



2021 Adopted PSATS Resolutions

21-01 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to reduce the mandatory training for volunteer firefighters for less than command-level positions within a fire department.
COMMITTEE ON TOWNSHIPS UNDER 2,000 POPULATION

21-02 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the State Fire Commissioner to create a tiered system for training and certifying firefighters that takes into consideration rank or position and provides training that is commensurate with these positions and community risk assessment.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-03 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the State Fire Commissioner to work with public high schools and vocational-technical schools to provide firefighter and EMS training and certifications to the next generation of emergency services providers.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-04 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the small games of chance licensing procedure to allow licensees, including fire companies and other nonprofit volunteer organizations, to increase fundraising by providing online raffling within the commonwealth, AND FURTHER, that this legislation do the following:

- Authorize these organizations to accept all forms of standardized online payments;
- Allow increased funding for various expenses;
- Include license terms of one year from the original issuance date and allow renewals within 30 days of expiration; and
- Limit receipts to \$30,000 per month.

LEBANON COUNTY

21-05 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to rewrite the State Fireworks Law of 2017 to increase enforcement of existing rules, authorize municipalities to enact reasonable restrictions for safety and to prevent recurrent nuisance use of consumer fireworks, including hours and frequency of use, additional setbacks for displays, safe storage of purchased consumer fireworks, and align professional display requirements with the Uniform Construction Code and the appropriate provisions of the International Fire Code.
PSATS EXECUTIVE BOARD

21-06 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to tax or impose a fee on alternative-fuel vehicles.
BEDFORD COUNTY

21-07 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to increase the amount of security funds required for bonding posted roads to \$37,500 per linear mile for paved roads and \$18,000 per linear mile for unpaved roads.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

21-08 RESOLVED, that PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to pay all costs for construction and maintenance of roundabouts on all state roads.

BERKS COUNTY

21-09 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would authorize the use of heavier and longer commercial trucks on our nation's highways and local road infrastructure.

PSATS EXECUTIVE BOARD

21-10 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Transportation to provide timely response and take responsibility for traffic management for incidents that occur on state roads, including but not limited to tree removal, downed lines, etc.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-11 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation that would establish statewide standardized rules regarding safety procedures on private and public property; establish statewide standard procedures for joint-use roads; bring operation of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles under the jurisdiction of the commonwealth; establish mandatory licensing of operators of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles; amend Section 7722 of the Vehicle Code to clarify liability for operation of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles on joint-use roads; and limit the liability of municipalities.

CENTRE COUNTY

21-12 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Non-Coal Surface Mining Act to require that all licensed quarries include a continuously operating certified permanent scale to accurately document material extraction to meet the 500-ton annual extraction requirement; and that even with the 500-ton extraction limit being met from an inactive site, that an inactive site have a maximum of five years before being required to renew its mining license. BUCKS COUNTY

21-13 RESOLVED, That PSATS request that any mandates through federal agencies include sufficient monies for municipalities to complete the required task.

BLAIR COUNTY

21-14 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would require water usage fees from any private or public water sources.

BUTLER COUNTY

21-15 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge DEP to study the effects, short-term and long-term, of the use of food-processed residuals as fertilizer and their impact on the Chesapeake Bay and other watersheds.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-16 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3205(a)(4) of the Second Class Township Code to eliminate the cap on millage supporting fire services.

BUCKS COUNTY

21-18 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Sections 404 and 917 of the Second Class Township Code to authorize a board of supervisors that appoints a certified or competent public accountant or a firm of certified or competent public accountants to examine all the accounts of the township to eliminate the elected board of auditors by resolution, with agreement of a majority of the township's elected auditors provided, however, that such elected board of auditors may be reconstituted upon further resolution of the board of supervisors. CHESTER COUNTY

21-20 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Sterling Act to eliminate the Philadelphia "super credit" on earned income taxes.

BUCKS COUNTY

21-23 RESOLVED, That PSATS continue to oppose any legislation that would preempt local control of zoning and land use, including legislation to exempt agriculture from land use requirements.

BUCKS COUNTY

21-25 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to exclude government entities that own cemeteries from the definition of persons who must comply with registration and other requirements of the Burial Grounds Act and the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act and extending the exemptions under Sections 301(b) and 304(a)(2) of the Burial Grounds Act to government entities that own cemeteries.

BUCKS COUNTY

21-30 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would allow the commonwealth to mandate that municipalities pay for core state services, such as State Police services, stormwater facilities, or bike lanes on state roads, etc.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-31 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require insurance companies to reimburse volunteer fire companies and other emergency service providers for expenses incurred while responding to and cleaning up automobile accidents and other emergency incidents on state and local roads.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-32 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require insurance companies to reimburse fire companies for itemized expenses incurred while responding to a structure fire, AND FURTHER, that the Office of Fire Commissioner publish a list of eligible rates.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-33 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation that would provide aid to local governments and local emergency responders for pipeline and other natural gas-related emergencies.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-34 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 708 of the Right-to-Know Law (*Act 3 of 2008*) to clearly exempt personal identification information, including age, sex, race, home address, and date of birth, from disclosure under the law.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-35 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Transportation to clearly communicate to developers the need to design stormwater management under its Highway Occupancy Permit Policy using options that do not require municipal co-permittees, AND FURTHER, that PennDOT district offices include impacted municipalities in these communications at the start of the HOP process.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-36 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to enter directly into agreements with developers and property owners for the maintenance of stormwater drainage facilities located within state-owned rights of way, AND FURTHER, to prohibit the department from attempting to require municipalities to enter into such agreements on behalf of developers or property owners as a condition of a state highway occupancy permit.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-37 RESOLVED That PSATS seek legislation to increase the state Department of Transportation's annual maintenance payment rate for all turnback roads transferred to a municipality from \$4,000 to \$6,000 per mile.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-38 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Game Commission to promptly remove deer carcasses from all local roadways after notification of their existence, AND FURTHER, that the Game Commission establish a dedicated phone number and website form for reporting deer carcasses.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-39 RESOLVED, that PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to either budget sufficient funds to reimburse municipalities for 50 percent of the costs to prepare or update Sewage Facilities Plans (*Act 537 Plans*) as mandated by the state Department of Environmental Protection or to eliminate DEP's ability to mandate that municipalities update these plans.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-40 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to prohibit the state Department of Environmental Protection from requiring municipalities to implement and enforce a sewage management program in any area of the municipality that does not have documented on-lot sewage system malfunctions, and to limit the requirement for a municipality to implement and enforce a sewage management program to only those lots on which an alternate on-lot sewage system has been installed.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-41 RESOLVED, that PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 5 (*Official Plans*) of the Sewage Facilities Act (*Act 537 of 1965, as amended*) to allow the use of holding tanks for new land development on properties with less than one acre that were created before May 15, 1972, when no other affordable means of sewage disposal is planned to be available within five years.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-42 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 902(a) of the Second Class Township Code to increase the elected auditors' compensation from \$10 per hour to adjust for changes in the Consumer Price Index since 1999.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-43 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide incentives to encourage employers to release volunteer firefighters from their jobs to respond to fire and rescue emergencies.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-44 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Title 45 (*Legal Notices*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to provide municipalities with the option to electronically publish legal notices on their own websites or on authorized websites designated for the purpose of communicating legal notices.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-45 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 1307 of the Right-to-Know Law (*Act 3 of 2008*) to allow local agencies to charge a reasonable fee to cover all costs associated with fulfilling open records requests, including labor costs for time spent traveling, duplicating documents, and providing online responses.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-46 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose actions or policies of the commonwealth and its departments and agencies that would transfer the cost of service responsibilities to municipalities (*such as PennDOT's stormwater facility maintenance and bicycle lane maintenance policies*).

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-47 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would mandate consolidation of local governments.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-48 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would create a statewide boundary change commission to determine local government boundary line changes without voter approval.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-49 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would establish the county as the basic level of local government in Pennsylvania, with municipalities existing only under the jurisdiction of the county and having only those duties and responsibilities as determined by the county.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-50 RESOLVED, That PSATS continue to support the voluntary merger or consolidation of local governments if the process is initiated at the local level and has the approval of the majority of the residents of all affected municipalities by referendum.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-51 RESOLVED, that PSATS seek legislation to amend the Municipal Police Pension Law (*Act 600 of 1956, as amended*) to allow a defined contribution pension plan for new officers in lieu of a defined benefit plan.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-52 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Collective Bargaining Act (*Act 111 of 1968*) to require the board of arbitration to consider a municipality's financial status, budget and ability to raise taxes and the potential effect on its bond rating before making any arbitration award; AND FURTHER, That any award that would create a financial hardship to the municipality be declared invalid, reduced, or modified by the court of jurisdiction on appeal.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-53 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any federal or state legislation that would directly or indirectly authorize any entity to use local government property, including rights of way, without compensation at fair market value, AND FURTHER, that PSATS oppose any federal or state legislation that would preempt local government control and management over local rights of way.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-54 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to prohibit the state Department of Transportation from requiring a municipality to take ownership of a state road that is being abandoned by the state.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-55 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3362 of Title 75 (*Vehicles*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to authorize municipalities to reduce the speed limit on unmarked roads from the default speed limit of 55 mph to 40 mph by posting these roads at 40 mph for public safety reasons without conducting a traffic and engineering study.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-56 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to return township roads to the condition that existed before being impacted by official or unofficial detours caused by state or federal construction projects, AND FURTHER, that the condition of township roads be certified before the start of such projects.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-57 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of General Services to allow municipalities to bid on and purchase motor vehicles sold by the state before they are offered for public auction.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-58 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to notify and provide surrounding municipalities with the first opportunity to accept or decline asphalt millings from reclaimed state highways.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-59 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize the use of radar by township police departments.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-60 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 9023(c) of Title 75 (*Vehicle Code*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to increase the prevailing wage threshold for dirt, gravel, and low-volume road projects from \$25,000 to \$100,000 by expanding the term “locally funded” to include dirt, gravel, and low-volume road grant funding provided under Section 9106 of Title 75 (*Vehicle Code*).
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-61 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Law (*Act 442 of 1961*) to require that wage determinations be based on the rate for comparable positions within the county in which the work will be completed or within the surrounding counties.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-62 RESOLVED, That PSATS and the National Association of Towns and Townships seek legislation to repeal the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-63 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Sterling Act (*Act 45 of 1932*) and Department of Community and Economic Development policy to adopt the apportionment procedure for calculating the Philadelphia tax credit, wherein any tax collection committee, tax collection committee tax appeals board, and tax collection committee-appointed tax collector shall honor credits for wage tax paid to Philadelphia to the extent that such credits are accurately calculated using apportionment; AND FURTHER, that the Philadelphia tax credit shall not be used to reduce or eliminate earned income tax owed to any school district or municipality in a tax collection district on income that is not earned within Philadelphia; and, no credit against EIT owed to any school district or municipality in a TCD shall be allowed by any TCC, TCC tax appeals board, or TCC-appointed tax collector to the extent that such credit is claimed based on the super credit procedure.

BUCKS COUNTY AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-64 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize townships to collect a municipal services fee from the state and federal governments for all state and federal facilities located within the township boundaries to cover the costs of providing fire, ambulance, police, and emergency response services to those tax-exempt facilities.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-65 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 509(d) of the Municipalities Planning Code to prohibit the use of bonds as a permitted form of financial security for the implementation of improvements that are required by an approved subdivision and/or land development plan.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-66 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to prohibit the state Department of Environmental Protection from refusing to approve sewage planning modules while new regulations or policies are being developed.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-67 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Sewage Facilities Act (*Act 537 of 1965*) to prohibit the state Department of Environmental Protection from approving permits for public sewer extensions into areas of a municipality not planned for public sewer, provided that the municipality's Act 537 plan has been updated within the last 10 years or the municipality is in the process of updating its Act 537 plan.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-68 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Chapter 102 of Title 25 (*Environmental Protection*) of the Pennsylvania Code to account for low-impact land use changes (*such as changing agriculture fields to athletic fields*) to reduce the engineering and permit requirements needed for such changes.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-69 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Chapter 102 of Title 25 (*Environmental Protection*) of the Pennsylvania Code to increase from one acre to five acres the amount of acreage that can be disturbed before a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit is needed.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-70 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Chapter 102 of Title 25 (*Environmental Protection*) of the Pennsylvania Code to simplify the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit application for single lots.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-71 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose efforts by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that would require the state Department of Environmental Protection to include as part of a township's municipal stormwater management system any private land over which stormwater flows.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-72 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose efforts by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to require that all municipalities, regardless of how small, be mandated to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for their municipal stormwater management systems.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-73 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek federal and state legislation to authorize lower cost options (*to include reimbursements*) for townships to provide health care coverage for their employees.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-74 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require applicants to the commonwealth or any of its agencies for a permit or license to conduct an activity affecting any real property in a municipality to give a minimum of 30 days' notice to the host municipality of the proposed activity to allow the municipality to advise the issuing agency of the activity's compliance with zoning and other applicable land use ordinances.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

21-75 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require that the state budget for the previous fiscal year be automatically re-enacted without change if the General Assembly and the governor fail to approve a new state budget by June 30.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE