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## Township Video News



### **TVN's Coffee & the Capitol | Sen. Cris Dush, Chair Senate Local Government Committee: How He Plans to Help Townships**

Sen. Cris Dush, Chair Senate Local Government Committee, shares his plans to help townships get more money for infrastructure projects, including roads, water, sewer, and broadband; get rid of unfunded mandates and regulatory burdens that are costing them time and money; and make sure that liquid fuels funds are allocated properly and State Police funding doesn't become a municipal responsibility. (6:54)

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## Latest News

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

Township officials are reminded that each township with a population of less than 50,000 must apply for its American Rescue Plan funds through the state Department of Community and Economic Development's Single Application for Assistance as soon as possible but no later than July 29. **Failure to file by July 29 could result in forfeiture of your allocation.** Townships with populations of 50,000 or more must apply directly through the U.S. Treasury.

**More than 1,300 townships have applied so far, and every township in the following counties have applied:** Adams, Allegheny, Bucks, Cumberland, Delaware, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Fulton, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Mifflin, Montgomery, Northampton, Pike, Venango, Westmoreland, and York. The Pennsylvania Department of Treasury has issued two rounds of payments to date.

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

### **PSATS Hosting Legislative Update Town Hall Today**

Join PSATS staff at 2 p.m. today for a PSATS Summer Legislative Update Town Hall on the recently passed state budget and new laws affecting townships, as well as a preview of what to expect from Harrisburg this fall. [Click here](#) to register for this free member event!

### **Office of Open Records to Hold Free Training Tomorrow on Sunshine Law**

The Office of Open Records (OOR) will hold a free webinar on the Basics of the Sunshine Law tomorrow, July 14, at 10 a.m. The training will include new requirements under Act 65 of 2021 that will require local governments to post an agenda online and at their office or meeting place at least 24 hours before the start of a public meeting. The new requirement takes effect July 29.

[Click here](#) to learn more about this free training opportunity.

OOR will also offer Right-to-Know Law webinars in the coming weeks. Information will be available [here](#) before the webinars.

- Right-to-Know Payment Issues: July 21 at 10 a.m.
- The Right-to-Know Law for Law Enforcement: July 28 at 10 a.m.
- Laws That Protect Information: August 4 at 10 a.m.

### **State Police Strengthen Community Engagement, Develop Public Dashboard**

The Pennsylvania State Police have two new community-based initiatives: the

Office of Community Engagement and the Community Access to Information Dashboard.

The Office of Community Engagement works with community leaders, nonprofit organizations, legislators, and other law enforcement agencies to build positive, proactive relationships with residents of and visitors to the commonwealth. In addition, the office strives to develop relationships within underserved communities across the commonwealth. [Click here](#) to learn more this new office.

The Community Access to Information Dashboard allows the public to access and search PSP aggregated incident-related data. The dashboard is intended to provide transparency while giving communities served by the PSP significant police-related incident trends and some of the mitigation efforts taken to impact those trajectories. For more information and to access the dashboard, visit [CAID](#).

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

On July 13, 1960, In Los Angeles, California, Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts is nominated for the presidency by the Democratic Party Convention, defeating Senator Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas. The next day, Johnson was named Kennedy's running mate by a unanimous vote of the convention. Four months later, on November 8, Kennedy won 49.7 percent of the popular vote in one of the closest presidential elections in U.S. history, surpassing by a fraction the 49.6 percent received by Vice President Richard M. Nixon, a Republican.

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## Learn

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

#### **[PSATS Regional Forums](#)**

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



**PSATS Northwest 2021 Regional Forum - 7/20/21 - Erie**

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

### **Developing Your Township Budget**

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



[8/5/21 - Butler Co.](#)  
[8/6/21 - Crawford Co.](#)  
[8/12/21 - Montgomery Co.](#)  
[8/13/21 - Lancaster Co.](#)  
[8/19/21 - Bradford Co.](#)  
[8/24/21 - Cumberland Co.](#)

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

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



### **2021 Solicitors Fall Seminar**

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

[9/28/21 - West](#)  
[10/7/21 - Central](#)  
[11/4/21 - East](#)



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