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Latest News

Final Day to Place an Ad in PSATS Centennial Book

Today is the deadline for townships and county associations to place an ad in our commemorative centennial book to reserve your place in PSATS' history! There are three options for ad sizes with an easy online reservation/payment process at www.psats.org/centennial-book-ad-sales/. PSATS will even design the ad for you. It is that simple!

If you have any trouble reserving the ad online or need help, please call Heather Meyers at PSATS at (717) 763-0930, extension 132. She will be happy to help you make this purchase.

Don't miss out on being a part of history!

Transportation Commission Releases Final Report

The Transportation Revenue Options Commission (TROC) submitted its final report to Gov. Tom Wolf last Friday. The proposal aims to address the transportation funding challenge facing the commonwealth now and into the future. The final report offers a variety of options for the governor and legislature to consider funding future shortfalls in transportation funding.

PSATS Executive Director Dave Sanko was on the commission representing municipal governments, which are responsible for nearly two thirds of the linear road miles in Pennsylvania. The inclusion of local government in the final report was a hard-fought addition as it was not part of the governor's executive order.

The current identified \$3.9 billion local transportation funding shortfall is expected to grow to more than \$5 billion in the next 10 years. The report calls for local governments to share in new or replacement gas tax revenue options including 14% of any Mileage based fee. To account for long distances travelled in rural areas, this mileage fee is to be partnered with a congestion fee for shorter, but time-consuming, trips in more urbanized areas. Other revenue options you may not see reported include doubling registration fees as well as an increase in the gas tax before it begins to be phased out. Lots of controversial proposals for the legislature to consider in addition to their own ideas, but all can agree that Pennsylvania's roads and bridges are in need of new funding for improvements. Cost saving measures like prevailing wage reform were rejected for inclusion. [Click here](#) to view the TROC final report.

Registration for Business Meeting, Centennial Celebration is Open!

Registration for PSATS' Centennial Celebration Dinner and Annual Business Meeting opened at 9 a.m. so be sure to register for either or both events, which will be held at the Hershey Lodge. The Business Meeting is scheduled for October 15, and the Centennial Celebration will be held the evening before. **While these events will not replace our Annual Conference, you will not want to miss them!**

Registration: If you're going to the Business Meeting, register at voting2021.psats.org. If you're going to the Centennial Celebration, register at PSATS100.mypli.org. If you're attending both, start at one site and finish at the other. You will find a button at the end of the one to go to the other.

Lodging: Overnight lodging accommodations can be made during the registration process. The HOTEL RESERVATIONS link will appear at the end of each registration. If registering for both events, you will only need to go through the hotel reservation process once.



**Digital Version Now Available
Township News Provides Details
on PSATS' October events;
Registration opens TODAY!**

In this month's issue, the *Township News* shares information about PSATS' face-to-face gatherings in Hershey October 14 and 15 to celebrate the Association's centennial and take care of PSATS' business. The magazine also provides information about what is different about the resolutions process this year and includes bios on the slate of nominees for PSATS office. Other articles explore multimunicipal public works projects, a past president's family legacy of public service, a PennDOT Agility success story, and ideas for celebrating the 20th anniversary of 9/11 next month.

Subscribers to the *News* can access a digital copy by signing in to www.psats.org and clicking on "Digital Publications" under "My PSATS." Not yet a subscriber? You can check out the free cover article [here](#) and learn how to subscribe to the *News* [here](#).

Today in History....

On August 2, 1776, members of Congress affix their signatures to an enlarged copy of the Declaration of Independence.

Fifty-six congressional delegates in total signed the document, including some who were not present at the vote approving the declaration. The delegates signed by state from North to South, beginning with Josiah Bartlett of New Hampshire and ending with George Walton of Georgia. John Dickinson of Pennsylvania and James Duane, Robert Livingston and John Jay of New York refused to sign. Carter Braxton of Virginia; Robert Morris of Pennsylvania; George Reed of Delaware; and Edward Rutledge of South Carolina opposed the document but signed in order to give the impression of a unanimous Congress. Five delegates were absent: Generals George Washington, John Sullivan, James Clinton and Christopher Gadsden and Virginia Governor Patrick Henry.

Learn

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

[Webinar - Stream Maintenance - 8/4/21](#)

With seemingly more frequent, severe storm events occurring, public works departments are busy with culvert and bridge repairs and replacements and stream maintenance activities. These activities may be regulated by the state or federal government.



[Webinar - Your Personal Financial Foundation - Session 3 - 8/9/21](#)

In this webinar, you will learn how to leverage your current financial situation to better position you to achieve your goals.



[Webinar - Steps to Take After the Audit - 8/18/21](#)

Topics covered will include what types of information to communicate with your auditor between audits, areas of focus as the board/management reviews the audit, and potential areas in which your organization can improve.



[Webinar - 21st Century Solutions to Failing Septic System Infrastructure - 8/25/21](#)

This presentation will explore the basics of septic systems, why they fail, the differences in types of septic systems, and the benefits of updating aging or over-stressed infrastructure.



[Webinar - Know Before You Dig - Geophysics 101 for Municipalities - 9/22/21](#)

Geophysics, the earth-science equivalent of medical radiology, can help save municipalities time and money (as well as maximize safety and minimize liability) by detecting what's beneath the surface before construction or repairs begin.



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