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## Latest News

### **Township Warning on Unemployment Fraud**

Rampant computer problems continue to plague the state Labor & Industry Unemployment Fund's new system, with fraud attempts running even higher than before. PSATS reminds all townships to closely monitor and respond quickly to potentially fraudulent claims that ultimately will be charged against the township and taxpayers. *(As an aside, there have been several fraudulent claims discovered that were filed on behalf of active, employed PSATS staffers.)*

Spotlight PA, a media watchdog group today reports the following additional issue with the Department of Labor & Industry:

"Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf's administration completed its internal investigation into a multimillion-dollar unemployment mistake in mid-2017, but failed to make the findings public until this week, according to newly released documents.

In response to questions by Spotlight PA, [the Office of Inspector General late Tuesday released a one-page summary of its inquiry into a state error](#) that resulted in thousands of unemployed Pennsylvanians being overcharged millions in interest payments over a decade."

### **Recording of PSATS Summer Legislative Update Town Hall Available**

Did you miss PSATS' Town Hall yesterday? Not to worry. A recording of PSATS' Summer Legislative Update Town Hall is now available. The session discussed the recently passed state budget and new laws affecting townships, as well as a preview of what to expect from Harrisburg this fall.

Presenters provided advice and answered questions on Act 65 of 2021, which will require agendas to be posted 24 hours before public meetings online, if a township has a website or media presence, as well as at the township building and meeting place. Act 50 of 2021, the Small Wireless Facilities Act, was also discussed, as well as upcoming American Rescue Plan Act regulations. [Click here](#) to view the recorded webinar.

**Become a Part of PSATS' History! Buy an Ad!**

**PSATS turned 100 years old this year in May.** We are currently producing a **commemorative centennial book** that will take an in-depth look at PSATS' history over the last century. It will include lots of photos and interviews with those who worked for or with PSATS to accomplish many great things on behalf of our 1,454 townships in the commonwealth.

We are inviting townships and county associations to be a part of this historical book with an ad wishing PSATS your very best on this tremendous milestone. There are three options for ad sizes with an easy online reservation/payment process at [www.psats.org/centennial-book-ad-sales/](http://www.psats.org/centennial-book-ad-sales/). The deadline for all ad purchases is **July 21**. PSATS will even design the ad for you. For more information, contact Ginni Linn at (717) 763-0930, ext. 127, or [glinn@psats.org](mailto:glinn@psats.org).

And in case you were wondering, here is some helpful info for the Centennial Celebration and the ad book:

*The Second Class Township Code authorizes townships to expend funds for centennial observances as follows:*

*53 P.S. § 66540 – Observances and celebrations*

*The board of supervisors may appropriate moneys for the observance of holidays, centennials, or other anniversaries or for township celebrations or civic projects or programs.*

**Today in History.....**

On July 14, 1968, Atlanta Braves slugger Henry "Hank" Aaron hits the 500th home run of his career in a 4-2 win over the San Francisco Giants. He later went on to break Babe Ruth's all-time record for homeruns before he retired from baseball.

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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.

**2021 PAAZO Fall Seminar**

In the PAAZO Fall Seminar, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics pertinent to your duties as a municipal Zoning official. Specific agenda items will be updated when finalized.

[2021 PAAZO Fall Seminar - 10/19/21 - Central](#)

[2021 PAAZO Fall Seminar -10/21/21 - West](#)

[2021 PAAZO Fall Seminar -11/9/21 - East](#)



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