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## **East Hempfield Township Supervisor Elected to Township Association's Executive Committee**

Members of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors have elected H. Scott Russell, vice chairman of the board of supervisors for East Hempfield Township in Lancaster County, to a three-year term on the association's Executive Committee.

The election took place during PSATS' 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference and Exhibit Show, held April 22-25 in Hershey. This is the largest municipal event of its kind in the state, with close to 4,000 attendees. The conference attracted township officials from every county in Pennsylvania except Philadelphia, which has no townships.

The seven-member Executive Committee, the association's five officers, and the immediate past president make up the Executive Board, which is responsible for managing the affairs of the state association. The board meets frequently throughout the year to oversee association business and plan new projects that will benefit member townships.

The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors represents Pennsylvania's 1,454 townships of the second class and is committed to preserving and strengthening township government and securing greater visibility and involvement for townships in the state and federal political arenas. Townships of the second class cover 95 percent of Pennsylvania's land mass and represent more residents — 5.5 million — than any other type of political subdivision in the commonwealth.

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Russell is manager and transportation engineer for East Cocalico Township and was previously employed as director of municipal engineering for RETTEW Associates. He also served as the appointed engineer for Lancaster County and multiple municipalities.

He is a member of PSATS' Grassroots Advocacy Network. In addition to previously serving as chair of the East Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors, Russell currently serves on the township's Traffic Commission and its Finance, Public Works, and MS4 committees. He is also first vice president of the Lancaster County Association of Township Officials and previously served on its board of directors.

Russell is active as a member of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry and previously served on its Transportation, Advocacy, and Cocalico Consortium Executive committees. He also was a member of Sen. Mike Brubaker's Chesapeake Bay Task Force, a founder of the Central Lancaster County Council of Governments, and a planning commission member for Hatfield Borough. He is a member and presenter for the American Public Works Association. He is also a Sunday school teacher at Hempfield United Methodist Church, a den leader for Cub Scout Pack 37, and assistant scout master for Boy Scout Troop 349.

He served in the U.S. Army, is a graduate of Leadership Lancaster, and was the 2008 and 2013 recipient of the Envision Lancaster Award. Prior civic service includes membership on the council for Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Landisville and coach for Penn Legacy Soccer. He lives with his wife, Cheryl Ann, and four children in Landisville.

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