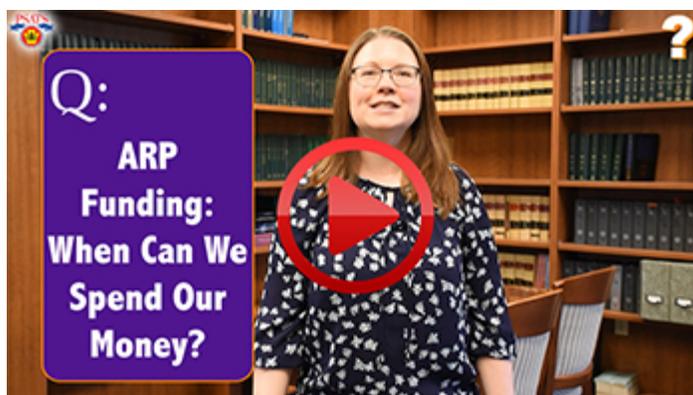


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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | ARP Funding: When Can We Spend Our Money?

With American Rescue Plan funding arriving in townships in June, PSATS has some sound advice for townships that are eager to move projects forward. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. (1:48)

Latest News

Commonwealth COVID-19 Enforcement Reporting Appears to Have Ended

You may have noticed that Thursdays have been the day we bring you weekly updates on the Commonwealth's Covid enforcement activities. After more than a year of enforcing the mitigation orders, weekly or regular reporting on enforcement efforts appears to have stopped. The [Pennsylvania State Police](#) noted that it stopped reporting on enforcement as of April 15, 2021. The [Department of Agriculture](#) issued weekly reports from August 2020 but has not issued a report since April 18. The [Pa. Department of State](#) was issuing weekly reports each Tuesday, and these reports appear to have ended with its April 27 report.

Hershey Lodge Selected to Host 2021 PSATS Business Session

With the first time ever cancellation of 2 back-to-back annual PSATS Conferences, we are pleased to confirm the location and date of a 1-day PSATS Business meeting on Friday, October 15 at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey PA. Tentative plans include a continental breakfast, a business session with a couple speakers and over 75 resolutions for delegates to address as well as elect PSATS leadership to the Executive Board. It will conclude by mid afternoon to allow time for most to travel home before dark. Registration will open in July and also include discounted overnight lodging options (Rates being finalizing). Stay tuned for more details, but in the meantime, townships should remember to designate a voting delegate so when registration opens, you are ready!

Conference Virtual Workshops Week 2

Can't get enough of PSATS Virtual Conference Workshop series? Here's what is coming up next week for week 2! To view a the full list of workshops or to register, to go learn.psats.org/virtual-conference.



2021 Educational Conference
Virtual Conference Workshops
May 3-6, 2021

May 3, 2021:

- Fire & EMS Issues in Your Township: A Panel Discussion @ 1:30 p.m.
- The Pros and Cons of Fire Department Stipend Programs @ 3 p.m.

May 4, 2021:

- Staying Open for Business: Learning from COVID:19 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Technical Assistance Programs Available from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers @ 11 a.m.
- Digital Newsletters — Connecting You with Your Residents @ 1:30 p.m.
- How to Better Organize Your Website to Communicate More Effectively @ 3 p.m.

May 5, 2021:

- New Uses & Zoning Regulations: What We Learned From 2020 @ 9 a.m.
- MS4 Pollutant Control Measures @ 1:30 p.m.
- Managing Municipal Finances After the Effects of COVID-19 @ 3 p.m.

May 6, 2021:

- The Evolution of Bid Management @ 9:30 a.m.
- Collection Strategies in Times of Crisis @ 11 a.m.
- Workers' Compensation and Volunteer Fire Companies @ 1:30 p.m.
- MS4 Funding Strategies for Stormwater Solutions @ 3 p.m.

To register for these workshops go to learn.psats.org/virtual-conference

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. This day observance asks people “to turn to God in prayer and meditation.” Officially designated by the United States Congress in the 1950's, there is evidence of National Days of Prayer dating back to 1775 before the United States was formed in its current governance structure.

For many, prayer is an integral part of daily life. Prayer offers a rich connection to our spiritual lives, nurturing our relationships and faith. It also provides comfort in times of crisis or need. People of many different faiths join in prayer on this day. While some will attend the church, synagogue, mosque, temple or monasteries of their choice to pray, others will attend interdenominational prayer events.

Legislation & Policy



The House was in session yesterday and is now in recess until May 24. The Senate is scheduled to return to session on Monday May 10.

House Passes Special Permit Bill

Yesterday, the House unanimously passed HB 765 which would amend Title 75 (*Vehicles*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to prohibit the state Department of Transportation from requiring municipal indemnification when a third party with a special event permit has already provided indemnification to the Department. HB 765 is now awaiting committee assignment in the Senate. PSATS supports HB 765 and will continue to work with members of the General Assembly to get this bill signed into law.

House Local Government Committee Approves Land Use Bill

Yesterday, the House Local Government Committee approved **HB 141** which would mandate that all zoning ordinances contain a non-building waiver provision. This legislation would enable a property owner to create a nonbuilding lot which would be exempt from the normal provisions of a subdivision. HB 141 is now before the House. PSATS is opposed to HB 141 as currently written and will continue to work with members of the General Assembly on this proposal.

Learn

PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety.

[Workers' Compensation and Volunteer Fire Companies - Virtual - 5/6/21](#)

Join this session to learn about workers' compensation for volunteer firefighters. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[MS4 Funding Strategies for Stormwater Solutions - Virtual - 5/6/21](#)

Scheduled for launch in Summer 2021, a new Center for Water Quality Excellence (CWQE) will provide assistance to help townships as well as agricultural and other landowners with stormwater responsibilities to navigate the universe of grant and loan program assistance. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[Full Depth Reclamation to Upgrade Distressed Roads - Virtual - 5/12/21](#)

Full depth reclamation (FDR) and Cold-In-Place Recycling (CIR) are becoming more popular within Pennsylvania for reconstruction and repair of distressed roadways. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[Municipal Bidding - Virtual - 5/13/21](#)

Join LTAP representatives for a discussion on bidding requirements for municipalities. They'll cover bidding limits, bonding, escalator clauses, prevailing wage, emergency procurement, maintenance exemptions, and more. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[Landslides, Rock Falls, Sinkholes, Mine Subsidence: Minimizing Geohazards - Virtual - 5/13/21](#)

Has your township experienced a geohazard -- a landslide, rockfall, sinkhole, or mine subsidence -- that impacted critical infrastructure and roads? [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



[Flagger Training - 5/13/21 - Bradford County](#)

This course has been designed to meet the PennDOT Publication 408 flagger training requirements mandated for all flaggers in Pennsylvania. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



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