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## Township Video News



### **TVN's PSATS Roulette | Check out the PSATS Centennial Commemorative Merch!**

To help celebrate a century of memories, PSATS has centennial merchandise for sale at [psats.org](http://psats.org)! Click on PSATS Store and then Centennial Items and start shopping! The store is open now and you will also be able to purchase these commemorative items at the Business Meeting on October 15th. (1:37)

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## Latest News

### **Latest on Treasury Report Guidance**

PSATS has received many questions on the process and website login for submitting the first American Rescue Plan report, which is due October 31. The latest advice that we have received from the U.S. Treasury, as of late yesterday, is to wait until a User's Guide for the Project and Expenditure Report is released. We expect that the User's Guide will be released soon.

### **Make Plans to Be in Hershey October 15 to Help Decide Important PSATS Business**

PSATS members will once again be gathering in person on Friday, October 15, to network with one another and take care of important Association business at PSATS' Annual Business Meeting at the Hershey Lodge. If you haven't yet registered yourself or a voting delegate to represent your township or county association, you still have limited time to sign up.

The Annual Business Meeting will convene from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Delegates will vote on bylaws changes and proposed resolutions and elect officers and Executive Board members. Among the proposed bylaw changes are those to allow for remote access of Association business if in-person meetings are not feasible, create consistency within the bylaws, revise the terms for standing committee members and the process for appointing them, and authorize township treasurers to serve on the PSATS Executive Committee. Delegates to the business meeting will also vote on at least 75 resolutions, which set Association policy and direct PSATS' legislative agenda.

A meeting packet containing these items was mailed to each member township and county association the first week of September. Every member township is entitled to one voting delegate, and county associations can also designate voting delegates. However, everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting. Register for the Business Meeting at [voting2021.psats.org](https://voting2021.psats.org). Immediately after registering and paying, you will be able to make hotel reservations, if needed, through the Association's online room reservation system, which provides access to PSATS' special room rate.

### **Stay Tuned!**

Safety precautions for the October Centennial Celebration and Annual Business Meeting will be detailed in tomorrow's Morning News.

### **Residents, Township Officials Can Grade PennDOT**

The state Department of Transportation is accepting construction and maintenance services feedback through an online survey through October 26. The 20-question survey asks how participants receive PennDOT roadway information, how PennDOT meets expectations in construction and maintenance activities, and about experiences with reporting concerns to the department. [Click here](#) to take the survey.

### **New Post Office Service Standards Take Effect October 1**

Beginning October 1, the U.S. Postal Service will implement new service standards for first-class mail and periodicals. While standards for first-class and periodicals mailed within a local area will not change, those items traveling longer distances will see transit time standards increase by 1 or 2 days. The USPS contends that the changes will allow it to maintain service on items mailed within a local area.

The USPS urges consumers to plan ahead and send mail earlier, particularly for long distances that would take more than a day to drive to. [Click here](#) for more.

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

On September 28, 1901, Ed Sullivan, who became the host of the long-running TV variety program *The Ed Sullivan Show*, was born in New York City. During the peak of its popularity in the 1950s and 1960s, Sullivan's program showcased a wide range of entertainers, including Elvis Presley, the Beatles, Rudolf Nureyev, Jerry Lewis and Bob Hope.

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## Legislation & Policy



The House and Senate will be in session today, September 28. Watch the session live [here](#).

### **Senate Approves Legislation**

The Senate approved the following bills yesterday:

**Surcharge of an elected official; municipal manager requirements:** [SB 673](#) would amend the Second Class Township Code to prohibit the board of auditors from surcharging an elected or appointed official when that official acted in good faith based on a written, nonconfidential opinion of the township's solicitor or an opinion of the township's solicitor publicly stated at an open meeting of the township and recorded in the meeting minutes. SB 673 would also allow, in addition to the appointment of an individual, the appointment of a partnership, limited partnership, association, or professional corporation as a township's manager. The bill is pending committee assignment in the House.

**Electric-powered trucks:** [SB 153](#) would increase the maximum allowable weight for commercial vehicles powered by electric batteries from 80,000 to 82,000 pounds. SB 153 is now pending committee assignment in the House. PSATS will continue to suggest that trucks lighten their load capacity to accommodate the battery weights rather than damaging the roads.

#### **House State Government Committee Reports Out Legislation**

[HB 706](#) was amended and reported out of committee with a negative recommendation. The bill would require that beginning with the 2030 Census, inmates in correctional facilities be counted at their last known address and that college students living in dormitories and congregate housing also be counted at their permanent address for redistricting purposes.

[HB 1218](#), which was reported out of committee today, would give a sports organization, including school districts, recreational club, community league, or other organization, the exclusive authority to determine whether participants must wear masks during sporting events.

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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.

#### **[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.

**[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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