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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | When You Max Out Your Real Estate Tax

PSATS staff explains the options townships have for raising revenues when their real estate taxes reach 14 mills, the maximum amount allowed by law. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. (1:34)

Latest News

PSATS Members Adopts Many Resolutions, Delay Others

At the 2021 Annual Business Meeting last Friday, PSATS members debated 82 resolutions, adopting 65 and delayed action on 7 new ones until the 2022 Annual Conference. The adopted resolutions set Association policy and direct PSATS' legislative agenda. The adopted resolutions cover topics from volunteer fire departments, to sewage, to legal advertising, and much more. The tabled resolutions ranged from expediting flood mitigation and stream clearances to education programs for volunteer fire recruitment efforts. [Click here](#) to view the adopted resolutions.

FDA Approves More COVID-19 Booster Shots

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the use of booster shots for the Moderna and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccines. The FDA amended the emergency use authorization for the Moderna vaccine to allow for a single booster dose at least six months after completion of the primary series for people 65 years of age and older; those who are 18 through 64 and at high risk of severe COVID-19; and those who are 18 through 64 and whose jobs and whose jobs put them at higher risk of exposure (*healthcare, colleges, schools, grocery stores, etc*).

In addition, the FDA approved a single booster of Janssen vaccine at least 2 months after the first dose to anyone 18 or older and allowed for certain boosters to be provided with a different vaccine than the individuals original vaccine. [Click here](#) for more.

FDA Approves First Booster COVID-19 Vaccine Shots

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has amended the emergency use authorization for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to allow for a single booster dose at least six months after completion of the primary series for people 65 years of age and older; those who are 18 through 64 and at high risk of severe COVID-19; and those who are 18 through 64 and whose jobs put them at higher risk of exposure (healthcare, colleges, schools, grocery stores, etc)

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine was recently authorized under the FDA's normal review and approval process. This emergency use authorization is for the booster shot. [Click here](#) for more.

Municipal Expenses from Ida Approved for Dauphin and Delaware Counties

The federal government has approved a request for public assistance to municipal, county, and state governments from damage caused by Tropical Depression Ida. The approval releases public assistance for Dauphin and Delaware Counties. Municipal expenses for Bedford, Bucks, Chester, Fulton, Huntingdon, Luzerne, Montgomery Philadelphia, Schuylkill, and York Counties were approved over the last few weeks. Damage assessments and reviews are ongoing, and other counties may be added. [Click here](#) for more.

Water, Wastewater Grants Awarded

Gov. Tom Wolf has announced the award of \$186 million for 33 water, wastewater, and non-point source projects across 20 counties through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority. Several projects will benefit townships. [Click here](#) for more.

Today in History....

On October 21, 1879, in his Menlo Park, NJ laboratory, Thomas Edison demonstrates the first lasting electric lightbulb. After 1,200 unsuccessful experiments that did not hold up or were short-lived, led Edison to a bulb that burned 40 hours. By the end of the year, Edison would demonstrate the durable bulb to the public.

Legislation & Policy



Yesterday, Gov. Tom Wolf Signed [Act 80 of 2021](#) into law, which extends temporary regulations for the school bus stop-arm camera enforcement program by two years.

Learn

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

CDL - Probable Cause Training for CDL Supervisory Personnel - Virtual Training

This workshop addresses these federal requirements by providing supervisory personnel with a working understanding of the federal CDL regulations, including on-the-job probable cause procedures.

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CMV/CDL Records Management - Virtual Training

This virtual training workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork, including pre-employment inquiries regarding a CDL applicant's records in the FMCSA Clearinghouse; requests for CMV driver's license information from PennDOT; annually reviewing each CDL drivers records in the Clearinghouse; CMV daily vehicle inspection, maintenance, and repair reports; the employer's required policy on CDL drug and alcohol testing; and a general overview of all the CDL regulations.

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Flagger Training

This instructor-led Flagger Training will be conducted for individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Others who would benefit from this course include: utility companies working on low volume roads, law enforcement personnel, municipal managers and elected officials (to understand the importance, and for budgeting purposes).

[11/16/21 - Bedford County](#)

[11/17/21 - Berks County](#)



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