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Township Video News



TVN's DaveTalk | It's Not about the Number

Just in time for PSATS' Centennial Celebration this fall, Executive Director Dave Sanko reminds us of how our founding fathers' vision for governance was not about too many governments but the size and reach of a larger bureaucracy. Bigger is often not better! (3:40)

Latest News

PSATS Provides American Rescue Plan Resources, Revenue Loss Calculator

Townships looking for the latest on the American Rescue Plan (ARP) can find it on PSATS' new [American Rescue Plan webpage](#), accessible at psats.org in the red bar. Township officials can find the latest guidance, links to important U.S. Treasury documents, and an American Rescue Plan Revenue Replacement Calculator. The calculator, developed by the Government Finance Officers Association, can be downloaded and used to help townships determine the amount of eligible lost revenues under the ARP, which is one of the eligible uses. Revenue replacement can then be used for general government operations without restriction, including roads and other infrastructure.

PennDOT Outlines Next Steps in Major Bridge P3 Initiative

The state Department of Transportation has announced a timeline for moving forward with its Major Bridge P3 Initiative as the public involvement and environmental review processes continue on candidate bridges. PennDOT is inviting three teams to submit competing proposals to enter into a public-private partnership to administer the initiative. PennDOT will issue requests for proposals from the competing teams before the end of the year, which will be due in early 2022. The team that will be chosen will work with PennDOT to develop packages to design, construct, finance, and maintain the final bridges. [Click here](#) to learn more.

PennDOT Accepting Comments on Long-Range Freight Plans

The state Department of Transportation is now accepting comments on its draft 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan and draft Freight Movement Plan. Comments are being accepted **until October 19**. [Click here](#) to view the plans. Comment forms are [available here](#).

Reminder: National Award Honors Small-Town Civic Volunteers

Townships depend on civic volunteers, especially firefighters and emergency medical services personnel, and on residents to serve on volunteer boards, commissions, and committees. If your township has a **population under 25,000**, you can nominate outstanding civic volunteers through the national Small Town America Civic Volunteer Awards. Municipalities represented by the top three winning honorees will receive cash awards of \$20,000, \$10,000, and \$5,000, respectively.

The awards focus national attention on the volunteer shortage and supports innovative local volunteer retention and recruitment strategies. Municipalities and counties represented by the top 100 nominees will qualify for a free volunteer management module and a year of free support services for the module from CivicPlus, sponsor of the program.

[Click here](#) to nominate an outstanding volunteer in your township and fill out the online application. The deadline is **October 15**.

Today in History....

On September 21, 1970, Monday Night Football premieres on the ABC network with the Cleveland Browns taking home the win over the New York Jets.

Legislation & Policy



The Senate returns to session today, September 21, and the House will also be in session. Watch the session live [here](#).

Learn

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

[Budgets with QuickBooks - Virtual Training - 10/6/21](#)

This virtual training class will teach how to pull years of financial data from QuickBooks and send to Excel to more easily create your proposed township budget.



[Breaking Down Generational Differences in Order to Build Up Your Team - Virtual Class - 10/12/21](#)

This discussion will examine generational differences, as well as the unique value that each group brings to the table. It will identify some key similarities and shared beliefs that can sometimes go overlooked.



[QuickBooks Year-End Reports - Virtual Training - 10/26/21](#)

In this virtual class, you will learn how to print W-2s and 1099s and file all year-end taxes and reports with the Internal Revenue Service and state agencies.



2021 Solicitors Virtual 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](#)



QuickBooks for Beginners

This class is designed to provide each student with a fundamental understanding and working knowledge of QuickBooks Accounting Software, and is intended to demonstrate the application of QuickBooks and QuickBooks Pro to assist in municipal accounting.

[10/7/21 - Union Co.](#)

[10/12/21 - Cumberland Co.](#)



[10/19/21 - Lehigh Co.](#)

Intermediate QuickBooks

Come learn with us as we discover the benefits of using the Account Payable-A/P and Accounts Receivable-A/R System in QuickBooks.

[10/21/21 - Montgomery Co.](#)

[10/28/21 - Centre Co.](#)

[11/12/21 - Cumberland Co.](#)



[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 Southeast 2021 Regional Forum - 10/27/21 - Exton

PSATS Northeast 2021 Regional Forum - 11/10/21 - Wilkes-Barre

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