of way, or eliminate items currently subject to franchise fees. FAYETTE COUNTY

## **CHESAPEAKE BAY TRIBUTARY STRATEGY**

06-6 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to ensure that any Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy or any other proposal that would impose reductions in nutrient or sediment discharges from the state's point and non-point sources be required to equitably allocate responsibility for these reductions on a proportionate basis, AND FURTHER, That state or federal funding be allocated to help local governments implement these reductions. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-26 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to provide grants to municipalities that are mandated to upgrade sewage treatment and stormwater systems to reduce the amount of nutrients released into Pennsylvania waterways by such initiatives as the Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy. LYCOMING COUNTY

08-49 RESOLVED, That PSATS participate in the development of the state Department of Environmental Protection's Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

05-37 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Act 111 of 1968 to require the board of arbitration to consider a municipality's financial status, budget, ability to raise taxes, and the potential effect on its bond rating before making any arbitration award; AND FURTHER, That any award that would create a financial hardship to the municipality be declared invalid, reduced or modified by the court of jurisdiction on appeal. RESOLUTIONS-LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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05-65 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require full state funding of post-retirement health coverage for municipal employees covered by collective bargaining agreements, AND FURTHER, If post-retirement health coverage is not fully state-funded, that legislation be enacted to prohibit post-retirement health coverage for retired municipal employees. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

08-66 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 217.8 of Act 111 of 1968 (*Collective Bargaining by Police and Firemen*) to require both parties involved in arbitration to equally share the costs of compensating the third member of the board of arbitration and all other expenses incurred by the board. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

05-59 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to create a Deputy Secretary for Local Government Services within the state Department of Community and Economic Development.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

06-14 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 1104(b)(1) of the Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to read as follows:

(b) Cooperative Implementation Agreements shall:

(1) Establish the process that the participating municipalities will use to achieve general consistency between the county or multi-municipal comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances, subdivision and land development and capital improvement plans within participating municipalities, including adoption of conforming ordinances by participating municipalities within three years of the execution of the cooperative implementation agreement and a mechanism for resolving disputes over the interpretation of the multi-municipal comprehensive plan and the consistency of implementing plans and ordinances.

LANCASTER COUNTY

07-68 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to permit municipalities to impose temporary moratoriums on new subdivisions and land development while they revise their comprehensive plans and land use ordinances. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-68 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation to remove or amend Section 303 (c) of the Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*), and thereby require that all land use ordinances be consistent with and comply with the provisions of the municipality's and county's comprehensive plan. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-33 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would place increased emphasis on the comprehensive plan relative to the zoning ordinance; AND FURTHER, that would require a municipality to make findings of fact that its ordinances are generally consistent with its comprehensive plan before the municipality could take any action on land use issues. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-43 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 304 of the Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968*) to require that local comprehensive plans take precedence over the county comprehensive plan when a major difference occurs between local and county comprehensive plans. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

**CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

06-39 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Departments of Conservation and Natural Resources and Environmental Protection to regulate the commercial stockpiling, storage, grinding and disposal of tree stumps. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-61 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to create a revenue sharing proposal that would give a portion of the money generated from the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' timber sales to those municipalities in which the timber sales occur. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## **DEEDS**

09-26 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Uniform Municipal Deed Registration Act (*Act 110 of 2008*) to require a certificate of inspection and documentation that all other municipal obligations are met before a deed may be recorded by the county. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

## **ELECTION CODE**

07-38 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the state Election Code to require candidates for elected office to certify that they have not been convicted of a felony and/or infamous crime as defined by the Pennsylvania Constitution and related laws when filing their petition for election. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

05-27 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 902 of the Tax Reform Code of 1971 to increase the taxes paid by foreign fire insurance companies from 2 percent to 2.5 percent.  
ERIE COUNTY

05-39 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Act 70 of 1998 to increase the fines for false alarms to a maximum of \$500 for residential buildings and \$1,000 for commercial structures, AND FURTHER, that only two false alarms per year be allowed before the fine takes effect.  
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05-42 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to include persons in the township workers' compensation plan who volunteer for township emergency services during a disaster and are not affiliated with a rescue or volunteer organization. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-45 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide incentives to encourage employers to release volunteer firefighters from their jobs to respond to fire and rescue emergencies.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

06-35 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Volunteer Firemen's Relief Associations Act (*Act 149 of 1968*) to establish criteria consistent with the intent of the act that would allow volunteer fire departments to use fire relief funds for the recruitment and retention of firefighters, AND FURTHER, That the state fire commissioner determine whether a proposed use of relief funds meets the established criteria. ERIE COUNTY

06-36 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide more incentives for volunteer firefighters, including tax credits, education credits, and credits for businesses that support volunteer firefighters.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

06-46 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 1803 of the Second Class Township Code to allow municipalities to require volunteer fire companies that service the township and receive township funds to submit a copy of an annual audit to the township.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

**EMERGENCY SERVICES (CONTINUED)**

06-54 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize townships to collect a municipal services fee from the state and federal governments for all state and federal facilities located within the township boundaries to cover the costs of providing fire, ambulance, police, and emergency response services to those tax-exempt facilities. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-1 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek federal legislation to amend the federal tax code to authorize the use of defined-contribution length-of-service appreciation programs for active volunteer firefighters and fire police as defined by fire company bylaws and recognized by the supporting municipality.  
BUCKS COUNTY

07-2 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state to fund a defined-contribution length-of-service appreciation program for active volunteer firefighters and fire police as defined by fire company bylaws and recognized by the supporting municipality. BUCKS COUNTY

07-3 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize municipalities to voluntarily contribute to defined-contribution length-of-service appreciation programs for active volunteer firefighters and fire police as defined by fire company bylaws and recognized by the supporting municipality.  
BUCKS COUNTY

07-4 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide a *federal* income tax deduction for active volunteer firefighters and fire police as defined by fire company bylaws and recognized by the supporting municipality. BUCKS COUNTY

07-5 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide a *state* income tax deduction for active volunteer firefighters and fire police as defined by fire company bylaws and recognized by the supporting municipality. BUCKS COUNTY

07-6 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide a *federal* income tax deduction for employers who allow active volunteer firefighters and fire police, as defined by fire company bylaws and recognized by the supporting municipality, to respond to emergencies during work hours.  
BUCKS COUNTY

07-7 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide a *state* income tax deduction for employers who allow active volunteer firefighters and fire police, as defined by fire company bylaws and recognized by the supporting municipality, to respond to emergencies during work hours.  
BUCKS COUNTY

07-8 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to exempt volunteer fire departments from all state and federal income taxes. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-9 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to exempt volunteer fire companies from state and local realty transfer taxes when purchasing lands designated for emergency services.  
BUCKS COUNTY

**EMERGENCY SERVICES (CONTINUED)**

07-10 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation requiring the state to provide financial incentives to municipalities that allow employees to respond to emergencies during work hours in support of a volunteer fire response. BUCKS COUNTY

07-11 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation for the state to provide incentives to encourage cooperative purchasing among volunteer fire companies, such as grants, low-interest loans, or other funding programs. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-23 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code to authorize the assessment of emergency services impact fees on all new subdivisions and land development. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-01 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to make municipalities eligible for state funding without a county or state declaration when damage resulting from an emergency or disaster exceeds 50 percent of a municipality's annual budget. TIOGA COUNTY

08-03 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to implement the recommendation of the SR 60 Commission report to create a permissible benefits spending program that could be customized by volunteer fire departments to recruit and retain fire company volunteers through such benefits as a qualified plan or participation in a credit union. CENTRE COUNTY

08-04 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to implement the recommendation of the SR 60 Commission report to restructure the Volunteer Relief Funding program (*Act 84 of 1968*) to return to the original program goal of providing certain minimum protection levels, such as basic personal protection equipment, to all emergency responders. CENTRE COUNTY

08-05 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to implement the recommendations of the SR 60 Commission report to establish educational tuition credits for volunteer fire and emergency medical service personnel enrolled in undergraduate-level courses at a Pennsylvania university or community college. CENTRE COUNTY

08-06 RESOLVED, That PSATS call upon the commonwealth to develop and fund a plan to promote the recruitment and retention of fire and ambulance service personnel, including such incentives as state tax credits for volunteer firefighters, grants for response vehicles, and buildings for emergency response. NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

08-07 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide more grants for volunteer fire and ambulance companies and expand the resources available for municipalities that want to consolidate or merge these types of services. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-32 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the Pennsylvania Game Commission to develop an emergency operations plan to deal with wildlife disease outbreaks that would, at a minimum, authorize the commission to contract with volunteer fire companies and municipalities to remove dead wildlife from streambeds. BEAVER COUNTY

**EMERGENCY SERVICES (CONTINUED)**

08-33 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the Pennsylvania Game Commission to develop a general permit that would authorize municipalities or volunteer fire companies that contract with the commission to remove dead wildlife from streams without having to secure additional approval from the state Department of Environmental Protection prior to undertaking the necessary emergency actions to protect public health and safety. BEAVER COUNTY

08-52 RESOLVED, that PSATS seek legislation to require the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to review and update state, county, and local flood maps every 10 years. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-02 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to encourage intergovernmental cooperation for the purpose of developing and implementing uniform emergency action plans and to support such efforts with state funding to train and conduct exercises for all stakeholders. NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

09-08 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act to allow paid firefighters to volunteer their services as a firefighter at the employing fire department while not on duty. ERIE COUNTY

09-30 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to ensure that insurance payments for ambulance services are paid directly to the ambulance company, rather than the patient. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

09-37 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize townships, in conjunction with their local fire departments, to establish a standard hydrant connection type that water companies and water authorities located within their jurisdiction must use. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## EMINENT DOMAIN

07-18 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require private landowners to be equitably reimbursed for their land and any natural resources or mineral deposits when private land is condemned or acquired by eminent domain. LYCOMING COUNTY

08-22 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to establish that an ordinance adopted under Section 2305(b) of the Second Class Township Code would effectuate a taking for purposes of the Eminent Domain Code, and specifically, for purposes of applying for a board of view under Section 502(c) of the Eminent Domain Code, AND FURTHER, That Section 2305(b) of the Township Code be amended to read as follows:

(b) if the board of supervisors votes in favor of exercising the power, it shall enact the necessary ordinance and file a copy of the ordinance, together with a draft or survey of the road showing the location and width thereof, in the office of the clerk of the court of common pleas. Enacting and filing the ordinance shall constitute a *de facto* taking of any real property interest whose ownership will be assumed by the township under the terms of the ordinance within the meaning of the Eminent Domain Code, 26 Pa.C.S.A.502(c), and within the meaning of Section 3401 of the Second Class Township Code. The effective date of the taking shall be the date the ordinance was enacted.

FAYETTE COUNTY

09-35 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation to require municipalities to identify properties on their official map that they are seeking to acquire through eminent domain for recreation and open space purposes. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPT. OF**

05-44 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to make its State Programmatic General Permit for Pennsylvania consistent with the DEP General Permit #3 to facilitate the removal of nuisance gravel bars from streams to minimize flood damage. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-69 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to include that coal-bed methane gas wells be regulated according to the Department of Environmental Protection's gas well regulations and that compensation be provided to landowners for any loss of the productive use of their surface rights. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

06-6 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to ensure that any Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy or any other proposal that would impose reductions in nutrient or sediment discharges from the state's point and non-point sources be required to equitably allocate responsibility for these reductions on a proportionate basis, AND FURTHER, That state or federal funding be allocated to help local governments implement these reductions. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

06-8 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the removal of the additive MTBE in gasoline. BUCKS COUNTY

06-39 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Departments of Conservation and Natural Resources and Environmental Protection to regulate the commercial stockpiling, storage, grinding and disposal of tree stumps. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-13 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Solid Waste Management Act (*Act 97 of 1980*) to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to hold public hearings on proposed landfill permits within the host municipality. BEAVER COUNTY

07-14 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require landfills and waste-to-energy plants to negotiate host municipal agreements that include local environmental protections while preserving current host municipal agreements that are satisfactory to the municipality. BEDFORD COUNTY

07-17 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require operators of underground mining facilities to submit quarterly progress maps to the host municipality. BEAVER COUNTY

07-26 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to provide grants to municipalities that are mandated to upgrade sewage treatment and stormwater systems to reduce the amount of nutrients released into Pennsylvania waterways by such initiatives as the Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy. LYCOMING COUNTY

07-27 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Sewage Facilities Act (*Act 537 of 1965*) to mandate that all new sanitary sewer system construction for rural and/or small communities be placed on hold until the state Department of Environmental Protection provides funding of 75 percent grants and 25 percent loans for current and future projects, including engineering and legal fees. TIOGA COUNTY

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPT. OF (CONTINUED)**

07-49 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to allow townships to use recycled asphalt as a surface material on unpaved roads and road berms.  
WASHINGTON COUNTY

07-75 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to solicit public comment on changes to its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II permitting system by providing any draft documents to the affected municipalities, allowing for a 120-day public comment period, requiring that each DEP regional office conduct a hearing on the proposed revisions, and providing training programs after enactment for those municipalities affected by the revised regulations. CHESTER COUNTY

08-09 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling, and Waste Reduction Act (*Act 101 of 1988*) to prohibit the state Department of Environmental Protection from creating policies that limit the authority of municipalities to determine how to enforce their recycling ordinances, AND FURTHER, That would prohibit DEP from withholding grant monies if a municipality fails to comply with the department's recycling policies. CHESTER COUNTY

08-33 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the Pennsylvania Game Commission to develop a general permit that would authorize municipalities or volunteer fire companies that contract with the commission to remove dead wildlife from streams without having to secure additional approval from the state Department of Environmental Protection prior to undertaking the necessary emergency actions to protect public health and safety. BEAVER COUNTY

08-49 RESOLVED, That PSATS participate in the development of the state Department of Environmental Protection's Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-50 RESOLVED, That PSATS participate in the state Department of Environmental Protection's process to revise the state's Sewage Facilities Act (*Act 537 of 1965, as amended*) regulations for onlot sewer systems. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-60 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to strengthen its regulations and enforcement for the land application of sewage sludge and biosolid materials, and require municipality participation on such issues, to limit the land application of sewage sludge and biosolid materials that originate outside the state or the county in which the municipality is located. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-05 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to allow townships to assess reasonable fees for the administration and enforcement of state regulations governing the land application of sewage sludge and residual waste. BERKS COUNTY

09-06 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to provide Act 14 notification anytime a permit is filed for the land application of residual waste. BERKS COUNTY

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPT. OF (CONTINUED)**

09-07 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Solid Waste Management Act (Act 14 of 1984) to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to notify municipalities of all permit applications in their jurisdiction. WAYNE COUNTY

09-16 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Oil and Gas Act (Act 223 of 1984, as amended) to require gas companies to notify the host municipality 30 days before the start of construction or drilling on a permitted well site. LYCOMING COUNTY

09-17 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Oil and Gas Act (*Act 223 of 1984, as amended*) to require gas companies to notify all affected municipalities 30 days before the start of construction on a permitted site when a municipal road will be a primary traffic route to a drilling site, pump station, or collection pipeline. LYCOMING COUNTY

## **FALSE ALARMS**

05-39 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Act 70 of 1998 to increase the fines for false alarms to a maximum of \$500 for residential buildings and \$1,000 for commercial structures, AND FURTHER, that only two false alarms per year be allowed before the fine takes effect.  
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## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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### DAVIS-BACON ACT

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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

08-52 RESOLVED, that PSATS seek legislation to require the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to review and update state, county, and local flood maps every 10 years. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

### FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

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## FUNDING

09-28 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek consideration of township requests for funding from the portion of the 2009 federal economic stimulus package designated for Pennsylvania. BUCKS COUNTY

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (CONTINUED)**

**PAYMENTS-IN-LIEU-OF-TAXES ACT**

06-18 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize the commonwealth to receive payments from the federal Payments-In-Lieu-of-Taxes Act (31 U.S.C. 69) and to distribute these payments to the municipality or school district, whichever has the lowest tax rate, in which the federal land is located.  
TIOGA COUNTY

**TAKINGS**

08-63 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose federal legislation that would permit developers and landowners to sue a municipality in federal court before exhausting all local and state administrative remedies. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## FIRE PROTECTION

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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

06-54 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize townships to collect a municipal services fee from the state and federal governments for all state and federal facilities located within the township boundaries to cover the costs of providing fire, ambulance, police, and emergency response services to those tax-exempt facilities. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## **FIRE PROTECTION (CONTINUED)**

07-1 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek federal legislation to amend the federal tax code to authorize the use of defined-contribution length-of-service appreciation programs for active volunteer firefighters and fire police as defined by fire company bylaws and recognized by the supporting municipality. BUCKS COUNTY

07-2 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state to fund a defined-contribution length-of-service appreciation program for active volunteer firefighters and fire police as defined by fire company bylaws and recognized by the supporting municipality. BUCKS COUNTY

07-3 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize municipalities to voluntarily contribute to defined-contribution length-of-service appreciation programs for active volunteer firefighters and fire police as defined by fire company bylaws and recognized by the supporting municipality. BUCKS COUNTY

07-4 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide a *federal* income tax deduction for active volunteer firefighters and fire police as defined by fire company bylaws and recognized by the supporting municipality. BUCKS COUNTY

07-5 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide a *state* income tax deduction for active volunteer firefighters and fire police as defined by fire company bylaws and recognized by the supporting municipality. BUCKS COUNTY

07-6 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide a *federal* income tax deduction for employers who allow active volunteer firefighters and fire police, as defined by fire company bylaws and recognized by the supporting municipality, to respond to emergencies during work hours. BUCKS COUNTY

07-7 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide a *state* income tax deduction for employers who allow active volunteer firefighters and fire police, as defined by fire company bylaws and recognized by the supporting municipality, to respond to emergencies during work hours. BUCKS COUNTY

07-8 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to exempt volunteer fire departments from all state and federal income taxes. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-9 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to exempt volunteer fire companies from state and local realty transfer taxes when purchasing lands designated for emergency services. BUCKS COUNTY

07-10 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation requiring the state to provide financial incentives to municipalities that allow employees to respond to emergencies during work hours in support of a volunteer fire response. BUCKS COUNTY

**FIRE PROTECTION (CONTINUED)**

07-11 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation for the state to provide incentives to encourage cooperative purchasing among volunteer fire companies, such as grants, low-interest loans, or other funding programs. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-23 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code to authorize the assessment of emergency services impact fees on all new subdivisions and land development. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-03 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to implement the recommendation of the SR 60 Commission report to create a permissible benefits spending program that could be customized by volunteer fire departments to recruit and retain fire company volunteers through such benefits as a qualified plan or participation in a credit union. CENTRE COUNTY

08-04 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to implement the recommendation of the SR 60 Commission report to restructure the Volunteer Relief Funding program (*Act 84 of 1968*) to return to the original program goal of providing certain minimum protection levels, such as basic personal protection equipment, to all emergency responders. CENTRE COUNTY

08-05 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to implement the recommendations of the SR 60 Commission report to establish educational tuition credits for volunteer fire and emergency medical service personnel enrolled in undergraduate-level courses at a Pennsylvania university or community college. CENTRE COUNTY

08-06 RESOLVED, That PSATS call upon the commonwealth to develop and fund a plan to promote the recruitment and retention of fire and ambulance service personnel, including such incentives as state tax credits for volunteer firefighters, grants for response vehicles, and buildings for emergency response. NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

08-07 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide more grants for volunteer fire and ambulance companies and expand the resources available for municipalities that want to consolidate or merge these types of services. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-32 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the Pennsylvania Game Commission to develop an emergency operations plan to deal with wildlife disease outbreaks that would, at a minimum, authorize the commission to contract with volunteer fire companies and municipalities to remove dead wildlife from streambeds. BEAVER COUNTY

08-33 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the Pennsylvania Game Commission to develop a general permit that would authorize municipalities or volunteer fire companies that contract with the commission to remove dead wildlife from streams without having to secure additional approval from the state Department of Environmental Protection prior to undertaking the necessary emergency actions to protect public health and safety. BEAVER COUNTY

**FIRE PROTECTION (CONTINUED)**

09-08 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act to allow paid firefighters to volunteer their services as a firefighter at the employing fire department while not on duty. ERIE COUNTY

09-37 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize townships, in conjunction with their local fire departments, to establish a standard hydrant connection type that water companies and water authorities located within their jurisdiction must use. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## **FLOODS**

05-44 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to make its State Programmatic General Permit for Pennsylvania consistent with the DEP General Permit #3 to facilitate the removal of nuisance gravel bars from streams to minimize flood damage.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-11 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to allow a municipality to place flood mitigation devices on municipal flood acquisition properties without requiring that equal open space be provided elsewhere in the municipality to compensate for the loss of open space due to the use of these devices.  
LYCOMING COUNTY

08-52 RESOLVED, that PSATS seek legislation to require the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to review and update state, county, and local flood maps every 10 years. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## **FORESTRY**

06-52 RESOLVED, That PSATS support the multiple-use management policy of the U.S. Forest Service for the 513,000-acre Allegheny National Forest, the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry for the 2.1 million acres of state forests, and the Pennsylvania Game Commission for the 1.5 million acres of state game lands. The multiple-use management policy of these agencies is to maintain healthy, sustainable forest, thus providing biodiversity, protection of the soil, protection of water and air, diverse wildlife habitat, aesthetics, renewable timber resources, jobs, and numerous recreational opportunities for all the citizens of Pennsylvania. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## **GAMBLING**

08-67 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Race Horse Industry Reform Act (*Act 135 of 1981*) to authorize municipalities to levy a 1 percent tax on the amount wagered at off-track betting facilities located within the municipality by increasing the retention percentages for pari-mutuel pools by 1 percent. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## **GAME COMMISSION**

06-52 RESOLVED, That PSATS support the multiple-use management policy of the U.S. Forest Service for the 513,000-acre Allegheny National Forest, the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry for the 2.1 million acres of state forests, and the Pennsylvania Game Commission for the 1.5 million acres of state game lands. The multiple-use management policy of these agencies is to maintain healthy, sustainable forest, thus providing biodiversity, protection of the soil, protection of water and air, diverse wildlife habitat, aesthetics, renewable timber resources, jobs, and numerous recreational opportunities for all the citizens of Pennsylvania. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-24 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require that the state Game Commission be responsible for the repair of municipal roads when the commission prevents a municipality from taking action to minimize damage caused by wild animals. CLARION COUNTY

08-31 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the Pennsylvania Game Commission to adopt a formal system of notifying municipalities affected by diseased wildlife. BEAVER COUNTY

08-32 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the Pennsylvania Game Commission to develop an emergency operations plan to deal with wildlife disease outbreaks that would, at a minimum, authorize the commission to contract with volunteer fire companies and municipalities to remove dead wildlife from streambeds. BEAVER COUNTY

08-33 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the Pennsylvania Game Commission to develop a general permit that would authorize municipalities or volunteer fire companies that contract with the commission to remove dead wildlife from streams without having to secure additional approval from the state Department of Environmental Protection prior to undertaking the necessary emergency actions to protect public health and safety. BEAVER COUNTY

**GENERAL SERVICES, DEPT. OF**

05-62 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of General Services to allow municipalities to bid on and purchase motor vehicles sold by the state before they are offered for public auction. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## **GOVERNMENT COMPETITION**

09-38 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would prohibit government competition with private enterprise or restrict a township's ability to provide services to its residents in accordance with existing state law. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## GRANTS

06-9 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to change the eligibility requirements for the state Main Street Program to extend the benefits of this program to all municipalities with less than 50,000 population that do not currently qualify. LYCOMING COUNTY

06-10 RESOLVED, That PSATS support the continuation and expansion of the federal Community Development Block Grant Program. WESTMORELAND COUNTY

06-20 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the DUI grant program to fully reimburse municipalities for the costs of a municipal police officers' wages and benefits for hours spent on DUI grant activities. LYCOMING COUNTY

06-41 RESOLVED, That PSATS support continued funding for the Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Program to assist townships with the development of comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, and other land use tools. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-62 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority to streamline and expedite its process for low-interest loans and grants for water and sewer programs. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-67 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require that funding accompany new federal or state mandates for water and sewer systems. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-01 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to make municipalities eligible for state funding without a county or state declaration when damage resulting from an emergency or disaster exceeds 50 percent of a municipality's annual budget. TIOGA COUNTY

08-06 RESOLVED, That PSATS call upon the commonwealth to develop and fund a plan to promote the recruitment and retention of fire and ambulance service personnel, including such incentives as state tax credits for volunteer firefighters, grants for response vehicles, and buildings for emergency response. NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

08-09 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling, and Waste Reduction Act (*Act 101 of 1988*) to prohibit the state Department of Environmental Protection from creating policies that limit the authority of municipalities to determine how to enforce their recycling ordinances, AND FURTHER, That would prohibit DEP from withholding grant monies if a municipality fails to comply with the department's recycling policies. CHESTER COUNTY

**GRASSROOTS LOBBYING NETWORK**

08-51 RESOLVED, That PSATS direct members of the Grassroots Lobbying Network to recruit individuals, groups, and clubs outside of township government to help with the promotion of the Association's legislative efforts in order to have a more effective influence on legislators.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## **GROUP HOMES**

07-72 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require group home applicants to provide host municipalities with written disclosure of any conversion of a structure to a group home, including documentation of compliance with state and local regulations governing the use and occupancy of a group home. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## HEALTHCARE

05-9 RESOLVED, That PSATS investigate the feasibility of establishing a statewide health plan for retired police officers to allow townships to provide this benefit in a cost-effective manner.  
LANCASTER COUNTY

05-37 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Collective Bargaining Act (*Act III of 1968*) to require the board of arbitration to consider a municipality's financial status, budget, ability to raise taxes, and the potential effect on its bond rating before making any arbitration award; AND FURTHER, That any award that would create a financial hardship to the municipality be declared invalid, reduced, or modified by the court of jurisdiction on appeal.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-65 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require full state funding of post-retirement health coverage for municipal employees covered by collective bargaining agreements, AND FURTHER, If post-retirement health coverage is not fully state-funded, that legislation be enacted to prohibit post-retirement health coverage for retired municipal employees. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

09-09 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 606 of the Second Class Township Code to authorize townships to provide township supervisors and employees who are over the age of 65 with supplemental Medicare insurance coverage. CRAWFORD COUNTY

09-50 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require insurance carriers within Pennsylvania to include township supervisors in group health plans, disability plans, and pension plans regardless of the actual hours worked within any given week. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## **HEART AND LUNG ACT**

06-50 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Heart and Lung Act, which requires a police officer or paid firefighter injured in the line of duty to receive full salary during any period of temporary disability, to define a "temporary disability" as an injury lasting six months or less.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

**HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION**

06-15 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 5220 of Title 68 (*Real and Personal Property*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to prohibit the termination of a planned community by an affirmative vote of 80 percent of the unit owners. YORK COUNTY

## IMPACT FEES

05-61 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the General Assembly and the governor to adopt and support fair and flexible legislation authorizing municipalities to require compensation from developers when development will adversely affect existing off-site public facilities.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-23 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code to authorize the assessment of emergency services impact fees on all new subdivisions and land development. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-70 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Impact Fee Law (*Act 209 of 1990*) to allow impact fees to be used for costs attributable to pass-through traffic in the formula for determining impact fees. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-12 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to allow municipalities to require that developers provide traffic impact studies as a condition of subdivision and land development ordinances that the municipality may adopt as amendments to its transportation and capital improvements plan and impact fee ordinance, AND FURTHER, That municipalities may require developers to pay a fee based on traffic impact studies to cover the impact their development will have on existing roads in the municipality.  
BERKS COUNTY

08-15 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 504-A(b)(2) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to remove the requirement that no less than 40 percent of the impact fee advisory committee consist of representatives of the real estate, commercial and residential development, and building industries. ADAMS COUNTY

08-16 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Article V-A of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to authorize the imposition of impact fees for schools and libraries on a per-dwelling basis without requiring extensive analyses or studies.  
ADAMS COUNTY

08-17 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Article V-A of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to authorize the imposition of impact fees for the building and expansion of schools and libraries. ADAMS COUNTY

08-55 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Article V-A (Municipal Capital Improvement) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to simplify the process for municipalities to levy impact fees. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-13 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968*) to authorize municipalities to require developers to make offsite capital improvements on township roads. FRANKLIN COUNTY

## **IN-LIEU-OF-TAX PAYMENTS**

06-54 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize townships to collect a municipal services fee from the state and federal governments for all state and federal facilities located within the township boundaries to cover the costs of providing fire, ambulance, police, and emergency response services to those tax-exempt facilities. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## INSURANCE

05-27 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 902 of the Tax Reform Code of 1971 to increase the taxes paid by foreign fire insurance companies from 2 percent to 2.5 percent.  
ERIE COUNTY

05-40 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize *townships* to collect reimbursement from insurance companies for expenses incurred while responding to and cleaning up automobile accidents and other emergency incidents. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-41 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize *fire companies* to collect reimbursement from insurance companies for expenses incurred while responding to and cleaning up automobile accidents and other emergency incidents. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-65 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require full state funding of post-retirement health coverage for municipal employees covered by collective bargaining agreements, AND FURTHER, If post-retirement health coverage is not fully state-funded, that legislation be enacted to prohibit post-retirement health coverage for retired municipal employees. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

09-09 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 606 of the Second Class Township Code to authorize townships to provide township supervisors and employees who are over the age of 65 with supplemental Medicare insurance coverage. CRAWFORD COUNTY

09-30 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to ensure that insurance payments for ambulance services are paid directly to the ambulance company, rather than the patient.  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

09-50 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require insurance carriers within Pennsylvania to include township supervisors in group health plans, disability plans, and pension plans regardless of the actual hours worked within any given week. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION**

09-02 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to encourage intergovernmental cooperation for the purpose of developing and implementing uniform emergency action plans and to support such efforts with state funding to train and conduct exercises for all stakeholders. NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

**INTERNET**

07-20 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to ensure that high-speed Internet service is provided in all municipalities and available to all residents throughout Pennsylvania. COLUMBIA COUNTY

09-54 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize the use of the Internet as an acceptable means of legal advertising when legal notices are required to be published by the municipality. CHESTER COUNTY

**LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF**

08-28 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Uniform Construction Code (*Act 45 of 1999, as amended*) to make the state Department of Labor and Industry responsible for granting and administering building permits, plan reviews, and inspections for all industrial construction, AND FURTHER, That municipalities that have opted in to the UCC continue to be responsible for residential and commercial permits, plan reviews, and inspections. MONTOUR COUNTY

## **LANDFILLS**

07-13 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Solid Waste Management Act (*Act 97 of 1980*) to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to hold public hearings on proposed landfill permits within the host municipality. BEAVER COUNTY

07-14 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require landfills and waste-to-energy plants to negotiate host municipal agreements that include local environmental protections while preserving current host municipal agreements that are satisfactory to the municipality. BEDFORD COUNTY

07-15 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek federal legislation to give state and local governments control over the amount and type of waste being imported from out of state. BEDFORD COUNTY

09-07 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Solid Waste Management Act (*Act 14 of 1984*) to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to notify municipalities of all permit applications in their jurisdiction. WAYNE COUNTY

## LAND USE/ MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE

05-3 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 203 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968*) to allow the governing body to appoint at least one, but no more than three, residents of the municipality to serve as alternate members of the planning commission. WAYNE COUNTY

05-43 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require applicants to the commonwealth or any of its agencies for a permit or license to conduct an activity affecting any real property in a municipality to give a minimum of 30 days' notice to the host municipality of the proposed activity to allow the municipality to advise the issuing agency of the activity's compliance with zoning and other applicable land-use ordinances. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-46 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Article X-A of the Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968*) to eliminate the bonding requirement when the appellant in a land use appeal is a municipality. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-47 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 503(11)(iv) of the Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to require municipalities to clearly identify that any fees in lieu of land for recreation were received for open space or recreation facilities instead of requiring municipalities to identify the specific recreation facilities for which the fees were received. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-57 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, when proposing locations for interchanges, exits, or entrances to the Pennsylvania Turnpike, to consider local planning and to conduct public hearings in the municipality most affected. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-61 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the General Assembly and the governor to adopt and support fair and flexible legislation authorizing municipalities to require compensation from developers when development will adversely affect existing off-site public facilities. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

06-14 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 1104(b)(1) of the Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to read as follows:

(b) Cooperative Implementation Agreements shall:

(1) Establish the process that the participating municipalities will use to achieve general consistency between the county or multi-municipal comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances, subdivision and land development and capital improvement plans within participating municipalities, including adoption of conforming ordinances by participating municipalities within three years of the execution of the cooperative implementation agreement and a mechanism for resolving disputes over the interpretation of the multi-municipal comprehensive plan and the consistency of implementing plans and ordinances.

LANCASTER COUNTY

**LAND USE/ MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE (CONTINUED)**

06-41 RESOLVED, That PSATS support continued funding for the Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Program to assist townships with the development of comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, and other land use tools. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-23 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code to authorize the assessment of emergency services impact fees on all new subdivisions and land development. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-68 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to permit municipalities to impose temporary moratoriums on new subdivisions and land development while they revise their comprehensive plans and land use ordinances. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-70 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Impact Fee Law (*Act 209 of 1990*) to allow impact fees to be used for costs attributable to pass-through traffic in the formula for determining impact fees. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-71 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to prohibit state agencies from issuing permits and/or licenses to applicants who are not in compliance with applicable local ordinances. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-12 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to allow municipalities to require that developers provide traffic impact studies as a condition of subdivision and land development ordinances that the municipality may adopt as amendments to its transportation and capital improvements plan and impact fee ordinance, AND FURTHER, That municipalities may require developers to pay a fee based on traffic impact studies to cover the impact their development will have on existing roads in the municipality. BERKS COUNTY

08-13 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require state agencies, commissions, and authorities to comply with municipal land development and zoning ordinances when developing state-owned land. LYCOMING COUNTY

08-15 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 504-A(b)(2) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to remove the requirement that no less than 40 percent of the impact fee advisory committee consist of representatives of the real estate, commercial and residential development, and building industries. ADAMS COUNTY

08-16 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Article V-A of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to authorize the imposition of impact fees for schools and libraries on a per-dwelling basis without requiring extensive analyses or studies. ADAMS COUNTY

**LAND USE/ MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE (CONTINUED)**

08-17 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Article V-A of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to authorize the imposition of impact fees for the building and expansion of schools and libraries. ADAMS COUNTY

08-44 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any state or federal legislation that would pre-empt a municipality's authority to make local land use decisions.  
CHESTER AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES

08-46 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would require municipalities to recognize daycare facilities located in an owner-operator's home as a use by right or as a valid special exception in all residential zones. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

08-55 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Article V-A (Municipal Capital Improvement) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to simplify the process for municipalities to levy impact fees. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-68 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation to remove or amend Section 303 (c) of the Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*), and thereby require that all land use ordinances be consistent with and comply with the provisions of the municipality's and county's comprehensive plan. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-03 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to hold municipalities harmless for actions they are required to take regarding the designation of airport hazard areas. WASHINGTON COUNTY

09-13 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968*) to authorize municipalities to require developers to make offsite capital improvements on township roads. FRANKLIN COUNTY

09-33 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would place increased emphasis on the comprehensive plan relative to the zoning ordinance; AND FURTHER, that would require a municipality to make findings of fact that its ordinances are generally consistent with its comprehensive plan before the municipality could take any action on land use issues. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-34 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 503 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968*) to allow municipalities to charge recreation fees to developers, in lieu of land dedication, for the operation of recreation facilities operated by the municipality or facilities located in another municipality. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-35 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation to require municipalities to identify properties on their official map that they are seeking to acquire through eminent domain for recreation and open space purposes. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

**LAND USE/ MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE (CONTINUED)**

09-42 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 503 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968*) to allow municipalities to use recreation fees for the maintenance of recreation facilities. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-43 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 304 of the Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968*) to require that local comprehensive plans take precedence over the county comprehensive plan when a major difference occurs between local and county comprehensive plans. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-52 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968*) to provide that agricultural zoning be recognized as a legislative and zoning classification in Pennsylvania. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## LIQUID FUELS

06-33 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Liquid Fuels Allocation Law (*Act 655 of 1956*) to return the fund to its traditional share of 20 percent of the Motor License Fund.  
WESTMORELAND COUNTY

07-45 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Liquid Fuels Tax Municipal Allocation Law (*Act 655 of 1956*) to authorize municipalities to spend up to 100 percent of their annual state liquid fuels allocation to purchase road equipment. ELK COUNTY

07-46 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Liquid Fuels Tax Municipal Allocation Law (*Act 655 of 1956*) to return the fund to its traditional share of 20 percent of the Motor License Fund; AND FURTHER, That PSATS respond to the Transportation Funding and Reform Commission's report and urge the legislature to provide municipalities with 20 percent of any increase in revenues that result from legislation or policy changes made to implement the commission's report.  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

08-72 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to repeal Act 44 of 2007; AND FURTHER, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Liquid Fuels Allocation Law (*Act 655 of 1956*) and provide new transportation funding that will return the fund to its traditional share of 20 percent of the Motor License Fund. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-11 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Liquid Fuels Allocation Law (*Act 655 of 1956, as amended*) to include alternative fuels (*such as liquid propane, compressed natural gas, hydrogen, water, waste, vegetable oil, and electricity*) used in on-road vehicles under this law.  
LYCOMING COUNTY

**MANAGERS**

08-45 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Second Class Township Code to authorize the board of supervisors to enter into employment contracts with professional managers.  
CHESTER AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES

## MANDATES

05-7 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would mandate consolidation of local governments. BEDFORD COUNTY

06-4 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any state or federal initiatives that are not accompanied by sufficient funding for implementation by local governments, AND FURTHER, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state and federal governments and other agencies to identify, report, and provide reimbursement for all mandates imposed on municipalities by such agencies. WESTMORELAND COUNTY

06-6 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to ensure that any Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy or any other proposal that would impose reductions in nutrient or sediment discharges from the state's point and non-point sources be required to equitably allocate responsibility for these reductions on a proportionate basis, AND FURTHER, That state or federal funding be allocated to help local governments implement these reductions. RESOLUTIONS-LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

07-67 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require that funding accompany new federal or state mandates for water and sewer systems. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-73 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Article VIII of the Pennsylvania Constitution to prohibit the enactment of new state laws that impose new costs on municipalities unless the General Assembly provides sufficient funds for their implementation. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-65 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation to establish a mandatory, single state pension system for municipal employees, require the mandatory participation of local government employees in the system, and/or remove from local control the administration of local pension and benefit plans. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-51 RESOLVED, That PSATS recommend legislation to require the commonwealth and its agencies to identify, report, and provide reimbursement for all mandates imposed on municipalities by such agencies. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## **MERGER/CONSOLIDATION**

05-7 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would mandate consolidation of local governments. BEDFORD COUNTY

08-53 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would dissolve municipalities into unincorporated territory governed by the county. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-12 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would “right-size” municipal government. POTTER COUNTY

## MINES

07-17 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require operators of underground mining facilities to submit quarterly progress maps to the host municipality. BEAVER COUNTY

**OFFICIAL MAP**

09-35 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation to require municipalities to identify properties on their official map that they are seeking to acquire through eminent domain for recreation and open space purposes. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## OIL AND GAS

09-15 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to allow municipalities to levy a 1 percent tax on company proceeds from gas and oil extraction. TIOGA COUNTY

09-16 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Oil and Gas Act (*Act 223 of 1984, as amended*) to require gas companies to notify the host municipality 30 days before the start of construction or drilling on a permitted well site. LYCOMING COUNTY

09-17 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Oil and Gas Act (*Act 223 of 1984, as amended*) to require gas companies to notify all affected municipalities 30 days before the start of construction on a permitted site when a municipal road will be a primary traffic route to a drilling site, pump station, or collection pipeline. LYCOMING COUNTY

## ONE CALL

05-49 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the One Call System to amend its regulations to reduce the fees for township facility owners to a level more consistent with township use.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-63 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Underground Utility Line Protection Law (*Act 287 of 1974*) to exempt any facility owner from the mandatory marking of an underground utility that does not generate revenue or provide a direct service to one or more customers, AND FURTHER, That any political subdivision that voluntarily chooses to mark non-revenue generating underground utility lines will be reimbursed for expenses incurred and will be exempt from any Pennsylvania One Call System fees. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

**OPEN RECORDS**

09-39 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Right-to-Know Law (*Act 3 of 2008*) to allow municipalities to charge a reasonable fee for the cost of the labor necessary to search, gather, and prepare the records. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## OPEN SPACE

05-47 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 503(11)(iv) of the Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to require municipalities to clearly identify that any fees in lieu of land for recreation were received for open space or recreation facilities instead of requiring municipalities to identify the specific recreation facilities for which the fees were received.

RESOLUTIONS-LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

08-11 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to allow a municipality to place flood mitigation devices on municipal flood acquisition properties without requiring that equal open space be provided elsewhere in the municipality to compensate for the loss of open space due to the use of these devices.

LYCOMING COUNTY

08-18 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 7.1(b) of the Open Space Uses Act (*Act 442 of 1967, as amended*) to allow local governments to exempt certain categories of real property with open space benefits from real estate millage increases without the agreement of the other taxing districts. CENTRE COUNTY

09-35 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation to require municipalities to identify properties on their official map that they are seeking to acquire through eminent domain for recreation and open space purposes. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

**PENNVEST**

08-56 RESOLVED, that PSATS seek legislation to require the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (*PENNVEST*) to review funding requests based solely on the needs and income levels of the residents within the project location, rather than on a countywide basis.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## PENSIONS

05-8 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require full state funding for arbitration awards of post-retirement health coverage for retired police officers, AND FURTHER, If such awards are not fully state-funded, that legislation be enacted to prohibit arbitration awards of post-retirement health coverage for retired police officers. LANCASTER COUNTY

05-9 RESOLVED, That PSATS investigate the feasibility of establishing a statewide health plan for retired police officers to allow townships to provide this benefit in a cost-effective manner.  
LANCASTER COUNTY

05-38 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Collective Bargaining for Police Officers Act (*Act 111 of 1968*) and the Collective Bargaining for Public Employees Act (*Act 195 of 1970*) to require municipalities to submit any changes to a uniform or municipal employee pension plan under a proposed collective bargaining agreement or arbitration award to the auditor general's office for review; AND FURTHER, That the auditor general be authorized to issue an opinion on the legality of the proposed changes under existing law prior to their adoption by the municipality.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-65 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require full state funding of post-retirement health coverage for municipal employees covered by collective bargaining agreements, AND FURTHER, If post-retirement health coverage is not fully state-funded, that legislation be enacted to prohibit post-retirement health coverage for retired municipal employees. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

08-65 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation to establish a mandatory, single state pension system for municipal employees, require the mandatory participation of local government employees in the system, and/or remove from local control the administration of local pension and benefit plans.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-31 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act (*Act 205 of 1988, as amended*) to temporarily increase the amortization schedule for defined benefit pension plans from 15 to 30 years until the national financial crisis is abated. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

09-40 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require that in-service retirement option plans be negotiated between the municipality and police unit without recourse to arbitration, AND FURTHER, that such plans not require a guaranteed interest rate on the invested funds.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-50 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require insurance carriers within Pennsylvania to include township supervisors in group health plans, disability plans, and pension plans regardless of the actual hours worked within any given week. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## PERMITS/LICENSES

05-43 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require applicants to the commonwealth or any of its agencies for a permit or license to conduct an activity affecting any real property in a municipality to give a minimum of 30 days' notice to the host municipality of the proposed activity to allow the municipality to advise the issuing agency of the activity's compliance with zoning and other applicable land-use ordinances. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-44 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to make its State Programmatic General Permit for Pennsylvania consistent with the DEP General Permit #3 to facilitate the removal of nuisance gravel bars from streams to minimize flood damage.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-06 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to provide Act 14 notification anytime a permit is filed for the land application of residual waste.  
BERKS COUNTY

09-07 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Solid Waste Management Act (*Act 14 of 1984*) to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to notify municipalities of all permit applications in their jurisdiction. WAYNE COUNTY

09-16 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Oil and Gas Act (*Act 223 of 1984, as amended*) to require gas companies to notify the host municipality 30 days before the start of construction or drilling on a permitted well site. LYCOMING COUNTY

09-17 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Oil and Gas Act (*Act 223 of 1984, as amended*) to require gas companies to notify all affected municipalities 30 days before the start of construction on a permitted site when a municipal road will be a primary traffic route to a drilling site, pump station, or collection pipeline. LYCOMING COUNTY

## **PLANNING COMMISSION**

05-3 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 203 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968*) to allow the governing body to appoint at least one, but no more than three, residents of the municipality to serve as alternate members of the planning commission. WAYNE COUNTY

08-13 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require state agencies, commissions, and authorities to comply with municipal land development and zoning ordinances when developing state-owned land. LYCOMING COUNTY

## POLICE

05-8 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require full state funding for arbitration awards of post-retirement health coverage for retired police officers, AND FURTHER, If such awards are not fully state-funded, that legislation be enacted to prohibit arbitration awards of post-retirement health coverage for retired police officers. LANCASTER COUNTY

05-9 RESOLVED, That PSATS investigate the feasibility of establishing a statewide health plan for retired police officers to allow townships to provide this benefit in a cost-effective manner. LANCASTER COUNTY

05-24 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislature to require all Pennsylvania State Police patrol vehicles to be equipped with portable automatic external defibrillators. CHESTER AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES

05-36 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would allow the Pennsylvania State Police to impose a per capita or similar fee on municipalities that do not provide police services. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-37 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Act 111 of 1968 to require the board of arbitration to consider a municipality's financial status, budget, ability to raise taxes, and the potential effect on its bond rating before making any arbitration award; AND FURTHER, That any award that would create a financial hardship to the municipality be declared invalid, reduced or modified by the court of jurisdiction on appeal. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-38 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Act 111 of 1968 (*Collective Bargaining for Fire and Police*) and Act 195 of 1970 (*Collective Bargaining for Public Employees*) to require municipalities to submit any changes to a uniform or municipal employee pension plan under a proposed collective bargaining agreement or arbitration award to the Auditor General's office for review; AND FURTHER, That the Auditor General be authorized to issue an opinion on the legality of the proposed changes under existing law prior to their adoption by the municipality. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

06-20 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the DUI grant program to fully reimburse municipalities for the costs of a municipal police officers' wages and benefits for hours spent on DUI grant activities. LYCOMING COUNTY

06-22 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize the use of radar by township police departments. LYCOMING COUNTY

06-42 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the parties in a civil trial to reimburse the municipality for the costs incurred by municipal police officers required to attend court proceedings. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

**POLICE(CONTINUED)**

06-50 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Heart and Lung Act, which requires a police officer or paid firefighter injured in the line of duty to receive full salary during any period of temporary disability, to define a "temporary disability" as an injury lasting six months or less. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-59 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation that would provide for harsher penalties for crimes committed while under the influence of drugs and alcohol. SULLIVAN COUNTY

08-61 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Chapter 65 (*Penalties and Disposition of Fines*) of Title 75 (*Vehicles*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to increase the fines for any violation of the Vehicle Code by \$10, to be used to fund local police services throughout the commonwealth, under Title 42 (*Judicial Code*) of the Statutes, Section 3573 (b)(2) (*municipal corporation portion of fines*), AND FURTHER, That in municipalities without local police services, the additional fine moneys shall be retained by the commonwealth. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-62 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Title 42 (*Judicial Code*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, Section 3573 (*municipal corporation portion of fines*), to authorize the municipality under which the local police are organized to keep all fines issued by the local police for citations on the municipality's roads. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-40 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require that in-service retirement option plans be negotiated between the municipality and police unit without recourse to arbitration, AND FURTHER, that such plans not require a guaranteed interest rate on the invested funds. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-41 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to allow the board of supervisors, by majority vote, to provide for a lesser annual pay increase to police officers outside of a bargaining unit. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-48 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to eliminate binding arbitration as a means of settlement in union/employer contract disputes, AND FURTHER, that mediation be used to settle union/employer contract disputes. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-53 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3205(a)(1) of the Second Class Township Code to allow the board of supervisors to petition the court of common pleas for the right to levy up to 10 additional mills, for a total of 24 mills, if a township funds a municipal police department. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

**PREVAILING WAGE**

05-52 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to repeal the Prevailing Wage Law (*Act 442 of 1961*). RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-54 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to repeal the provisions of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Law (*Act 442 of 1961*) pertaining to local government.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-55 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Law (*Act 442 of 1961*) to authorize townships to choose whether or not they wish to be subject to the provisions of the law. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

06-48 RESOLVED, That PSATS and the National Association of Towns and Townships seek legislation to repeal the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-24 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Law (*Act 442 of 1961*) to increase the threshold for compliance from \$25,000 to \$250,000.  
CLARION COUNTY

07-25 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any expansion of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Law (*Act 442 of 1961*) to include asphalt sealing, asphalt overlays, asphalt milling and resurfacing, and any other activities currently classified as maintenance projects. ELK COUNTY

## RECREATION

05-47 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 503(11)(iv) of the Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to require municipalities to clearly identify that any fees in lieu of land for recreation were received for open space or recreation facilities instead of requiring municipalities to identify the specific recreation facilities for which the fees were received. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-34 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 503 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968*) to allow municipalities to charge recreation fees to developers, in lieu of land dedication, for the operation of recreation facilities operated by the municipality or facilities located in another municipality. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-35 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation to require municipalities to identify properties on their official map that they are seeking to acquire through eminent domain for recreation and open space purposes. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-42 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 503 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968*) to allow municipalities to use recreation fees for the maintenance of recreation facilities. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## RECYCLING

06-3 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to implement a mandatory deposit for beverage containers. CLARION COUNTY

07-49 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to allow townships to use recycled asphalt as a surface material on unpaved roads and road berms.  
WASHINGTON COUNTY

08-09 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling, and Waste Reduction Act (*Act 101 of 1988*) to prohibit the state Department of Environmental Protection from creating policies that limit the authority of municipalities to determine how to enforce their recycling ordinances, AND FURTHER, That would prohibit DEP from withholding grant monies if a municipality fails to comply with the department's recycling policies. CHESTER COUNTY

**REGIONAL ASSET DISTRICTS**

07-69 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation to authorize the establishment of regional asset districts. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## SCHOOLS

08-16 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Article V-A of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to authorize the imposition of impact fees for schools and libraries on a per-dwelling basis without requiring extensive analyses or studies.  
ADAMS COUNTY

08-17 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Article V-A of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to authorize the imposition of impact fees for the building and expansion of schools and libraries. ADAMS COUNTY

08-38 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would create a statewide school district jointure. LYCOMING COUNTY

08-64 RESOLVED, That PSATS support local tax reform legislation that:

- 1) includes all types of municipalities and school districts in the commonwealth;
- 2) provides a full menu of taxes from which to choose, including but not limited to mercantile, business privilege, amusement, municipal services, income and sales taxes;
- 3) allocates county sales tax revenues to participating municipalities according to a formula based on the federal revenue-sharing distribution formula and the point of origin of the sales tax;
- 4) maintains a balance of the local tax burden between the residential and business taxpayers in the municipality; and
- 5) does not limit future tax increases to referendum approval.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

**SECRETARIES**

08-39 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to empower the Governor's Center for Local Government Services to fund the creation and administration of a voluntary training, certification, testing and continuing education program for local government secretaries and administrators within the commonwealth in cooperation with its municipal training partners. NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

## SEWAGE FACILITIES

06-6 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to ensure that any Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy or any other proposal that would impose reductions in nutrient or sediment discharges from the state's point and non-point sources be required to equitably allocate responsibility for these reductions on a proportionate basis, AND FURTHER, That state or federal funding be allocated to help local governments implement these reductions. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

06-43 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Sewage Facilities Act (*Act 537 of 1965*) to prohibit the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection from approving permits for public sewer extensions into areas of a municipality not planned for public sewer, provided that the municipality's Act 537 plan has been updated within the last 10 years or the municipality is in the process of updating its Act 537 plan. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-26 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to provide grants to municipalities that are mandated to upgrade sewage treatment and stormwater systems to reduce the amount of nutrients released into Pennsylvania waterways by such initiatives as the Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy. LYCOMING COUNTY

07-27 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Sewage Facilities Act (*Act 537 of 1965*) to mandate that all new sanitary sewer system construction for rural and/or small communities be placed on hold until the state Department of Environmental Protection provides funding of 75 percent grants and 25 percent loans for current and future projects, including engineering and legal fees. TIOGA COUNTY

07-62 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority to streamline and expedite its process for low-interest loans and grants for water and sewer programs. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-67 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require that funding accompany new federal or state mandates for water and sewer systems. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-08 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 7(a.1)(2) of the state's Sewage Facilities Law (*Act 537 of 1966*) to increase the \$25 maximum fee for verification of siting requirements for 10-acre septic system exemptions and allow the local agency to set a fee to cover its costs of verifying these exemptions. BEDFORD COUNTY

08-50 RESOLVED, That PSATS participate in the state Department of Environmental Protection's process to revise the state's Sewage Facilities Act (*Act 537 of 1965, as amended*) regulations for onlot sewer systems. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-60 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to strengthen its regulations and enforcement for the land application of sewage sludge and biosolid materials, and require municipality participation on such issues, to limit the land application of sewage sludge and biosolid materials that originate outside the state or the county in which the municipality is located. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

**SEWAGE FACILITIES (CONTINUED)**

09-05 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to allow townships to assess reasonable fees for the administration and enforcement of state regulations governing the land application of sewage sludge and residual waste. BERKS COUNTY

## **SEWAGE SLUDGE**

07-74 RESOLVED, That PSATS support the authority of townships to adopt ordinances that require comprehensive and timely health and safety testing of land-applied sewage sludge and provide for the cost of that testing to be paid entirely by those applying the sludge. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-60 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to strengthen its regulations and enforcement for the land application of sewage sludge and biosolid materials, and require municipality participation on such issues, to limit the land application of sewage sludge and biosolid materials that originate outside the state or the county in which the municipality is located. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-05 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to allow townships to assess reasonable fees for the administration and enforcement of state regulations governing the land application of sewage sludge and residual waste. BERKS COUNTY

09-06 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to provide Act 14 notification anytime a permit is filed for the land application of residual waste. BERKS COUNTY

## SOLID WASTE

07-13 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Solid Waste Management Act (*Act 97 of 1980*) to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to hold public hearings on proposed landfill permits within the host municipality. BEAVER COUNTY

07-14 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require landfills and waste-to-energy plants to negotiate host municipal agreements that include local environmental protections while preserving current host municipal agreements that are satisfactory to the municipality. BEDFORD COUNTY

07-15 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek federal legislation to give state and local governments control over the amount and type of waste being imported from out of state. BEDFORD COUNTY

07-16 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to give municipalities more authority to prosecute illegal dumping of waste along roadsides. BEDFORD COUNTY

08-09 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling, and Waste Reduction Act (*Act 101 of 1988*) to prohibit the state Department of Environmental Protection from creating policies that limit the authority of municipalities to determine how to enforce their recycling ordinances, AND FURTHER, That would prohibit DEP from withholding grant monies if a municipality fails to comply with the department's recycling policies. CHESTER COUNTY

09-07 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Solid Waste Management Act (*Act 14 of 1984*) to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to notify municipalities of all permit applications in their jurisdiction. WAYNE COUNTY

## STATE AGENCIES

05-43 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require applicants to the commonwealth or any of its agencies for a permit or license to conduct an activity affecting any real property in a municipality to give a minimum of 30 days' notice to the host municipality of the proposed activity to allow the municipality to advise the issuing agency of the activity's compliance with zoning and other applicable land-use ordinances. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-58 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to eliminate the commonwealth's practice of removing state-owned property from a municipality's tax rolls when the commonwealth is collecting rent for the use of the property. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-59 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to create a Deputy Secretary for Local Government Services within the state Department of Community and Economic Development. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

06-17 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the governor to amend the Governor's Interagency Land Use Team's Letter of Understanding to require the state to notify the affected municipality when a determination is made. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-71 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to prohibit state agencies from issuing permits and/or licenses to applicants who are not in compliance with applicable local ordinances. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## **STORMWATER**

05-51 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (*PennDOT*) to accept the dedication of and to maintain all improvements along state highways that are mandated by PennDOT under the conditions of a road occupancy permit.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

06-45 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to assume responsibility for all stormwater drainage within the rights of way on state roads. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

06-49 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Title 75 (*Vehicles*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to require the state Department of Transportation to be responsible for all maintenance responsibilities of state-owned roads and rights of way, including stormwater management. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-47 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to undertake all the necessary repairs and maintenance of state highways and their appurtenances situated within townships at the sole and exclusive cost and expense of the commonwealth. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

07-64 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3205 of the Second Class Township Code to create a new tax levy, not to exceed five mills, to acquire, establish, and maintain stormwater management improvements. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-65 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to continue to maintain storm drainage facilities, including cross pipes, inlets, and parallel pipes, on state roads in townships of the second class. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-19 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to assume responsibility for all stormwater drainage within the rights of way on state roads.  
LANCASTER COUNTY

## **TAKINGS**

08-63 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose federal legislation that would permit developers and landowners to sue a municipality in federal court before exhausting all local and state administrative remedies. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## TAXATION

05-56 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the governor and the secretary of the Department of Revenue to establish reciprocal agreements with neighboring states to exempt municipalities from paying respective state sales taxes. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-58 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to eliminate the commonwealth's practice of removing state-owned property from a municipality's tax rolls when the commonwealth is collecting rent for the use of the property. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

06-23 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize municipalities to levy a tax on retail and commercial storage facilities that are not assessed as taxable improvements to property.  
COLUMBIA COUNTY

06-47 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Local Tax Enabling Act (*Act 511 of 1965*) to authorize townships to levy a hotel occupancy tax. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

06-54 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize townships to collect a municipal services fee from the state and federal governments for all state and federal facilities located within the township boundaries to cover the costs of providing fire, ambulance, police, and emergency response services to those tax-exempt facilities. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-9 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to exempt volunteer fire companies from state and local realty transfer taxes when purchasing lands designated for emergency services.  
BUCKS COUNTY

07-28 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation mandating a countywide collection of the real estate tax. BEDFORD COUNTY

07-30 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Local Tax Enabling Act (*Act 511 of 1956*) to allow townships of the second class to increase the earned income tax to 1.5 percent without voter approval. CENTRE COUNTY

07-32 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would exempt subjects from or reduce the amusement tax. FAYETTE COUNTY

07-63 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the commonwealth to enter into reciprocal agreements with all neighboring states to return a portion of or reduce the rate of the income tax levied by the state on people living in Pennsylvania and working in that state. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-64 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3205 of the Second Class Township Code to create a new tax levy, not to exceed five mills, to acquire, establish, and maintain stormwater management improvements. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-69 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation to authorize the establishment of regional asset districts. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## TAXATION (CONTINUED)

08-18 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 7.1(b) of the Open Space Uses Act (*Act 442 of 1967, as amended*) to allow local governments to exempt certain categories of real property with open space benefits from real estate millage increases without the agreement of the other taxing districts. CENTRE COUNTY

08-43 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to establish a flexible tax structure for local government and ensure that the tax burden is shared equitably among all categories of taxpayers, including individuals, businesses and industry, and that it includes property, revenue, and income taxes. CHESTER AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES

08-48 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to ensure that any proposal authorizing the countywide collection of local taxes requires verification of proper collection and timely disbursement of these funds. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-57 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to prohibit state tax and fee increases from taking effect until the beginning of the next calendar year. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-64 RESOLVED, That PSATS support local tax reform legislation that:

- 1) includes all types of municipalities and school districts in the commonwealth;
- 2) provides a full menu of taxes from which to choose, including but not limited to mercantile, business privilege, amusement, municipal services, income and sales taxes;
- 3) allocates county sales tax revenues to participating municipalities according to a formula based on the federal revenue-sharing distribution formula and the point of origin of the sales tax;
- 4) maintains a balance of the local tax burden between the residential and business taxpayers in the municipality; and
- 6) does not limit future tax increases to referendum approval.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-04 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would impose a fee or tax on private water sources, such as wells and springs. BUTLER COUNTY

09-15 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to allow municipalities to levy a 1 percent tax on company proceeds from gas and oil extraction. TIOGA COUNTY

09-24 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Sterling Act (*Act 45 of 1932*) to authorize municipalities and school districts that levy the earned income tax to collect and retain earned income taxes from municipal residents who work in Philadelphia, AND FURTHER, to require Philadelphia to provide offsetting credits for income taxes paid to an individual's home municipality. BUCKS COUNTY

09-32 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to the Local Tax Enabling Act (*Act 511 of 1965, as amended*) to require individuals seeking low-income exclusions to the local services tax to apply through the municipality. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

**TAXATION (CONTINUED)**

09-36 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the commonwealth to disburse the local earned income tax deducted from its employees' wages to the employees' place of residence, as required by the Local Tax Enabling Act (*Act 511 of 1965, as amended*).  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-44 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Local Tax Enabling Act (*Act 511 of 1965*) to restore the ability of a political subdivision to levy an annual sign tax, which was eliminated by Act 50 of 1998. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-45 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state legislature to provide municipalities with replacement revenues for revenues lost by the legislative elimination of a tax or taxes imposed by a municipality. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-46 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the General Assembly to oppose any legislation that would further limit the taxing authority of municipalities. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-47 RESOLVED, That PSATS support local tax reform legislation that:

1) maintains that municipal taxes may only be levied by the municipal governing body that will use the taxes to fund municipal services and obligations; and

2) requires all tax revenues collected from the citizens of a municipality to be returned to that municipality if a county or regional tax collection is included. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-53 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3205(a)(1) of the Second Class Township Code to allow the board of supervisors to petition the court of common pleas for the right to levy up to 10 additional mills, for a total of 24 mills, if a township funds a municipal police department. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## **TIMBER SALES**

07-61 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to create a revenue sharing proposal that would give a portion of the money generated from the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' timber sales to those municipalities in which the timber sales occur. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## TOWNSHIP CODE

07-33 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Sections 1503, 1504, and 3102 of the Second Class Township Code to include the term “council of governments” and clarify that a township may buy or sell real or personal property from a council of governments without going through the bidding process. COLUMBIA COUNTY

07-34 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 606 of the Second Class Township Code to increase supervisors’ compensation. DAUPHIN COUNTY

07-37 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 501 of the Second Class Township Code to require the oath of office to include the phrase, “I have not been convicted of a felony and/or infamous crime as defined by the Pennsylvania Constitution and related laws.” LYCOMING COUNTY

07-64 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3205 of the Second Class Township Code to create a new tax levy, not to exceed five mills, to acquire, establish, and maintain stormwater management improvements. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-22 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to establish that an ordinance adopted under Section 2305(b) of the Second Class Township Code would effectuate a taking for purposes of the Eminent Domain Code, and specifically, for purposes of applying for a board of view under Section 502(c) of the Eminent Domain Code, AND FURTHER, That Section 2305(b) of the Township Code be amended to read as follows:

(b) if the board of supervisors votes in favor of exercising the power, it shall enact the necessary ordinance and file a copy of the ordinance, together with a draft or survey of the road showing the location and width thereof, in the office of the clerk of the court of common pleas. Enacting and filing the ordinance shall constitute a *de facto* taking of any real property interest whose ownership will be assumed by the township under the terms of the ordinance within the meaning of the Eminent Domain Code, 26 Pa.C.S.A.502(c), and within the meaning of Section 3401 of the Second Class Township Code. The effective date of the taking shall be the date the ordinance was enacted.

FAYETTE COUNTY

08-45 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Second Class Township Code to authorize the board of supervisors to enter into employment contracts with professional managers. CHESTER AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES

09-01 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3102 of the Second Class Township Code to increase the required advertising and bidding limits from the current \$10,000 and increase the required telephone quotation limits from \$4,000, AND FURTHER, That these limits be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index. UNION COUNTY

**TOWNSHIP CODE (CONTINUED)**

09-09 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 606 of the Second Class Township Code to authorize townships to provide township supervisors and employees who are over the age of 65 with supplemental Medicare insurance coverage. CRAWFORD COUNTY

09-49 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Second Class Township Code to authorize townships to annually appropriate township funds to recognize township employees and township committee members for their service to the township (*e.g., recognition dinner or party, flowers, plaque, etc.*) RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-53 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3205(a)(1) of the Second Class Township Code to allow the board of supervisors to petition the court of common pleas for the right to levy up to 10 additional mills, for a total of 24 mills, if a township funds a municipal police department. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## **TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**

07-34 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 606 of the Second Class Township Code to increase supervisors' compensation. DAUPHIN COUNTY

07-37 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 501 of the Second Class Township Code to require the oath of office to include the phrase, "I have not been convicted of a felony and/or infamous crime as defined by the Pennsylvania Constitution and related laws."  
LYCOMING COUNTY

07-38 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the state Election Code to require candidates for elected office to certify that they have not been convicted of a felony and/or infamous crime as defined by the Pennsylvania Constitution and related laws when filing their petition for election. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-09 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 606 of the Second Class Township Code to authorize townships to provide township supervisors and employees who are over the age of 65 with supplemental Medicare insurance coverage. CRAWFORD COUNTY

09-50 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require insurance carriers within Pennsylvania to include township supervisors in group health plans, disability plans, and pension plans regardless of the actual hours worked within any given week. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## TRAFFIC SIGNS/SIGNALS

05-13 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to be financially responsible for all road markings at traffic signal intersections on state and federal highways. LYCOMING COUNTY

05-16 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Transportation to establish a uniform policy assuming the financial responsibility and liability for the installation and maintenance of all required stop signs, advance warning signs, and directional signs on township roads that intersect with state roads. RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

05-66 RESOLVED, That PSATS support legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to share the responsibility of traffic signal maintenance with municipalities by:

- 1) providing funding to municipalities that maintain traffic signals on state highways;
- 2) establishing efficiency standards for traffic signals; and
- 3) encouraging regional maintenance and operations contracts to provide better coordination of signals on interjurisdictional traffic corridors.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

07-48 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to pay a proportionate share of the cost for operating and maintaining traffic control systems on state highways and to take full responsibility for the programming, operation, and maintenance of interconnected and closed-loop signal systems. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

08-27 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide an additional source of transportation funding that would be allocated to municipalities based on a formula to help with the costs of operating and maintaining traffic lights on state highways that intersect with local roads.  
LYCOMING COUNTY

## TRANSPORTATION and ROADS / PENNDOT

05-13 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to be financially responsible for all road markings at traffic signal intersections on state and federal highways. LYCOMING COUNTY

05-14 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to widen secondary state roads to allow opposing vehicles to pass one another safely. POTTER COUNTY

05-16 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Transportation to establish a uniform policy assuming the financial responsibility and liability for the installation and maintenance of all required stop signs, advance warning signs, and directional signs on township roads that intersect with state roads. RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

05-23 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the state Vehicle Code to allow municipalities to post weight limits by axle weight or gross weight. WARREN COUNTY

05-51 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (*PennDOT*) to accept the dedication of and to maintain all improvements along state highways that are mandated by PennDOT under the conditions of a road occupancy permit. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-57 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, when proposing locations for interchanges, exits, or entrances to the Pennsylvania Turnpike, to consider local planning and to conduct public hearings in the municipality most affected. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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- 1) providing funding to municipalities that maintain traffic signals on state highways;
- 2) establishing efficiency standards for traffic signals; and
- 3) encouraging regional maintenance and operations contracts to provide better coordination of signals on interjurisdictional traffic corridors.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

05-67 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to create a program to provide financial assistance, other than liquid fuels funds, to municipalities that suffer road and infrastructure damage due to severe weather conditions that do not meet the criteria for federal or state disaster assistance.

GREENE COUNTY

06-29 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge PennDOT to give municipalities the right of first refusal for recycled asphalt from state roads located in the municipality. CLARION COUNTY

**TRANSPORTATION and ROADS / PENNDOT (CONTINUED)**

06-30 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Title 75 (*Vehicles*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to allow municipalities to set speed limits on local roads without the need for a traffic and engineering study. CLARION COUNTY

06-33 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Liquid Fuels Allocation Law (*Act 655 of 1956*) to return the fund to its traditional share of 20 percent of the Motor License Fund. WESTMORELAND COUNTY

06-51 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Title 75 (*Vehicles*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to require the state Department of Transportation to add abandoned state highways to the turnback program, rather than require the municipality to take them over. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-43 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 9511(g) of Title 75 (*Vehicles*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to require the state Department of Transportation to increase the yearly maintenance reimbursement on turnback roads every two years to reflect the actual maintenance costs. CLARION COUNTY

07-45 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Liquid Fuels Tax Municipal Allocation Law (*Act 655 of 1956*) to authorize municipalities to spend up to 100 percent of their annual state liquid fuels allocation to purchase road equipment. ELK COUNTY

07-46 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Liquid Fuels Tax Municipal Allocation Law (*Act 655 of 1956*) to return the fund to its traditional share of 20 percent of the Motor License Fund; AND FURTHER, That PSATS respond to the Transportation Funding and Reform Commission's report and urge the legislature to provide municipalities with 20 percent of any increase in revenues that result from legislation or policy changes made to implement the commission's report. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

07-47 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to undertake all the necessary repairs and maintenance of state highways and their appurtenances situated within townships at the sole and exclusive cost and expense of the commonwealth. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

07-48 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to pay a proportionate share of the cost for operating and maintaining traffic control systems on state highways and to take full responsibility for the programming, operation, and maintenance of interconnected and closed-loop signal systems. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

07-49 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to allow townships to use recycled asphalt as a surface material on unpaved roads and road berms. WASHINGTON COUNTY

**TRANSPORTATION and ROADS / PENNDOT (CONTINUED)**

07-65 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to continue to maintain storm drainage facilities, including cross pipes, inlets, and parallel pipes, on state roads in townships of the second class. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-66 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Transportation to rescind its Safety Bulletin of February 2, 1996, which overrides state law and allows commercial motor vehicles with turbochargers to pass state inspection even if they do not have a muffler or noise suppression system as is otherwise required by 75 PA. C.S.A. 4523(a), (b), and (c). RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-25 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would impose tolls on Interstate 80.  
CLINTON, COLUMBIA, AND LYCOMING COUNTIES

08-26 RESOLVED, That PSATS monitor the I-80 tolling issue and determine if additional legislative oversight is needed to ensure the proper use of any toll revenue collected.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-27 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide an additional source of transportation funding that would be allocated to municipalities based on a formula to help with the costs of operating and maintaining traffic lights on state highways that intersect with local roads.  
LYCOMING COUNTY

08-41 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Transportation to amend Chapter 189.4(d) of Title 67 (*Transportation*) of the Pennsylvania Code to increase the bonding amount on unpaved roads to \$50,000 per mile, from the current \$6,000 per mile. ARMSTRONG COUNTY

08-42 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Transportation to amend Chapter 189.4(d) of Title 67 (*Transportation*) of the Pennsylvania Code to increase the bonding amount on paved roads to \$100,000 per mile, from the current \$12,500 per mile. ARMSTRONG COUNTY

08-59 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act (*Act 330 of 1978*) to reduce municipalities' maximum liability level for accidents on township roads to an amount equal to the state Department of Transportation's liability on state roads.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-72 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to repeal Act 44 of 2007; AND FURTHER, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Liquid Fuels Allocation Law (*Act 655 of 1956*) and provide new transportation funding that will return the fund to its traditional share of 20 percent of the Motor License Fund. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-73 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 6109 of Title 75 (*Vehicles*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to create a category of roads for which bonding levels can be set without the need for an engineering and traffic study. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

**TRANSPORTATION and ROADS / PENNDOT (CONTINUED)**

09-11 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Liquid Fuels Allocation Law (*Act 655 of 1956, as amended*) to include alternative fuels (*such as liquid propane, compressed natural gas, hydrogen, water, waste, vegetable oil, and electricity*) used in on-road vehicles under this law.  
LYCOMING COUNTY

09-19 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to assume responsibility for all stormwater drainage within the rights of way on state roads.  
LANCASTER COUNTY

**TURNBACK OF ROADS**

06-51 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Title 75 (*Vehicles*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to require the state Department of Transportation to add abandoned state highways to the turnback program, rather than require the municipality to take them over.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-43 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 9511(g) of Title 75 (*Vehicles*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to require the state Department of Transportation to increase the yearly maintenance reimbursement on turnback roads every two years to reflect the actual maintenance costs. CLARION COUNTY

**TURNPIKE COMMISSION**

05-57 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, when proposing locations for interchanges, exits, or entrances to the Pennsylvania Turnpike, to consider local planning and to conduct public hearings in the municipality most affected.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE & BUILDING CODE

06-34 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would restrict the authority of municipalities to establish Uniform Construction Code inspection fees and to negotiate with third-party inspectors. BEDFORD COUNTY

07-53 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to remove the recreational cabin exclusion from the Uniform Construction Code. SULLIVAN COUNTY

07-54 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would require municipalities or third-party agencies acting as building code officials under Section 501(b) of the Uniform Construction Code to accept inspections or inspection reports from persons not retained, employed, or authorized by the municipality. ERIE COUNTY

08-28 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Uniform Construction Code (*Act 45 of 1999, as amended*) to make the state Department of Labor and Industry responsible for granting and administering building permits, plan reviews, and inspections for all industrial construction, AND FURTHER, That municipalities that have opted in to the UCC continue to be responsible for residential and commercial permits, plan reviews, and inspections. MONTOUR COUNTY

08-29 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Uniform Construction Code (*Act 45 of 1999, as amended*) to authorize densely populated municipalities to establish more stringent construction standards than the UCC. CHESTER AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES

08-54 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Propane and Liquefied Petroleum Gas Act (*Act 61 of 2002*) to allow municipalities to enforce the National Fire Protection Code (*NFPA 58*) for the installation of liquid propane gas at residences and businesses. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-58 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the state Uniform Construction Code (*Act 45 of 1999, as amended*) to allow municipalities to require the installation of communication amplification systems in new or renovated nonresidential structures to provide adequate communications for emergency personnel. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-20 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Uniform Construction Code (*Act 45 of 1999, as amended*), to change the definition of “utility and miscellaneous structures” to limit such structures to a single story. ELK COUNTY

## WATER

05-30 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to establish standard guidelines for the development of hydrogeologic reports, including the development of specific criteria to evaluate local water quality issues. CENTRE COUNTY

05-44 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to make its State Programmatic General Permit for Pennsylvania consistent with the DEP General Permit #3 to facilitate the removal of nuisance gravel bars from streams to minimize flood damage.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

06-6 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to ensure that any Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy or any other proposal that would impose reductions in nutrient or sediment discharges from the state's point and non-point sources be required to equitably allocate responsibility for these reductions on a proportionate basis, AND FURTHER, That state or federal funding be allocated to help local governments implement these reductions. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

06-8 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the removal of the additive MTBE in gasoline. BUCKS COUNTY

07-62 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority to streamline and expedite its process for low-interest loans and grants for water and sewer programs.  
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

07-67 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require that funding accompany new federal or state mandates for water and sewer systems. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-04 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would impose a fee or tax on private water sources, such as wells and springs. BUTLER COUNTY

09-37 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize townships, in conjunction with their local fire departments, to establish a standard hydrant connection type that water companies and water authorities located within their jurisdiction must use. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## **WEIGHT LIMITS**

05-23 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the state Vehicle Code to allow municipalities to post weight limits by axle weight or gross weight. WARREN COUNTY

08-41 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Transportation to amend Chapter 189.4(d) of Title 67 (*Transportation*) of the Pennsylvania Code to increase the bonding amount on unpaved roads to \$50,000 per mile, from the current \$6,000 per mile. ARMSTRONG COUNTY

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08-73 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 6109 of Title 75 (*Vehicles*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to create a category of roads for which bonding levels can be set without the need for an engineering and traffic study. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## **WILDLIFE**

08-24 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require that the state Game Commission be responsible for the repair of municipal roads when the commission prevents a municipality from taking action to minimize damage caused by wild animals. CLARION COUNTY

08-30 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Agriculture to adopt a formal system of notification to licensed veterinarians and farmers during outbreaks of wildlife disease through the county extension service office or the county conservation district, and recommend precautions to protect livestock. BEAVER COUNTY

08-31 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the Pennsylvania Game Commission to adopt a formal system of notifying municipalities affected by diseased wildlife. BEAVER COUNTY

08-32 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the Pennsylvania Game Commission to develop an emergency operations plan to deal with wildlife disease outbreaks that would, at a minimum, authorize the commission to contract with volunteer fire companies and municipalities to remove dead wildlife from streambeds. BEAVER COUNTY

08-34 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Agriculture to notify the public, including owners of domestic wildlife operations, during outbreaks of wildlife disease and suggest precautions to protect captive and domestic animals and the public's investment in these animals. BEAVER COUNTY

## **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

05-25 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Workers' Compensation Reform Act (*Act 44 of 1993*) to authorize townships to include emergency management team volunteers under the township's workers' compensation policy. COLUMBIA COUNTY

05-42 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to include persons in the township workers' compensation plan who volunteer for township emergency services during a disaster and are not affiliated with a rescue or volunteer organization. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## ZONING

05-2 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (*Act 71 of 2004*) to require gaming and racing facilities to comply with municipal land use ordinances adopted in accordance with the Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968*). LANCASTER COUNTY

05-43 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require applicants to the commonwealth or any of its agencies for a permit or license to conduct an activity affecting any real property in a municipality to give a minimum of 30 days' notice to the host municipality of the proposed activity to allow the municipality to advise the issuing agency of the activity's compliance with zoning and other applicable land-use ordinances. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

05-57 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, when proposing locations for interchanges, exits, or entrances to the Pennsylvania Turnpike, to consider local planning and to conduct public hearings in the municipality most affected. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

08-13 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require state agencies, commissions, and authorities to comply with municipal land development and zoning ordinances when developing state-owned land. LYCOMING COUNTY

08-46 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would require municipalities to recognize daycare facilities located in an owner-operator's home as a use by right or as a valid special exception in all residential zones. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

08-47 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would place increased emphasis on the comprehensive plan relative to the zoning ordinance and require a municipality to issue findings of fact that its ordinances are generally consistent with its comprehensive plan before taking action on land use issues. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-03 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to hold municipalities harmless for actions they are required to take regarding the designation of airport hazard areas. WASHINGTON COUNTY

09-33 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would place increased emphasis on the comprehensive plan relative to the zoning ordinance; AND FURTHER, that would require a municipality to make findings of fact that its ordinances are generally consistent with its comprehensive plan before the municipality could take any action on land use issues. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

09-52 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968*) to provide that agricultural zoning be recognized as a legislative and zoning classification in Pennsylvania. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE